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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

First Minister and Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honourable Melva Williams

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

Minister of Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Anthony Andersen

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen

Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. George Gear

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

Chair Person of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeffrey Montague

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

Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

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MR. WINTERS: I would like to call to order the Third session of the Fifth Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale to say the opening prayer.

MS. FLOWERS: [Recites prayer.]

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Item Number Two is the, "President's Opening Remarks." So I'll now call upon President Lampe to make his opening remarks to this Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti*, [Speaks in Inuktitut]

Mr. Speaker, on September 27th, Ministers Asivak and Barbour and I, along with Deputy Minister Isabella Pain traveled to Kuujuaq for Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami's Board of Director's Meeting, followed by ITK's Annual General Meeting, September 28 and 29. And I will just give a brief overview of some of the agenda items. The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Board approved the Implementation Plan for the Inuit Nunangat Food Security Strategy released in July 2021. The plan identifies deliverables to address the actions outline in the Strategy which aims to improve Food Security and establish a sustainable food system across Inuit Nunangat. The Board discussed the cost and options for the design and delivery of an Inuit Nunangat-wide school food program, a priority of the Inuit Nunangat Food Security Strategy. Funding for both the Implementation Plan and an Inuit Nunangat School Food Program are included in ITK's 2023 Federal Government Pre-Budget submission. This has not yet been approved. We

are hopeful that it will be in the Federal Budget in 2023. The Board considered ways to create better and more Inuit-specific provisions under the Non-insured Health Benefits, NIHB Program, to address concerns raised by Inuit within and outside Inuit Nunangat in accessing the Program. Leaders proposed an Inuit-led process with the Federal Government in four Inuit Regions to secure a formal legislative commitment to improve NIHB's mandate and delivery for Inuit, as part of the current development of Distinctions-Based Indigenous Health Legislation. At ITK's Annual General Meeting, delegates voted in support of new research that calculates the relative length of the Inuit Nunangat coastline and land mass. The work puts the size of the Inuit Nunangat Coastline and land mass at more than 72 percent, and 40 percent respectively, of Canada's total-, considerably higher than previously published statistics of 50 percent for coastline and 35 percent for land mass. Delegates heard updates on plans toward Inuit Nunangat University, including the critical first steps required to achieve the mission of developing an institution in Inuit Nunangat driven by Inuit language, culture and values. Delivery of the Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey and ITK's Inuit Youth Leadership Program which hired six Inuit Youth participants to complete a four-month placement at ITK over the summer of 2022. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the Nunatsiavut Government has been lobbying for years for a new airport for Nain to replace the existing infrastructure that is currently under stress from the impacts of climate change. Studies have determined that the existing runway is unsafe and cannot be expanded or upgraded.

If feasible, the proposed new site will have a gravel airstrip measuring 5000 feet long, and 100 feet wide, exclusive of the maneuvering areas, with a surface area of approximately 14,000 square feet set aside for future development. Once all feasibility studies are completed, a final decision will be made on the location of the new airport to ensure that it is sustainable and optimal. Further community consultations and land-use mapping, will be conducted during the Environmental and Impacts Assessment stage of the project. The construction of an access road to connect the community to the new airport is part of the project. The proposed alignment includes an approximately 12-kilometre gravel-surfaced roadway and will have some key design and construction challenges including three water crossings requiring bridges and, or structural culverts, challenging topography including steep terrain, sections prone to avalanches in some areas as well as low-lying, poorly drained areas to cross. We also continue to make substantial progress in advancing energy security in our region including flagship initiatives such as number one, the Nain Wind Microgrid Project, number two, the High-efficiency Wood Stove Replacement Program, number three, Solar Demonstration Projects and number four, our Youth Energy Training Initiative. With respect to the Nain Microgrid project, the Front-end Engineering and Design, FEED Study has been completed. With this data in hand the project is now considered to be shovel-ready. An environmental review of the project is ongoing. We had hoped that public consultations would have been completed by now to allow us to move to

the next phase. However, we have had some delays and the consultations are scheduled to take place next week. The goal of the consultations, to gather the views of Inuit as well as knowledge about the proposed site of the project, and potential environmental impacts. The plan is to build wind turbines, battery storage and associated infrastructure in the community to reduce diesel reliance for electricity generation. The installation was originally planned for this fall but has been pushed to next year's construction season. 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 the Nunatsiavut Government to invest in self-determined priorities. [Speaks in Inuttitut]. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. I would like to welcome those listening in on our audio feed and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I would also like to welcome those in the gallery. I see that we have Deputy Minister Isabella Pain, Director of Legal Services, Mark Gillette and Dave Winters from the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Nakummek*, for your interest. For the information of the Assembly, the pages today are Wilson Onalik and Tabea Onalik. The interpreter and translator is Katie Winters. Ches Evans is the IT support staff for the Assembly today, and we would also like to recognize Sarah Abel as the OkālaKatiget Society staff person. If there are any

questions around travel and logistics, please see the Clerk of the Assembly. We will now move on to Item Four. Item Four is, "Ministers Statements." I will now open the floor to the Ministers for their statements. And we will begin with Minister Gerald Asivak of the Department of Health and Social Development. *Nakummek.*

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our report today on Family Services and Health Services: Mr. Speaker, since the last update we are down one social work position with the Caring for Our Children Project. In October, our Caring for Our Children Project social worker traveled to Nain, Hopedale, Postville and Rigolet to offer appreciation activities in partnership with CSSD. We did not travel to Makkovik due to limited foster homes and their preference for an event, they received a gift and a meal at the hotel. We also celebrated an event in Upper Lake Melville. We sincerely thank our community members, foster parents and DHSD staff who helped to honour the tremendous effort of our foster families. Those who provide safe, nurturing and supportive homes for our foster children to grow, develop, flourish, have lasting positive impacts on our children and ultimately, our communities. Our foster parents allow our children to remain connected to their family, community and culture. These connections are crucial to the lives of our young people. We thank our foster parents for their tremendous efforts and their positive contributions to our society. The Nunatsiavut Government aims to support and recruit new foster families through the caring for our children project which is supportive services available to those in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and Upper Lake

Melville. To learn more about this program or if you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Kerry Davis at 899-5828. Mr. Speaker, under Family Connections, we have secured funding for two brand new skidoos for the Family Connections Drivers in Nain and Hopedale. The Family Connections Drivers will assist students to get back and forth to school, allow families and community members to access essential services such as appointments, grocery shopping and rides for medical transportation to the airport. To learn more about this service please contact the Family Services Manager Rita-Anne Voisey or the driver in Nain and Hopedale. NG is still looking to hire a Family Connections Manager to be located within Nunatsiavut. Youth Services Social Worker: The work prioritized for this position is youth aged 16 to 30 with a focus on those who will soon be aging out of care and assisting with those transition plans. The Youth Services Social Worker is Julia Dicker, based in Makkovik. Indigenous Representative: Krista Mogridge is actively working with CSSD in playing an advocacy role for children to gain connections or remain connected to family, community and culture. Inuit Child First Initiative: We are short-staffed and we are looking to recruit Child Service Workers for two positions in Nain. Mr. Speaker, I'll update on Health Services. Adrian Earle accepted a Home Care Nursing position in Nain. The anticipated start date November 28th. Zena Curlew, casual Registered Nurse visiting Nain this week to provide coverage. Tuberculosis: Work is continuing to End TB Elimination Program, developing and revising the next version of the TB rep, monitoring and evaluation work on the existing

program. Jennifer Bull attended the End TB Managers meeting in Ottawa in November. Labrador Grenfell Health released a media briefing on November 9th, 2022 regarding TB monitoring in the region. Currently, within Nunatsiavut we have one active case on treatment with follow-up ongoing, one suspected case currently undergoing work-up. Non-insured Health Benefits. Eye clinic took place in Nain from October 17th to the 22nd. Rigolet is the next community that will be visited by the Mobile Eye team, hopefully before the end of this year, but it may well not be until the New Year. Medical Transportation: Indigenous Service Canada, First Nations, Inuit Health Branch Program increased the mileage rate for Atlantic Canada to 28 cents per kilometer on October 1st, 2022-, up from 23.5 cents in April of 2022. Hygienist visits: Wendy Wells will be completing a trip before Christmas holidays. The dates have not yet been confirmed. The last trip was completed in September and October. NG Community Dental visits: Dr. Toor visited the communities of Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik. Rigolet will be November 3rd to the 8th, Postville, November 8th to the 10th, and Makkovik November 11th to the 16th. Dr. Power will be November 3rd to the 22nd in Nain. Hopedale, November 23rd to December 5th. Dr. Power will also be setting up the new dental clinic in the DHSD building during this trip. Denturist Charles Crocker, Postville, November 4th to the 7th, Makkovik, November 7th to the 10th and Rigolet November 10th to the 13th. Ground Transportation: Delivery of new vehicle delay. The dealership has advised that they hope to receive the new minivan later this fall. Hopefully it will be received prior to the

Christmas holidays. We will now without the feature for lowering and raising the front passenger seat for mobility impaired clients. It was not available any longer for delivery of the model that was ordered. Inuit Health Survey. The Nunatsiavut Government regional protocol for Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey rolled out October 5th in Hopedale. The Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey manager resigned October 13th, 2022. The position has been posted and is now closed, currently working with HR to set up interviews. Data collection in Hopedale is on hold. We are focusing efforts to continue surveys in Rigolet due to staffing and in-community logistics issues. Finally, Mr. Speaker, Canadian Partnership against Cancer officially ended September 30th, 2022. The team is currently working with CPAC to complete loose ends.

Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. The next hand that I saw was the honourable Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, when you're ready.

MS. BARBOUR:

[Speaks in Inuttitut]

We hosted a Tourism Opportunity Session from October 24 to 25 in Nain in partnership with the Provincial Government. The session brought together partners from all of our communities and we are working with the Provincial Government and our community partners to develop more tourism packages within Nunatsiavut. The session was a great success.

[Speaks in Inuttitut]

The Parka-Making Workshop for Hopedale happened November 4 to 7. It was a great success and we have the Nain Parka-making Workshop scheduled for Nain later this month. We are still determining dates for the Rigolet and Makkovik Parka-making workshop. We have five artists, Inez Shiwak, Sarah Jensen, Ivy Campbell, Karen Wolfrey and Nicole Chaulk attend the Newfoundland and Labrador Craft Councils Annual Christmas Craft Fair in St. John's last week.

[Speaks in Inuttitut]

The Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program is delayed in the start date this year due to paperwork that is now required for the Masters, which is their *Codes of Conduct*. Once this paperwork is completed, we will begin the program and the program will finish March 31st, 2023. IlinniaKatigennik Radio Program promotes Inuttitut in partnership with the OK Society is ongoing and the radio program airs on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can tune in from the OK Society Web Radio from [www dot oksociety dot com](http://www.oksociety.com). The Public Health Packages is a resource that will help to incorporate Inuttitut and cultural resources into the day-to-day lives of babies. This is the third year of these packages. The Tusaalanga Program Development is complete and we're in the process of ordering the books. A launch is being planned for 2023. Cultural Play Resources are in daycares, language nests and kindergarten classes within Nunatsiavut. Some of the cultural play items include mini Kamutet, uluit, matjavik, kiset and taluit .

[Speaks in Inuttitut]

Also, earlier this week, my department had hosted an event for the demolition of the old boarding school in Nain. It was very powerful and emotional. There was a great turnout. President Lampe and myself attended, as well as my Deputy and some other members of the Executive. We heard speeches from Norman Andersen who was a student there as well as Rosina Howell. They're both elders in Nain. And I would like to thank DHSD at this time for working in partnership with us to provide the mental health support and emotional support that some of our people needed at this time. It was great to finally see the building come down. For a long time, we've heard out people say that, you know, it needs to come down. It's just a bad reminder of the experienced traumas of our people. That's it for today and I'll provide the rest of my statement for tomorrow. *Nakummesuak.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Barbour. The next hand that I saw was the Honourable Melva Williams of Rigolet and the First Minister. When you're ready.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, along with President Lampe and Brenna Jarrar, the Director of Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, we will be traveling to Iqaluit next week to attend the National Inuit Housing Summit. The summit will focus on the housing crisis in Inuit Nunangat. It will bring together leaders and officials from all Inuit regions. The summit brings together key stakeholders to highlight actions, initiatives being undertaken by organizations to address the Inuit Housing crisis, and to identify and discuss opportunities for collaboration. Homelessness will be a large part

of the discussion at the summit with a goal to bring homelessness into bigger Inuit Housing discussions. Other topics to be discussed will be Housing Needs Assessment, Regional Capacity Development and the Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy. Transportation: Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Government has concluded 7 of the 12 feasibility studies on the potential site to build a new airstrip for the community of Nain. We look to complete the feasibility studies by the end of 2024 with final recommendations on whether to proceed with environmental assessment of the proposed site. Nunatsiavut Government is undertaking a feasibility studies cost estimation review and a Risk Assessment process for the Nain Airstrip Feasibility Studies. These additional services are needed to identify if additional funds is required to complete the feasibility studies, to understand future risks during the Impact Assessment and understand if our 2019 estimated budget has been affected by COVID-19 factors. Mr. Speaker, as everyone here is aware, all of Labrador Inuit communities are isolated. And we are quickly approaching the end of another shipping year. Very soon we will be limited to shipping by air or if lucky, by snowmobile. Gaps in transportation systems and transportation infrastructure exist and filling those gaps is key to bettering the lives of Labrador Inuit. Nunatsiavut Government has identified areas which have the potential to improve transportation in Nunatsiavut. They include upgrades to all other airstrips within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, to accommodate larger aircraft, creation of a new Nain airport, the need to update, repair, replace wharfs and docking facilities in our communities, a road link to Labrador Inuit

communities, improving marine services to Labrador Inuit communities, and understanding the cost of air travel within Nunatsiavut. Understanding these areas is important to identifying next steps and the collaboration required by all levels of Government. I will be raising these issues with the Provincial Government when we meet next month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. The next Minister I see who would like to make a statement is the Honourable Tony Andersen of Nain, Minister of Education and Economic Development. When you're ready, sir.

MR. T. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll give perhaps brief updates on what has happened in the Education Division and Economics Division since the last update that I provided, thanks to my colleague, Minister Barbour as I was absent from the last Assembly. First of all, from our Education Division, it is now, I guess in the fall of 2022 and we're nearing the end of the fall 2022 semester. Since the update that was provided, just a couple of weeks ago, we now have 259 sponsored students supported by our funding program. Of these, 194 are studying full-time and 65 are part-time students. There were 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 have a look. And I encourage Members to take a look at that and to make themselves aware of the many benefits that's come in to play in the last couple of years, and the tremendous supports that we now offer students. The new building for the Education Division in Makkovik-, I'm happy to say that the

groundwork for the new building has started. And it should be completed this construction year, weather permitting of course. And we're very hopeful that the construction will start early in the next construction season. Still some staff turnover within the Education Department. We currently have three vacant positions that need to be filled. The Financial Manager position has been vacant since March thanks to someone running for Ordinary Member. *(Laughs.)* And it has been posted three times so far, each time with no applicants. I should mention too that the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, he's still in that building, and when he can and when he's allowed to, he provides great assistance to people in my Department with respect to financial information. I mean, he is, of course, as you're all aware, he's the Minister of Finance. Roxanne Nochasak, formerly the Post-Secondary Student Counsellor has started on as the new Assistant Director of Secondary Education. And her old position will be posted very soon. The Education Coordinator position has been vacant since April. We have changed the title to Education Advisor, to hopefully, better fit the title to the job description. This has been posted three times and now there has been some interest, and hopefully we'll have this position filled soon. Good news with respect to the Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership, Mr. Speaker. The LATP has spent several months preparing to shut down due to the end of funding. But a new application has been submitted to the Federal Government and has just recently been approved. And very soon my Department will be announcing the details of the funding-, the amount of funding and of course, the details of the

program. So it's good news because it's a very valuable program that, you know, that has allowed many to take part, especially in the Voisey's Bay mining over there. And the training has been very helpful, you know? And that's the update from the Education Division. The Economic Division of my Department sad to say that, you know, with ongoing to do with the Rigolet Gas Station. I'm sure that the AngajukKâk and the Member knows that the private operator interest has been declined based on the completed business assessment. We have met with the Rigolet Inuit Community Government to discuss the current status. Next steps and required support moving forward and, you know, an update will be provided to the NEC in coming weeks and we look forward to meeting, myself, with the new AngajukKâk from the Rigolet Inuit Community Government to continue to try to resolve this for his community. Business support: Since September, the Division has four new businesses added to the Inuit Business Registry. We received six packages from Vale. Four were underground, two were Operations and 20 Inuit businesses were nominated. There are a total of 15 clients, 10 in Business Start-up and 5 in Business Growth. Our Northern Lights 2023 Financial Support Package went live on November the 8th. Applications will be accepted until December 10th. Funding Distribution: Phase two of the Covid Micro-Business and Artist Relief Fund has now been closed. We're finalizing the approval process but anticipate we will have supported approximately 119 Inuit artists and 22 businesses, for a total of \$500,000. Self-Employment Benefit Program: We're supporting two clients under this program. The

program will request to double its funding in late fall which will allow for additional client support. Staff: Our Business Development Officer's position who is currently away on maternity leave, remains vacant and we hope that we'll have a full complement again by late February of 2023. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's the brief update that I have from my department.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. The next Ministers Statement that we'll be receiving is from the Honourable Tom Evans of Makkovik, the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. When you're ready, sir.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for the kind words there, Minister Andersen. And I'd like to thank Melva from last Assembly meeting for presenting my statement. And I'd just like to say that the-, our Department is quite actively involved with the other departments on issues like overseeing financial management, Human Resource needs and IT services. So I'll just provide a brief update now but the update probably doesn't do justice to the work our department does. And I'd just like to acknowledge the staff in my department for the often challenging work that needs to be done. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to highlight just something that I think is important to put out to, not only elected officials, but all of our staff in our departments. Mr. Speaker, the use of computers, cellular or smart phones, office telephones and networks is part of our daily lives. They are used in education and healthcare, communications, shopping and business and Government operations to name a few. We've heard the news in the

recent weeks, Mr. Speaker about a ransomware attack on Sobeys, the second largest supermarket chain in Canada. Beneficiaries are impacted by this ransomware attack. Sobeys gift cards and Terrington Co-op gift cards issued as part of the COVID-19 Emergency Food Supplement Program are unable to be used. The Terrington Co-op, as we all probably are aware of, are also experiencing issues with their inventory supply. The Nunatsiavut Government is also dependent on information technology functioning for our operations. Mr. Speaker, the IT Division tested our cyber security awareness for employees and the results are a bit concerning. Thirteen percent opened attachment in a test email that was a ransomware email. Five percent clicked a link in a test email that was a ransomware payload email-, 8.2 percent opened a test email that had a link for emails that were placed on hold and other emails with a finance invoice from a company in Nevada was forwarded to staff to our Finance Departments. If any of these test emails had been a real threat, the operations of the Nunatsiavut Government would have been compromised. It can take weeks or months to get back to normal operations from a ransomware attack. Mr. Speaker, in some cases systems had to be rebuilt. It is exceptionally important for everyone, all of us who work with Nunatsiavut Government, regardless of where you work or when you use technology, to develop good habits. When you receive an email, practice pause and review. Double click the email address. Read emails very carefully. Keep all virus protections up-to-date and always be skeptical. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has many

vacancies across our departments resulting in increased workloads for current staff, delays in implementation and delivery of new and current programs and services. Mr. Speaker, recruitment and retention is a top priority of the Government. The Government cannot operate effectively without a qualified workforce. Mr. Speaker, as a first step, we've engaged a professional services firm to conduct a jurisdictional scan of current recruitment and retention packages being offered in the north and, or remote locations. This information will help our staff as they look at recruitment and retention strategies for our Government. Mr. Speaker, my department is also reviewing the distribution of job ads looking at ways to expand the reach of them and improvements to the actual job ads. We also had preliminary discussions on how to market the Nunatsiavut Government and Nunatsiavut as a place to work and live. Mr. Speaker, the management of Human Resources is an integral part of the operations of the Government. Currently, there are only two full-time staff in the HR Division with the support of two HR assistants. The limited number of staff is causing significant impacts on our service delivery. We engaged McInnes Cooper Advisory to give advice on the appropriate structure for our Division including the compliment, titles, mix of skills and qualifications required to provide quality HR Services in an effective manner. The hope is to roll out the revised structure in the New Year. Also, Mr. Speaker, Finance has heard from many elected officials, a desire to have training on how to read financial statements. Our Department has engaged KPMG, a professional accounting organization to deliver a training session on this

topic. We are hoping to have a minimum of two sessions delivered in December. When the dates are confirmed, our comptroller will reach out to the Inuit Community Governments and the Inuit Community Corporations. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Evans. I will call attention to the fact that we're out of time for Ministers Statements and I am going to ask for unanimous consent to extend the time in order to hear the statement from the final Minister. Looking for unanimous consent? Do I have it? And any "Nays"? Seeing none. Minister Terry Vincent of Hopedale, when you're ready to go ahead, sir, and deliver your Ministers Statement on Lands and Natural Resources. *Nakummek*.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table my first quarterly report to the Assembly as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I'll provide a short update on several files in my Department since the last report. Renewable Resources: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours. Fisheries: The In-shore Shrimp Fishery in both SFA 4 and SFA 5 are now closed and the majority of the Nunatsiavut Government shrimp has been landed in-shore. We do have some residual quota left in the water and this will be sold offshore for a royalty payment as per normal process. Wildlife: Mr. Speaker, my Department has successfully harvested 30 licenses in Gros Morne as part of our ongoing efforts to provide alternate sources of country food to the communities. The meat is currently being butchered and transported. Deliveries to

communities will begin later this fall. The moose hunting season in LISA opened on September 15th and we have 14 licenses available for Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. The season will close on March 7, 2023. To date, one license is filled. We are currently in the process of developing the budget for another caribou project to present to NEC for approval. We hope to have this completed before the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Speaker, The George River Caribou Herd census was completed this summer. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has been briefed, however, public results have been embargoed by both the Province of Quebec and NL until Indigenous Groups in Quebec have been briefed. Lands Division: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Lands Division has been engaged in the following files: Mr. Speaker, 31 land-use applications have been submitted in 2022. Eighteen are for cabins, six for mineral exploration, two for archaeological research, two related to work at the proposed new Nain airport and three for cruise ship visits to St. John's Harbour and Hebron.

Mr. Speaker, since the last update, GIS specialists have worked on several LIL permit files, produced several maps for NG partners and consulted on the location of specific LIL parcels. The GIS specialist is currently working on the GIS section of the Imappivut Report. *Impact Benefits Agreement:*

Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay Mine and Mill, and the Mine Expansion continues to go well. We are starting to notice an increase in resumes sent to our Department which have been forwarded on to Vale. Our Department has reviewed and approved a Vale request to have additional shipments of fuel in open-water season, based on the Vale, NG Shipping

Agreement, and Section 13.1. Non-renewable Resources: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Non-renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files: Mr. Speaker, Labrador Uranium Exploration Program for 2022 wrapped up on November 3rd. Results are still pending however they did intersect radioactivity of 2900 counts per second. Labrador Uranium also completed line cutting at Mustang Lake. They planned for a drill survey however, it did not happen this season and they anticipate the survey will be complete with their next program. Mr. Speaker, Labrador Gold has finished their program on October 6th on their Udjuktok Property located on LIL. All samples have been sent to the laboratory for gold and multi-element analysis. Results are still pending. Labrador Gold held a community consultation in Hopedale on September 13th. NG also conducted an inspection on September 29th. Labrador Gold anticipate a drill program next year. Mr. Speaker, Aurora Energy has finished their program on September 30th on their Michelin Property located on LIL. Aurora Energy has also conducted an airborne gravity survey that started on October 19th and finished on November 4th. Mr. Speaker, the Geological Survey of Canada Program, Gem North-6 Annual meeting of the Advisory Group of Northerners, was held in Nain September 21st to 24th. The meeting focused on facilitating priority alignment, engagement and future of geoscience research in the North. The Division attended the Canadian Institute of Mining Annual Conference during the first week of November in St. John's. The Division made a presence by attending the technical talks, announcements, chatted with

Provincial and Federal counterparts, as well as company representatives, former colleagues and prospectors. I am very proud to say that this year, Claude Sheppard, the director of Non-Renewable Resources was nominated and won Geo-scientist of the year award for 2022 at the CIM Conference.

Environment Division: Since the last Assembly, the Environment Division has been engaged in the following files: Fall research programs in the Environment Division have been very successful with a significant amount of data and information being collected throughout Nunatsiavut using a variety of research specialists and local community members, two hydrophones, under-water microphones, were deployed off of Saglek and Ryan's Bay to listen under water for a full year. This will help us to determine what species are using the marine area at different times of the year, while also helping to understand ship traffic. Additionally, water and char sampling has taken place. These projects are collecting important data and information that will be used in the Imappivut Marine Plan as well as to ensure we have baseline data for future projects. The Environment Division, through the support of the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee are entering into the final phase of the Nain Wind Microgrid Environmental Assessment. The Committee is putting together its report to the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources which will be completed next month, allowing for a decision this winter. Environmental Division is busy preparing for the ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting in December where they will be meeting with partners,

giving presentations about research work and seeking out future opportunities for the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. At this time we are going to take a 10-minute recess. It is two minutes past the hour. If we can all be back at 12 minutes past the hour, that would be appreciated. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

It is now 20 after. So we're going to get started and move back into Item Five which is, "Members Statements." Are there any Members Statements? The first hand that I saw was the Ordinary Member for Postville, the Honourable George Gear, when you're ready, sir.

MR. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an update from the activities that went on in Postville since the last sitting of September. There were two participants representing B.L. Morrison School at the sports meet here in Hopedale. At the time, there were two or three more ready to come, but COVID was on the go, and they were in close contact and regulations in Postville at the time, they couldn't travel, just in case. They did-, the two that attended did very well. They enjoyed themselves. They didn't participate in many sports or anything, but they enjoyed themselves and that's what it's all about. On November the 12th, for Remembrance Day there was a lowering of the flag at Postville Inuit Community Government building while the Canadian National Anthem was performed. The Junior Rangers and myself, dressed in Junior Ranger uniform, did the honours of lowering the flag with most of the PICG members of the community attended. It is

good to see things are getting back to normal. The people can participate in important activities such as that. There was a pretty good turnout from the community, also. We also had a 10-minutes of silence at the time. And that's about it for my statement. I don't wanna take anything from our AngajukKâk, 'cause he always says more than I do and he's good to have around (inaudible). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. The next hand that I saw was the Chairperson for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak. When you're ready, Patricia.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. NunaKatiget held its Annual General Meeting on September 27th, 2022. Twenty-four people were in attendance which is a good number for us. The AGM adapted and approved our 2021 audit and our 2023 budget. We had election of officers and the following was elected to our Board of Directors: Don Webber, Vice Chairperson, Doug Saunders, Treasurer, Barb Crawford, Secretary, Heather Barnes-Burse, Director, Donna Swain, Director and Diane Montague, Director. I believe we have a good cross section of returning and new Board members. I wanna thank the following Board member for her dedication to NunaKatiget and her long-standing time on the Board: Leanne Winters, was a member of the Board of Directors for nearly 10 years and she was the Vice Chairperson for the last four. I wanna thank Elizabeth Saunders for her four years on the Board and Rhonda Pottle for her one year on the Board as well. Mr. Speaker, with the cost of everything rising, the cost of the operation of NunaKatiget and the Community Freezer is also

increasing. Thus we have submitted a budget to Nunatsiavut Government that is beyond our funding that we receive each year, which is \$101,500. We have submitted a letter requesting that we can use our surplus funds from 2020 to help offset our projected budget overrun for 2023. We had a surplus in 2020 due to funds I applied for and received for COVID relief funding. We have been told we will be getting \$22,862 less in January due to the surplus from 2020. As the cost of doing business and the cost of hunting supplies, gas, bullets, et cetera has drastically increased, if we receive nearly \$23,000 less next year, it will be detrimental to our Community Freezer. We would have to cut food items given out at a time when it is needed most, as inflation is going to escalate in 2023. Many elders tell the Community Freezer coordinator they do not know what they would do if the freezer wasn't there to help them. We are hoping the Nunatsiavut Government and NunaKatiget can come to an agreement to allow us to use the funds for our additional expenses. We will still continue to apply for funding elsewhere as we always have. Mr. Speaker, in October, we started our Community Literacy and Financial Literacy courses again for elders. This is funded from the New Horizons for Seniors Program through Employment and Social Development Canada. This time we were able to do the course in person with five elders, and more will continue in the New Year until the end of March. We are starting another parka-making course on November 19th. We would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for their donation of 3,100 for our freezer again this year. We are hoping to use the funds towards our Community Hamper for

Elders project. We would also like to thank Lands and Natural Resources for agreeing to harvest our moose license for Gros Morne. That helps us tremendously and we are very thankful. Mr. Speaker, on November 3rd, Carla Pamak and I presented on our respective Community Freezers for the National Inuit Poverty Reduction Summit that was done virtually. And it was held by ITK. Traditional Knowledge Housing Security, Food Security and Income Support, were topics of discussion. It was an excellent summit, and a lot of important issues and possible solutions were brought forward to how to lessen poverty in Inuit Nunangat. I'd like to thank the Department of Education and Economic Development for providing us funds to hire someone under the Skills Development Program at the farm where we receive our vegetables. By having that position, we were able to have vegetables at a cheaper cost because we were providing labour. And also, the farm sent some root vegetables to the Nain Community Freezer. In conclusion, I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Just as a reminder for the Assembly, although you do have five minutes to speak, you can also speak twice. Just a friendly reminder to everyone. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik, when you're ready, sir.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to congratulate the Makkovik JCM athletes that attended the Fall Sports Meet here at Hopedale. They did very well and I'm sure that they made very lasting friendships as well, here at Hopedale with the other athletes and chaperones that attended. I

welcome the new teachers and principals to our community, as well as the returning teachers-, and I might say, including my daughter one of the Inuit Bachelor of Education graduates, has now taken a position in Makkovik. MICG has not completed a few projects this season due to the lateness in the season for contracts and supply issues. The playground equipment has arrived. We're waiting on the pea gravel to arrive from Goose Bay, and the playground will be completed in early spring with everything on site. Hopefully, we'll get it done right, rather than do it this fall in the bad weather and that kind of thing. The upgrade to our north sewer outfall, which is in bad need of repair-, the contract has been awarded to Budgell's Equipment and Rentals and that work will be done this spring as well. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government Council elections had to go to a second round by-election this year. All incumbents from the past council were acclaimed, plus one new young person was acclaimed as well. Jerry Nochasak, congratulations to Jerry and to all for stepping up to serve on council once again at Makkovik. And I was just reminded by Ordinary Member from Postville, George Gear, that on the November 11th, at Makkovik for the Remembrance Day ceremony, we did have a good turnout at the church. Ordinary Member Thomas Evans laid a wreath on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. The RCMP laid a wreath on behalf of the Federal Government and the Junior Rangers on behalf of their organization, and the Senior Rangers as well. So we-, I officiated the event. I think it's getting-, as time passes, I think we should keep remembering

those that have fallen and those still serving in our country. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville. When you're ready, sir.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And no worries to my colleague, there for taking time from me there, Member George Gear from Postville. You can certainly exhaust your time if you want to. I'm sure, Mr. Speaker, this morning, you know, we're guaranteed five minutes, but we speak twice. As I was sitting here listening to the Members statements this morning and the Honourable President, I think, Mr. Speaker, as an Assembly, if we sat around this table, not in an ordinary Assembly sitting, for five hours, just talking about things that's happening in Nunatsiavut, and concerns that we have up and down our shoreline from coast to coast, that it wouldn't hardly scratch the surface, there's so many. Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to flag me because the time there has been-, I'm not exactly sure when I stood to my feet, but just flag me when my time is up. I'm not gonna touch this morning on activities of the Inuit Community Government in Postville that's happening, even though we have some exciting things in the coming months that will be happening. We will be involved in the Smart Ice program. We will be involved in some additional research going on in Postville related to the oil spill. We also will be the administrator for the Wood Program, Home Heating Program. Mr. Speaker, what I wanna talk about more so this morning-, and I take it to heart, and it's more sincere to me than any program that the Postville Inuit Community Government

may be administering or will be administering in the next few months. Mr. Speaker, 7:00 a.m., morning before last, my phone rings out-, 7:00 a.m., people. Just keep that in mind. I was out the door. I was out in the shed lighting a fire. I get back to the phone call. This was an elderly lady living alone with a furnace issue. "I'm scared to light the fire." 7:00 a.m. What could poor little Glenn Sheppard do, 7:00 a.m. to rectify, to correct this problem? I had to wait until 8:30 to get a message through to our department in NG with-, flagging them that this is ongoing with other additional issues in the community. Mr. Speaker, what could I tell this member, elder, other than try to make the time myself, not on my work time-, myself, to get this problem fixed? No heat-, keep in mind no heat. Scared to light her wood fire, didn't know what was gonna happen. Apparently, an inspector was in Postville on the 4th of October to look at this person's furnace. I'm told by the department, from the First Minister at the time that they're waiting for the report on the Inspector. Mr. Speaker, I think we have some grave issues up and down our coast. I take this very serious. This could be a matter of, yes, I'll say it, life or death. A furnace could explode, an oil furnace. They've known to happen. Chimneys could catch fire. You know, I'm gonna have a further chat with the First Minister and I thank you for responding to the emails that I sent. But the reason and the basis of my Members Statement this morning is on the elders in our community. The Food Voucher, Home Heating Program all coming to conclusion. It's easy for someone to say, "What did they do before the Food Voucher Program?" At that time, the gas was not \$56 for

23 litres. At that time, the (inaudible) fuel wasn't \$436 for 205 litres. Things have changed. And Mr. Speaker in conclusion of my Members Statement this morning, I want to encourage those people over here, Mr. Speaker, the decision makers. I want to encourage them-, I'm not gonna say you're not serious, but I want to encourage you to do whatever is possible to help our seniors up and down the coast and those single parents-, not do it because the Federal or Provincial Government has a plan in place and some funding available. Do it because NG has some funding. NG has funding. Let's do something, people, for our people. I was put here by my people to represent my community of Postville and that's what I'm doing this morning. I'm representing my community to the best of my ability and I want to see, not only something on paper here in front of me that I can read, that's going to happen in April or May. I wanna know what's going-, I can tell my elder who called seven o'clock in the morning with a furnace issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville. The next hand I saw for Members Statement is AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, when you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Excuse me, my voice is weak. Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to report that all the projects we had for the summer are complete. However, the work for Nain is ongoing. The chlorine buildings for the pump stations are a necessity for us and the generator for the water tank tower is going to be completed next year. The south side of the subdivision has to be completed to compliment what they've done on the North side

so that the development on the North Side is stopped now, but there's still ongoing on the South side. The work required to repair the sewer lines in the community have to be done in phases. And Mr. Speaker, it is a big undertaking to do this job. Fortunately, with the new infrastructure dollars available, we will get that done as soon as possible. We spoke with Colin McBride [*sic*] and he's consulting the Community Government of Nain at the time and this (inaudible). And they have so much monies budgeted for this year and so much for next year. I'm glad to know that the money is there for the infrastructure. The decommissioning of the two chambers (inaudible) across the other side of the bridge had to be decommissioned and that's gonna be next year. On other notes, the President of Nunatsiavut was invited to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies along with myself and the two Ordinary Members. He said a few words and offered a prayer for the Assembly for Roxanne and Tony, the two Ordinary Members for Nain, they recited a poem in both English and Inuttitut. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to say with the other projects that are on the go, that (inaudible), the work is continuing to be repaired. It's not finished yet. They're gonna leave Nain this week, I believe, and go back. But there's a lot of work to be done there, yet. And the housing projects out of (inaudible) is still ongoing in Nain, this project that's taken on by NGC. We look forward to a busy year in 2023 and before I go end this statement, I'd like to thank Ordinary Member Roxanne for speaking on the demolishing of the old boarding school. But there's still some to follow

in the statement tomorrow, just to let you know. I too take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain. The next hand that I saw was the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen, when you're ready, sir.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I understand that Members Statement can be of a broad issue. And today I wanna raise in this House to say farewell to a little woman. She was our mother who passed away on September the 19th. Widowed at a very early age, she was left with six children. Two girls were married. One was off to school, and she had three boys, my brother Eric, nine, myself seven and our baby brother Tony was four. Mr. Speaker, she fed us. She clothed us with a lot of hard work and self-determination. Back in them days, Mr. Speaker, there was no running water, no electricity, no washer, no dryer. All work done as the old people called it, by hands, heart and soul. No such thing as diapers. You had to wash everything by hand. And one of the memories I have is-, was that nappies, they were called in them days-, you couldn't buy them in the store, and they were basically, made out of flour bags. And at the end of the job that more than once, me and my brother Eric had to take the nappy that was passed to us from our mom from our brother Tony. And we had to go outdoors, and we had to find a little stick and scrape it and bring it back in. And when we got back in the house, there would be baby brother with a bottle of milk, usually keep a cool bottle with a black (inaudible) on it with a clean nappy on. And Mr. Speaker, some things was plain to see, the words, "Five Roses"

across his little backside. I can remember that quite well. Mr. Speaker, later on in life, when she moved into the Senior's Home, we were blessed with many people who helped out. And one of the greatest things that I could do for my part was to cook. And she told people that I cooked like her. And I wanna thank Harold and Leon Jacque and the AngajukKâk from Postville for Muktuk, arctic hare, Spruce partridge killed in the dead of the winter, ducks and geese and fish which was a delight to see the smile on her face. Mr. Speaker, we were all blessed. She had many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But there was three in particular who lived in the Upper Lake Melville area, Muriel and Sharon Edmunds and Glenda Evans who every night, except when there was a lockdown, had a schedule where they went up and they looked after her and made sure she was comfortable before she went to bed. The staff at the hospital, we can never thank you enough. And Mr. Speaker, there's one thing that we all remember of our mother and the friend was her faith in her Savior, in her church on September 19th on Monday evening at nine minutes past 7:00, the person that she relied on quite often was her Saviour. She heard his call, Mr. Speaker, and she spread her wings and went to her home of eternal rest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville. The next Member to give a statement will be Roland Saunders, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. *Nakummek*.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nice tribute, Wally. Please bear with me. I have to read my own handwriting. This could be troublesome. I visited

Newfoundland this last past week and went to St. Anthony and St. John's and there were several questions that came up, and they were all about the same thing. They were similar. I can't say the same. They were similar. And these questions were mainly about the Membership letters that came in the mail for the Members that had their Membership 20, 30 years, having to reapply for the Membership. And it's been an ongoing problem with the Canadian Constituency for the last four or five years. And then within a month or so after the parents had the letter, so did the children. But it seemed to be, basically, the Canadian Constituency. And their question is, are the five coastal communities getting the same letter from the Membership Committee? It's something that we need to look into because if you're targeting Canadian Constituency, you better target everyone else. And also, Mr. Speaker during the visit, I mentioned that the NEC will be holding meetings in St. John's during the week of December 6th to December 8th and they're looking forward to that, especially the people in St. John's. So be prepared, it'll be brimstone and fire probably. And I would also like to add to what the Minister of Finance mentioned about the Sobeys gift card. The Canadian Constituency can now change their suppliers for food and cleaning supplies because of the problem with Sobeys. And then when they do that, they will do that for the remainder of the program which is March 31. And then they also have cards that they cannot use anymore because Sobeys been greatly messed up. So in that aspect, the Canadian Constituency members can send those cards back to the Department of Health and Social Development, I believe Mr.

Asivak's. And they will get new cards with the new supplier. And that should last until, once again, the end of this term. Mr. Speaker, while I was in St. John's, I also had the honour of laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of all the Labrador war veterans over the years. This is a tradition that was started by Mr. Dan Pottle and Ms. Patricia Ford probably seven or eight years ago. And I am gonna continue to do that on a yearly basis as long as I am within the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to the oldest resident in our town, Ms. Nancy Lane, who celebrated her 89th birthday on October 22nd. Nancy may be small in stature but her strong spirit and beautiful character make up her tininess. Like many Labrador women, she has seen much in her lifetime. She has lost two husbands and raised two families. Her great work ethic took her far and she was deeply missed when she retired as a cook and domestic worker at the Labrador Grenfell Association. Not many people know Nancy has a beautiful singing voice, and I was happy to join in a Christmas sing-song at their house when my late husband Brian and I made our annual Christmas visit. Nancy, at present, is battling cancer, however, as her body weakens, she can still be seen sitting at her kitchen table watching people go by and still wave when someone waves to her. Thank you, Nancy for your work to this community and to all those whose lives you have touched. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The next Member to give a statement is going to be Mr. Jeff Montague, the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In September Sivunivut held an annual general meeting, however, there weren't enough members in attendance as per Sivunivut bylaws to have forum. So a new annual general meeting will be held December 10th in North West River. A meeting on the 7th of October approved the 2023 Budget and the 2021 audit was approved in a telephone meeting. In September, the Department of Health and Social Development held a, "Take Back the Night," event, which I participated in and as well the commemoration of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The following week, I helped the DHSD staff with a fall fair that consisted of fun and games for all ages, including a large tug-of-war that included all ages. The women's team won and then won again just because they could. It was a very fun time, and about 117 people attended the event. An application has been submitted to Employment and Social Development Canada for a snow removal program for seniors in our community to help curb senior isolation and promote socialization and healthy living. A decision for the application is expected by March 2023. An update from our Community Freezer: We have recently stocked and distributed food items such as bake apples, cod fish, partridge, rabbit, char, and soon, moose that was harvested by the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Lands and Natural Resources. With that, Mr. Speaker, Sivunivut would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for providing

our members with car and moose that will be very well received. We would also like to thank Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for the donation of \$1,100 for our Community Freezer. It's greatly appreciated. Some members of Sivunivut are now in the midst of completing a seal-skin mitt making course that has been provided by Mina Campbell. There are six members in the course, and there is a possibility Sivunivut will be offering the course or something very similar in nature in the near future so that other members of the communities can take advantage of acquiring this skill. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to the next Assembly in 2023. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson Montague. Would anyone else like to make a Members statement at this time? I see Mr. Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet, when you're ready.

MR. C. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to send my condolences to the Andersen family and I'd also like to send my condolences to the family of the late Dora Hopkins who recently passed away. She will be greatly missed in our community. I would also like to send my condolences to the family of the late Aunt Jane Wolfrey who recently passed away too. They will be greatly missed, and they were two great and beautiful elders. On a higher note, I would like to wish our elder Marion Shiwak a happy birthday, who just recently celebrated her 90th birthday. We are still short on staff in office with no CFO, no CAO. But hopefully down the road in a couple of months when the leave of absence is over, they will come back or someone else may apply to the position when it's more permanent. Our town clerk

applied for a job in August and she was offered the position there a few weeks ago. So we'll be losing our Town Clerk in the beginning of December. We've been doing a bit of projects around town. We couldn't get our shelter up over our rink, so we just rebuilt the rink. We did some work on our old graveyard that was overgrown with willows and shrubs. We had a couple bridges replaced that was over crossing Double Mer, where we hosted our annual dog team races and other community events. I'd like to say we got a new dozer arrived yesterday morning, thanks to the JCM for helping us reallocate funds for it. I'd like to say we've got enough council members for a quorum for our council, but we are still pretty short and due to laws that NG employees, can't apply or run, we have a lot of NG workers in our town. And I have a lot of concerns from the community that NG had a house build over a year ago, brand new house, just sitting there not being used. And it's wondering what's going to happen with that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Sheppard. I see the name Sheppard, I think Postville. Would any of the other Ordinary Members like to-, I see Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've heard some of the speakers speak to Remembrance Day and I'd like to speak to the activities that AngajukKâk Sheppard participated in this year. We attended the Remembrance Day school assembly and the students there did a wonderful job providing skits and chats and poems that marked the day and the people that served from our community. And on Remembrance Day, itself, we attended the

activity at the Net Loft for the lowering of the flag that was organized and delivered by the RCMP, Canadian Ranger Patrol, as well as the Junior Canadian Ranger Patrol in Rigolet. And it was a good event. A lot of community members turned out. We've had a number of people, like all other communities, that had served in the wars and some came home. Some didn't. And we've had since those times, we've also had other people who serve from our community and I think that I would like to remember their service as well and remark on it. For instance, Kevin Pottle has been retired from the RCMP. He served with the RCMP and retired with them. We've had other members serve as soldiers from our community, Celeste Hunter. Her name was Celeste Sheppard-, Chesley's aunt, actually. Isabelle Tooktoshina and Phillip Wolfrey. They all served as soldiers as well, so we wanted to remember their service. I'd also like to send out my appreciation and congratulations to the Inuttitut Program that's completing this week on Friday. Linda Palliser is teaching that program and she's-, I've had occasion to visit a couple of times to their program and it's a good program and I hope that they receive more programs in the future for community for Inuttitut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member, Melva Williams. Would any of the other Ordinary Members like to speak? Now we're moving on to people's second opportunities to speak. So I will return to Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville. When you're ready, sir.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and always good to bring an update on the Upper Lake Melville area, the largest, I guess, riding with beneficiaries that I and my colleague, Mr. Asivak, represent. Mr. Speaker, on November the 11th, I felt honoured, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Government to go to the Canadian Forces cemetery for the ceremony of Remembrance Day and then to attend at the Royal Canadian Legion down in the valley. And it brought to mind a lot of our own people who served in wars. And the first one came to mind was Mr. Levi Pottle, who was a veteran and the Royal Canadian Legion and the community of Rigolet, upon his passing, sponsored the Levi Pottle. I think they may still have it. But certainly, it was an honour to attend as an elected official and stand proud knowing that, yes, a lot of our people went overseas. Some never came back. And they fought to make this world a better place for us to live in. Mr. Speaker, I wanna put my full support behind Ms. Kemuksigak for her plea for money for food. And I can tell you, what it means to our-, and I'll say this, to all our beneficiaries, all of us, from every community, even on the North Coast-, to go there, and to be able to get food from that bank is unbelievable. And my colleague, Mr. Asivak, I know that he spoke about it in the past and to hear these people say what a blessing it is to be able to go to the Community Freezer. And we need to look at, I think, the number of beneficiaries. It's one thing to say, this is the dollars, for the 100,000 each, but I think we need to look at the number of beneficiaries that we serve because all of them lack and want the food that they grew up with, especially our seniors, that they should be entitled to that in their later

years. I look forward to going to North West River and meeting with the Community Corporation down there. Mr. Speaker, I'm working with a lot of business in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Aboriginal business. We have the largest number of joint ventures in Aboriginal businesses, located right in Goose Bay. And right now there's a lot of work that can be done with 5-Wing Goose Bay and a lot of other stuff. We're talking with people in the National Park. I understand that the Mealy Mountain headquarters is gonna be in Sheshatshiu, but we have a lot of people who got joint ventureships. And with the announcement of Minister Anand and the members from the United States, of all the work that's going to be carried out in the North. That's certainly the business opportunity that arises. Mr. Speaker, I want to mention to, the part-, and to compliment the members from Nain for getting rid of the boarding school. And if there's one thing that I and my colleague, Mr. Asivak heard, particularly from people in North West River, was that it's time now for this old boarding house, dormitories, to be taken down. It's an eye sore. It's gone beyond repair. And we're waiting for the council in North West River to make the decision and then myself and my colleague have talked about it that we're willing to approach the Provincial Government. And if they wanna talk of truth and reconciliation, then a part of truth and reconciliation, it would be their responsibility to take that building down, leave it with a grief spot and the community of North West River is saying we're willing to work with the survivors of that boarding house to make it-, and turn it into something that's worthwhile. Mr. Speaker, it's always a pleasure to speak on behalf

of the riding of Lake Melville. I wanna wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And also, too, that I've mentioned this before and I fully agree with the AngajukKâk from Postville, that there are many issues-, and give the Ministers credit. They come up here and they've given their statements and so on. But honestly, and truly, I could not agree with the AngajukKâk more that the issues that we face in our communities, that we should take the time to sit down properly every third session and take a couple hours to sit down and talk about the issues of concern and how we can move forward. And I think if we all worked together-, yes, the Ministers and the Executive Council is doing a good job, but I think we can make it even better. And we will do that for one reason and one reason only. It'll be for our beneficiaries because, after all, that's why we're here, and that's the job that we should do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville. The next person I'm going to move to is AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville. When you're ready, sir.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's something I never forgot, only I think I was running out of time in my last five-minute statement there, but I want to acknowledge an elder in my community this morning who celebrated her 91st birthday on October the 24th who's known by the name of-, everybody living in Postville, Uncle Douglas Jacque. He was a Husky dog owner for just about 60 years and I had the privilege to visit him on his birthday on the 24th and, you know, I was used to seeing this elder coming on dog team from a race in his latter years, in the Husky dog team race,

whether it was the Heritage Race or the Easter sports or whatever-, many trips that the elder took to Makkovik and took part in the races. It's people like this that, you know, we gain a lot of our knowledge and understanding of what life was all about in them times, as compared to what it is now. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time this morning to commend three former ICG members with the Postville Inuit Community Government who served as Members and they did run again, except there was two of them ran-, one Member in this most recent election. And the ones I want to recognize this morning for their dedication within our Inuit Community Government up until the election in October, is-, was my Deputy Keith Dicker, Carmen Sheppard and Angie Jacque-Michelin, who was all Members of our former council. I'm proud to say, Mr. Speaker, this morning that the Postville Inuit Community Government has a full slate of Members. We have seven Members. We had to have an election, by the way. We had 10 interested people, which was great for our community, the size of our community. And it was a really good turnout in the election which told me that, hey, we're interested, here, in your Inuit Community Government. We wanna let you know who we want to see serving here. And the outcome was the Members that's on there now. We have some young blood. We have some middle-aged, and I said to them at the last meeting, if you wanna call me old, I'm old, okay? So anyway, we've got a full council and I'm glad to, you know, be facing the next four years of duties with them and sharing responsibilities. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish everybody around the table, from the President right on down

to the Clerk, the Speaker and all the Ordinary Members, AngajukKâks, Ministers and staff who are sitting in the gallery, a happy-, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, seeing this is going to be our last sitting before Christmas and whatever you do, do it with safety first and with that, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to conclude. I could stay here all day. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard. The next statement will be coming from Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Martha Jararuse, who passed away in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on October 27th. Martha's parents, Amos and Nicolena Jararuse and their children are originally from Hopedale. They have a large family, and an even larger extended family. To the Jararuse Tuglavina family, I'm so sorry for your loss. To lose a child is a pain like no other. Hopedale will be keeping you all close in prayer in the days ahead. And in closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and to thank everyone for your service. It's not always easy, being in public life. You all know that. But you all work hard, and as I sit here for my third-, going into my third term, I can see how much the Government has come a long way from what we were. Some people may not agree with that, but I certainly see it in my years as AngajukKâk for Hopedale Inuit Community Government. So thank you, to everyone. May God Bless you all. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any more second Members Statements that would like to be made? Seeing none at this time, we will move on to Item Six. Item Six is the "Return to Oral Questions." And at the last Assembly sitting, NunaKatiget ICC Kemuksigak, asked Minister Barbour, "Would your Department be able to provide NunaKatiget with support and resource materials for Inuttitut training?" I'll now call upon Minister Barbour to provide her response.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. I provided the response that there are a lot of resources that we have within our Department and the Language and Culture staff have worked with Pirurvik Centre to develop a website for beginner, intermediate and expert speakers. This is the website Tusalanga. I have reached out to my Division and found some more resources on the Atukatigevik, website. I've provided that in an email to all of the Assembly Members as well as other links to Inuttitut to English Dictionaries and English to Inuttitut dictionaries. When you access the resources on the Language site in Atukatigevik, you can download them and print them yourselves. So *Nakummek*, for your question. And *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Barbour. The next question was from Ordinary Member Roland Saunders who asked First Minister Williams, "Will the First Minister commit to spending an amount equal to \$297,000 that was just spent on food to supply to the Canadian Constituency members, by extending the Food Supplement Food Program by another six months?"

This question was deferred to Minister Asivak. I will now call upon Minister Asivak to provide his response.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Government of Canada will not be extended any COVID-19 programs after this last round. There will be no exceptions, including for Nunatsiavut. So March 31st, 2023 all programs will end for Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. The next question came from AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard who asked Minister Vincent, "Is the Department aware of flights of aircrafts at low levels around Makkovik, Postville and Hopedale?" I will now call upon Minister Vincent to provide a response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the department is aware of this aircraft and its flight span. The aircraft is doing airborne geological surveys as a part of the GEMS Geo-North project that we have put together with Natural Resource Canada. It is a three-year project to expand our understanding of mineral potential in Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency also asked of Minister Vincent the following question and supplemental questions. "How high of a priority is the Mealy Mountain National Park with regards to the Land Claims Area of Nunatsiavut?" He also asked a supplemental question of, "Will that area of the Land Claims also be included in the park or is it separate from the national park?" And a second supplementary question of, "How many workers are being hired from Nunatsiavut Government to work in that

National Park in the Exploration and beginning of the Park?" I will now hand it over to Minister Vincent to provide his response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As for Question One, Cartwright is not the gateway to Mealy Mountain National Park. And Number two, part of the Wonderstrand, not all, is a part LILCA, as LISA. Our portion and all of the Wonderstrand is included in the park. Part three, our PBA, Park Impact and Benefits Agreement and Tourism Employment Opportunities into the park. Our Department has expanded with a seasonal student position with our conservation officers. An extra conservation officer position to deal specifically with woodland caribou issues. Outside of that, employment opportunities might be better answered by the Department of Education and Economic Development. It should be taken into consideration that the Mealy Mountains National Park is a very complex situation. Ourselves and the Innu have separate (inaudible). As well, the *NunatuKavut Agreement* with Parks Canada, it is much more complex than that, and not straightforward as Torngat Park. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. And the final question in the "Returns to Oral Questions," will be coming from AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard who asked Minister Vincent, "Is Rigolet the Gateway to the Mealy Mountains?" I will not call upon Minister Vincent to provide his response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our PIBA ensures Rigolet is the Gateway community as it pertains to Parks Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. We will now move on to Item Seven, which is "Oral Questions." Thank you, Ministers for your responses for the previous item and thank you to the Assembly Members for your questions. Now, we're on Oral Questions as I was saying. Do any Assembly Members have any oral questions at this time? The first question that I see is AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville. When you're ready, sir.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams for Housing. Mr. Speaker, back in June, July, there was a presentation to each community. My question for the Minister this morning, Mr. Speaker is related to this presentation. It do state in the presentation that each community will have one individual support worker on the ground in our communities. My question for the Minister would be, how close are you to closing this gap to have this person actually on the ground in our communities? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Assembly Glen Sheppard of Postville. I will turn to the First Minister for her response.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard for the question. To my knowledge, we're not at a stage where we've advertised for those positions. We know that the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission is currently becoming operational within the very near future, within days, and that'll be a piece of the work once they've become fully operational. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Melva Williams, First Minister. Would AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would. I would like for clarity's sake, Mr. Speaker, ask the Honourable Minister, did I hear, "Would become operational within days?" Was that correct? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it will become operational within days.

MR. WINTERS: And for your second and final supplementary question, when you're ready, AngajukKâk Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't, and thanks for the response.

MR. WINTERS: The next oral question that I saw was from Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, when you're ready, sir.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: (Audio muted.) ...and left in limbo. So I guess I would ask the Minister. If he doesn't have an answer...

MR. WINTERS: Wally?

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Sorry.

MR. WINTERS: Minister-, Ordinary Member, sorry. There's a problem with the audio. Please just give us a moment.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Can your Department look into some sort of a...

MR. WINTERS: Can you-, sorry to interrupt again.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...procedure to protect the crew members?

MR. WINTERS: Can you wait and repeat your question.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Okay, I'm sorry.

MR. WINTERS: ...when we have a chance?

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Sure.

MR. WINTERS: It's just there's an audio problem. Apologies, Ordinary Member Andersen. If you can start from the top, the audio cut out and we weren't able to hear a lot of that. When you're ready, sir.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Minister where did I start? But-, no, again, I'll ask the question that there are policies in there for our fish harvesters and there's rules and regulations for quotas and boats and so on. But there doesn't seem to be any procedures in there to protect crew members. And if crew members run into difficulty with a boat owner or something else, there's very little for them to fall back on and to get support. So I'm asking you if there's something that your Department might look at putting into some sort of procedure that would help protect crew members who are not boat owners and who don't hold a quota? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Would Minister Vincent like to respond?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Mr. Andersen. As everybody's aware, usually for the crew members it falls under the Skipper and the boat. But we will definitely, take it into consideration and I will try to find out more for you from my staff. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. Are there any other oral questions? I see AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, when you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question, I guess, is to Department of Finance. (Inaudible) where we applied funding from the CEEP program we haven't got that yet. But the program itself is very restrictive for the ICG. My question is, is there monies available in Nunatsiavut to apply to, to meet the needs of our community? Example, we could apply for the church cemeteries under the ICG and the CEEP Program. That was restrictions on there was that we can't do it now. It would be too late for the boat, too late for everything. Is there money available in Nunatsiavut for us to apply so we can be ready and ready to go next summer?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I'll turn to Minister Tom Evans, of Finance, HR and IT, when you're ready, sir.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker for the question. I guess you're aware like, as all of us that the CEEP program was substantially reduced on the funding level from the previous year. And we know that there's restrictions with the program because we see it in our own communities, when we used to have the flexibility of providing support to our elders and other programs. But having said that, I think your question is really a good question. So, I'll take it on a notice and try to have more information, rather than just give you like an answer that might be vague. So I would take your question on a notice and have an answer in the timeframe that's required.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Evans. Would AngajukKâk Dicker like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

No, I don't, as long as it's under advisement.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The next question I saw was from Chairperson Kemuksigak from the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, when you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I'm not exactly sure who this question should go to. So I'm going to direct it to the President, Johannes Lampe, as there was much discussion here on the Food Program, would you consider the possibility of either using surplus funds or applying to the Trust for funds to continue with the Food Voucher Program at 50 percent of what people were receiving for the next fiscal year, possibly six months? One example was, if somebody was receiving \$100 gift card, they would receive 50? 'Cause I think cutting it off right away will be too difficult for people, but maybe a phased out effect. So, that's my question. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti, [Speaks in Inuttitut]

Yes, as my statement provided information on the COVID-19 Support Programs winding down, this funding is coming from the Federal Government and most certainly through the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and the Land Claim Organizations were able to receive this funding to support Inuit across Inuit Nunangat and including Nunatsiavut. And so with COVID winding down, we are asking beneficiaries to prepare for March 2023. And at this point we have not discussed anything to come up with anything that would support Labrador Inuit who certainly are going to experience Food Insecurity and home heating and including the hygiene in workplaces or at

home. And so, at this point, I cannot give the Chair for NunaKatiget a commitment on what it is that the Nunatsiavut Executive can provide, at this point. But I will be in Ottawa later on this month, and most certainly Federal Ministers will be engaged and most certainly, I have before said to the Federal Minister that this program is wonderful. And it is something that will be a great concern when COVID winds down and we have nothing left to provide for Labrador Inuit in terms of Food Security and Home Heating. And again, I will stress to the Federal Minister the concerns that Labrador Inuit have on this issue. And I will certainly give back a report to the Assembly and to you Chair of NunaKatiget. But at this point, I cannot commit to a definite answer. But we certainly, keep discussing this issue further. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Would the Chairperson like to ask a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, President Lampe. It was a good answer that you gave and it's good that you're going to be talking to the Federal Minister, but I was just wondering, you know, if that don't go anywhere, will you be looking at possible options that may be able to help people to a lesser degree, but to help people? Because there's so much food insecurity within our communities and especially with the elders on fixed incomes and single parents. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. [Speaks Inuttitut]. Yes, a very important supplementary question, and most certainly, as the Executive, and as Assembly, we are accountable to Labrador Inuit and most certainly and help the culture and the way of life of Labrador Inuit. And this includes providing food security and most certainly, heat in the home. And I know that this issue will not go away until we start to discuss solutions to the issue. And I know that the Ministers have, or previous Ministers of the NEC have raised many questions similar to what you're asking today. And it will continue. And again, we will discuss these issues and find solutions to what it is that we can do as Government. But right now, I cannot commit to what it is that we have not yet discussed. But we as Executive have that responsibility to make sure that Labrador Inuit do not go hungry or do not be cold in their homes, especially the elders that you mention.
Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a second and final supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, President Lampe, for your answer.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any further questions around the Table? I see Mr. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada. When you're ready, sir.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for Minister Asivak. I don't know if you have any answer or not, Minister Asivak, but several residents have

asked me about the Residential School settlement with regards to the Whitbourne Boys' Home, whether or not that was included in there because several members had siblings attend that school in the 50's, 60's and 70's and they suffered abuse and mistreatment. I'm just wondering if you had any information on that school as to whether or not it was included in the Residential School Settlement Program? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Minister Asivak?

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ordinary Member Saunders. I'll take this question under advisement, however, I don't think it is included. But I will still take it under advisement for clarity. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Would the Ordinary Member like to follow up with a supplementary question?

MR. SAUNDERS:

No, thank you. I'm quite satisfied with the answer he gave. Thank you, Mr. Asivak.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. The next question I saw was from Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeff Montague, when you're ready, sir.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Many bird hunters in the Upper Lake Melville are wondering, when will they be able to hunt in 12E? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek Chairperson. Minister Vincent?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Chairperson for Sivunivut. Right now, I don't have an answer for your question, but I will take it under advisement. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. Does the Chairperson have a follow-up question?

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

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. The next question I saw was from AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet, when you're ready, sir.

MR. C. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for Housing. I was wondering about the NG Housing that's just sitting in Rigolet for a nice while now, if you had any plans what to do with the house because a lot of people would benefit from it.

MR. WINTERS: AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard, I will advise you that a question does need to be asked specifically of an individual Minister.

MR. C. SHEPPARD: The First Minister, sorry.

MR. WINTERS: Would the First Minister like to respond?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I am aware as the Minister responsible for Housing, that there is a house in Rigolet as well as a duplex here in Hopedale that has been completed and awaiting allocation to Nunatsiavut. We know the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission is coming into operation. They have developed the application and the eligibility criteria around allocations of homes. Information from my Department is that within a couple of weeks the application forms should

be out to people to apply on the homes-, the Rigolet one, as well as the Hopedale one. And the information around the application process will be made public at that time, as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard have a follow-up question?

MR. C. SHEPPARD: No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. I also saw that AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale has a question, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Honourable Tom Evans, Minister of Finance, IT and Human Resources. With the more cyber breaches coming on stream, and a lot of our ICG's don't have IT support, my question is, will NG IT help with our-, support the ICG's in the IT Department? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Would Minister Evans like to respond?

MR. EVANS: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Marjorie. I'm sorry, AngajukKâk Flowers. Yes, it's an important issue and being part of the Government, the ICG's, I will take your question under notice, again, just to clarify and give you a correct response in the timeframe that's required.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. Does AngajukKâk Flowers have a follow-up question?

MS. FLOWERS: No, I don't. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for your answer, Minister Evans.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. I believe we are now moving on to second questions, unless there are other questions that I haven't seen. Seeing no hands, we'll be moving on to AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister Terry Vincent. And it's related, Mr. Speaker to a few species of our wildlife in our areas of moose, caribou and we wanna go to geese and stuff like this. It's coming to a place where it's of great concern. Other than putting out recommendations by NG, I would like to ask the Minister this morning, if his Department has started to act or doing any work at your Department doing any work on the *Harvesting Act*, which would give NG the ability to enforce law related to our wildlife species in our districts? So I would like to ask the Minister, is any work being done on the *Harvesting Act*? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Would Minister Vincent like to respond?

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Right now, I don't have an answer for your question, but I will take it under advisement. My staff will be happy to get an answer for you. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. Would the AngajukKâk from Postville like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Minister for the response, and no, I don't.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek, AngajukKâk.* The next question was from Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen, when you're ready, sir.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I do believe I was directing that question to the Minister of Finance or to the First Minister. Some time ago, with the Muskrat Fall fiasco, Nalcor offered the three aboriginal groups, I believe it was \$10 million. Our Government turned it down. Whether that Minister was responsible, has the Government ever reconsidered that decision that they made?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek, Ordinary Member.* Would Minister Evans like to respond?

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. Yeah, so the question involved the (inaudible) back at the time there and as you know, that the Nunatsiavut Government didn't wish to be seen as, that we couldn't be bought, you know? And anyway, I could look into it and get an answer back to you, but I'm not sure if my colleague, the President might want to answer that in more detail?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek, Minister Evans.* Mr. President, you may follow up?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti.* [Speaks in Inuttitut], Upper Lake Melville. Yes, this question is very important. Most certainly, when Nalcor did offer \$10 million to the Indigenous groups within Labrador that were concern of the Muskrat Falls issue, the Nunatsiavut Government did not accept that \$10 million. The reason being, simply that we are not accepting what Muskrat Falls is doing. And as I travel, I am approached by Labrador Inuit from different communities, including Upper Lake Melville and coming to shake

my hand for not accepting what the Nalcor or Muskrat Falls offered to the Indigenous groups in Labrador. And to this day, just for that simple reason, we will not accept Muskrat Falls. And for that reason, we will never accept the \$10 million that was offered to buy is out. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Would Ordinary Member Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville, like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and I fully understand the President's answer. Methylmercury from Muskrat Falls is years and years away, but it will be coming. There's no question. There's no doubt. The experts have said that Methylmercury will appear from Muskrat Falls. Is our Government planning ahead and trying to find ways and means as which we can deal with Methylmercury when it does arrive?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. I wonder if Minister Asivak would be the correct respondent for this question? But I'll put it first to Mr. President and see what you think, sir.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Again, a very important question. Anything that relates to Muskrat Falls is an issue of concern to Labrador Inuit and will continue to be as we see the health, the way of life, and the culture of Labrador Inuit is of a very-, in the greatest of importance. And we will-, we are continuing to monitor Methylmercury as you mentioned. And so, we are getting the support from other organizations on the question that you asked of Methylmercury. And we will continue in the years ahead to monitor the

health and well-being of Labrador Inuit. And so, we have staff that are doing their work to make sure that Methylmercury is monitored correctly, and most certainly, in the area of Upper Lake Melville. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Is there a second...?

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I hope that I'm not out of the order but as a Member of the previous Government and a previous Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, I believe that I can offer, as well, a part answer to the question if you...

MR. WINTERS:

I'll allow it.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Okay. The offer of \$10 million that was made to the Nunatsiavut Government and the Innu Nation, as well as the Metis organization, the NunatuKavut, was because with great and good and real scientific advice, the three Aboriginal groups had asked that there be wetlands capping to reduce the effects of Methylmercury at that time, okay? But in their hurry and because it would take time, the Government, as well as Hydro, they didn't want to do that because they wanted to finish before winter season set in. So they denied our request-, President Lampe as well as the other two leaders, had made that request. They did that without consultation with us and they went ahead with the flooding without capping the wetlands. And sometime later, because Minister Lampe and myself and others had made it known that it was not acceptable and there had been no consultation, no discussion, yet eventually, they came back that we, President considered it to be hush money-, "Here's \$10. There was no

wetlands capping. Here's their money to shut up. Take it and spend it." And that's not what we wanted, Member. We wanted capping of the wetlands, not a buy-off. We couldn't, as the President said earlier, we could not be bought. And we believed as well, that if we accepted this money, then we were saying that it was okay to flood without capping those wetlands. We know and we still believe with the scientific evidence that we presented, that eventually, as the Member himself said, eventually, we will see the effects of Methylmercury. And at that time, we will stand and make Hydro answer for the neglect that they showed, and we will remind them that money was not acceptable to us then. Money is not acceptable to us in the future. They have to provide, you know, fix this, to the problems they have caused. I hope that that helps answer the question. It was a stand based on our knowledge and well-researched, scientific knowledge, Mr. Speaker that we chose that path. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope it was a bit helpful.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen.

[Applause]

First, I will say that the next supplementary question that's available to the Ordinary Member should be directed to the President, however he is perfectly able to defer to one of the Ministers should he so choose. Ordinary Member Andersen, would you like to ask a final supplementary question?

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I think Hansard will show very clearly that never once did I imply it was hush money. I asked a straight-forward and honest question on behalf of the constituents. Now my final supplementary will be this, that the experts say that North West River and the Upper Lake Melville area will be affected by Methylmercury. But the experts also say that the community that will be most affected by Methylmercury from Muskrat Falls would be the community of Rigolet. So I ask the Government that we know it's coming, it's down the road and that we do everything in our power to protect the people in the Upper Lake Melville area, the beneficiaries and the people in Rigolet, that we protect them from Methylmercury and not once did I imply of hush-hush money.

MR. WINTERS:

Ordinary Member, I will remind you that you do need to actually ask a question of the Ministers.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Okay, yeah, and the-, I think I asked the question pretty well there when I asked them that we know it's coming and that the community is going to be affected and we'll let the Government during-, over the number of years work to take every step possible to protect the people in the Upper Lake Melville area and in the Rigolet area to ensure that when the time does come, we have procedures put in place to fight the Methylmercury on behalf of our beneficiaries.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti, Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Andersen. Yes, since the beginning, we as Nunatsiavut

Government have listened to the Labrador Inuit. And then we have traveled a lot previous to the project of Muskrat Falls and we were greeted by communities, especially Rigolet, and I did travel there to support the community of Rigolet. And what it is, is that we will do whatever it is that we can, to make sure, again, the health and well-being of Labrador Inuit and the communities of Rigolet are not impacted. And I know that we will not see the effects at this point in time, but we will make sure that we will be able to prove that Muskrat Falls is affecting the health and well-being of Labrador Inuit in communities that are adjacent to Upper Lake Melville and the Muskrat Falls Project. And so, we will continue to make sure that we are responsible for the health and well-being of Labrador Inuit. And certainly, I hope that the, you know, future leaders will continue to look at the health and well-being of Labrador Inuit and be accountable themselves, to whatever it is that they have to do. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. The next question will be coming from Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, when you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. If you're not the correct person you can direct it to another person, but I wanted to know if you could provide us with statistics on the number of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that are working in Voisey's Bay and what communities they're from.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Minister Evans, do you have a response to this, or would you like to defer to another Minister? Mr. Vincent, sorry. My apologies.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, ICC Chair Kemuksigak. Yes, we do have statistics from Voisey's Bay. Off the top of my head I don't have them right now, but I can provide them for you at your expense. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Vincent would you like to defer to one of the other Ministers or no?

MR. VINCENT: I'm not sure if they would have it or not but maybe Minister Evans?

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Yes, we have statistics and documentation, not only for Voisey's Bay but for all of our civil servants. So if I could take your question under notice, just to get the information that's available and present it to you within the timeframe that's required?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the two Ministers.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Are there any further questions around the Table? Seeing none, it's a good time to take a break. It is the top of the hour, so we will meet again at one o'clock. Please be back here at one o'clock. *Nakummek*, everyone.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Good afternoon. We are now back into the Assembly. We've completed Oral Questions. We've moved on to Item Eight, which is, "Written Questions." And there are no written questions today. We'll move on to Item Nine, "Return to Written Questions." And there are no returns to written questions today. Item 10 is, "Petitions." And there are no petitions today. Item 11 is, "Responses to Petitions." And there are no responses to petitions today. Item 12 is, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." And there are no standing in special committee reports today. Item 13 is the, "Tabling of Documents." So, I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut treasurer, the Honourable Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice, that on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from Rexanne Crawford and Isabella Pain of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 16(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

Minister Evans, I'm afraid that you're looking at the Notices of Motion and you should be on the previous section, Tabling Documents.

MR. EVANS:

Oh, I'm sorry. Sorry. Apologies. Bear with me. Okay, Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to Table the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, presentation 2021, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* presentation 2021, and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* presentation, 2021.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* presentation 2021, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, LILCST presentation 2021, and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, LILCIT presentation 2021 will be numbered as Tabled Documents 01-5(2), 02-5(2) and 03-5(2), respectively. Moving on to, "Notices of Motion," I would like to once again the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. And apologies for earlier. I give notice on Wednesday, November 16h, 2022, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from Rexanne Crawford and Isabella Pain of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 16(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Evans. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent under Standing Order 16(1) to proceed with this motion today. We will now vote. All in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister Evans, you have unanimous consent so the motion will be made today at the appropriate time. I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'm giving notice that on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, I will move, seconded by the Sivunivut Inuit Community Chair, Mr. Jeff Montague, that Special Standing Order 62 be amended by replacing the date, December 31, 2022, with December 31, 2023.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. There are no more notices of motion today, so we will move on to Item 15. Item 15 is, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." And there are no notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 16 is, "Motions." And I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. My motion is as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, and whereas the Assembly should consider the presentation of these trusts as Tabled in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, the Honourable Melva Williams, that the Assembly convene as the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, with Rexanne Crawford and Isabelle Pain as witness.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EVANS: No, Honourable Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Seeing no one, if no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. EVANS: (No audio.)

MR. WINTERS: Would you be able to repeat that, please?

MR. EVANS: Yes, Honourable Speaker, I wish to close debate.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? Seeing none, the motion is carried. We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I invite Rexanne Crawford and Isabella Pain to join us. We'll take just a two to five-minute break while we get set up here.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS: We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I invite Rexanne Crawford and Isabella Pain to begin.

MS. CRAWFORD: We're going to start with the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* presentation first. Thank you. So we're going to start with the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* presentation. Just to start, I know this is the first time any of you would've heard a presentation from any of the Trustees. Under the Trustees we-, there is no requirement for the Trustees to do come and do an annual presentation. The requirement is for the Financial Statements to be tabled with the Assembly Members. However, a number of years ago, the Trustees felt it would be a great information to present annual reports to the Assembly on the business of the Trust each year. And so this is-, we do it once a year, usually in September or November to present on the year before. By the time the Financial Statements are prepared, we have all the transactions, et cetera, then we come to the Table to present the report to you. So we'll begin with the

Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust. And just some background on the Trust. The *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, indenture was settled on March 1st, 2010. This Trust was created for the purpose of acquiring and holding the Capital Transfer Payments, as noted under Chapter 19 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, LILCA. And this trust qualifies as an *Inuit Settlement Trust* as defined in the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. So the Nunatsiavut Government and the Government of Canada have entered into a *Tax Treatment Agreement*, and there is a specific section under that Agreement that deals with our Settlement money from Chapter 19. And the clauses that are in the *Tax Treatment Agreement* are built into the Trust Deed. So the Capital Transfer Payments is the fund from which the Nunatsiavut Government received from the Government of Canada for settling the Land Claim. This transfer is a one-time settlement that was paid to the Nunatsiavut Government in 15 installments. Details of the payment are on Schedule 19-A of LILCA and all payments were received as of December 1st 2020. So I'll just pause here if there's any questions on the background or where the funds came from for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. So the objectives of the Trust are to maintain and administer and invest the LILCA Chapter 19 payments and to distribute for the benefit of beneficiaries. And there are a number of principals outlined on the slide. And there are remaining objectives outlined in the Trust Indenture. And the remaining ones deal with the administration of the investments and some of the administrative or background pieces related to the duties of the investments, the

managing of those funds, et cetera. The eligible beneficiaries, under the Trust Deed are the Nunatsiavut Government, the Inuit Community Government, another *Inuit Settlement Trust*, any Inuk or Inuit and any registered charity or non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* that directly, and indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. And this mirrors the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. For those who have been here in previous years, you will note there was a discrepancy between the Trust Deed and the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, which was rectified in 2020. The Trust Deed defines Distributable Cash Flow. So during the first 11 years of the Trust, there were no Distributable Cash Flow to be made to any eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government. And the definition is in the Trust Indenture with a very specific calculation. And restrictions to Distributable Cash Flows are also defined under the Trust Indenture. Year 12 was in 2021. And delays occurred in getting-, but we'll talk about in the next slide about the applications out due to having to respond and being able to meet with the Trustees because of the global pandemic. So there will be an application process for applying to the *Settlement Trust*. And key details of this process will be-, there will be one application deadline per year, and the application deadline is being proposed to be in between the two deadlines for the T-Trust. Their Statement of Principles and Purpose defined, which is consistent with the Trust Deed. And it will outline the Distributable Cash Flow calculations and restrictions. And those are things that we've been becoming familiar with ourselves and trying to understand what we can

and cannot distribute. And we're in the final stages of preparing the application package for distribution. And once those are finalized, they will be distributed to all the communities and distributed to all the elected officials.

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, I see a question from AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, when you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for my information, I suppose I don't know if anybody got the same question, is the Nunatsiavut Government still the-, what do you call it-, the only entity for this application?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Auka. As of 2021, the eligible beneficiaries are as outlined on the slide. So Nunatsiavut Government and Inuit Community Government, another *Inuit Settlement Trust*, any Inuk or Inuit or any registered charity or non-profit organization.

MR. WINTERS:

Would you like to follow up on that, Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

Yes, Mr. Chair, so I won't be asking any more questions, is it because as this application process is explained to me and to the Assembly, how can we apply-, what do we apply for? Is it...

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So we're hoping in the next couple of months to have the entire package completed and sent out to you and all others. And it'll explain-, so it has to be within the purpose and the objectives that we went to on the last slide, you know, in terms of the well-being of beneficiaries, advance and

develop a culture, education, et cetera-, very similar, I believe to what you already are used to under the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And so, the application will have a deadline for applying and submitting your proposals and application. And then the Trustees will assess the applications to determine if, you know, one, there's enough money to support the application, two, that it meets the criteria under the Trust Deed.

MR. WINTERS: AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER: So that will mean new monies that we can apply for the sake of-, in my case, for Nain?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, I see a question from Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is, did I understand correctly, that there will be a set amount to decide every year that people can apply on or how will that work?

MS. CRAWFORD: So the Trust Deed defines what Distributable Cash Flow are, and so that will define how much money is available to distribute. And we have to live within that calculation and within the restrictions that are defined in the Trust Deed.

MR. WINTERS: Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question? Okay. You may continue, Ms. Crawford. Oh, my apologies, AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Could you explain a little more of what that means, like how much can Nain apply versus NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation versus Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: So when I talk about Distributable Cash Flow, it isn't an allocation by a community or by an entity. Distributable cash flow has a definition that covers five clauses of the Trust Deed and takes up almost one page. I can read it out and go through it. I'm not sure that I could-, I'd probably have to draw it out and have to explain it, but it looks at things like how much income did you earn the year before, and the Trust earn the year before in terms of interest, income, royalties, dividends, capital. Then you have to take off any liabilities. You have to deduct any, you know, expected expenses for your year, such as what do you pay out for investment fees, et cetera. And so, once that calculation is completed, then we know how much is available to distribute out.

MS. PAIN: Can I just add to that? So you'll be familiar a little bit with the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, Joe, as we presented a number of times to the Assembly with a similar application process. And similarly, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, while it receives payments and has investment income, the Trust Deed tells you, you can't distribute everything. You have to set aside certain amounts for various purposes, including a Heritage Fund which means a forever fund, and so there's a limited amount of money that you will have. And so that is what the Distributable Cash Flow is. And then once we know the Distributable Cash Flow, the eligible beneficiaries as Rexanne just outlined,

will be able to apply once a year with a proposal for some of those funds. And they'll be reviewed, probably in June, I think we were talking about or was it-, no, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is September. So it's off set for the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. So like people could actually apply to the program three times a year between *Tasiujatsoak* or *Settlement Trust*. And then those applications will be reviewed and ranked against the objectives at set out in the Trust Deed.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the process is very similar to the T-Trust. It's just-, it's not a simple answer to say we're gonna have a million dollars to distribute every year. We actually don't know till the year is finished, how much money we'll have available the next year to distribute under the calculation.

MR. WINTERS:

AngajukKâk Dicker, would you like to ask-, no? And I saw the hand of Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain. Go ahead.

MS. BARBOUR:

Can you send me a copy of that document, the one that you were showing?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the Trust Deed is a public document and should be here at the Nunatsiavut Assembly but yes, we can share them as well.

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, normally, all of the Trust Deeds are a part of the binders that all of the Assembly Members would have. So if they're not there, we'll make sure we forward the most up-to-date versions because they have been amended in the last couple of years.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Do you have a follow-up question to that, Ordinary Member, or is that good?

MS. BARBOUR:

No, I would just like a copy of the document. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. You may continue.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So there are five Trustees on the *Settlement Trust*. And the qualifications of Trustees are to carry out the powers and authorities found in the Trust Indenture. And the Trustee should have the following characteristics: The ability and desire to learn advanced investment theory, skills to develop, revise and implement an investment policy, ability to review, assess the performance of investment managers, and ability to make difficult funding decisions-, which often means, which means you may have to say no to some applications. And Trustees undergo continuing education to stay abreast of investment theories, policies and practices. So as Trustees, we undergo a number of educational sessions throughout our meetings to keep abreast of current theories, to make sure we understand and know all the metrics to analyze our investments. The current Trustees of the *Settlement Trust* are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, myself by virtue of my position as Deputy Minister, Daniel Bennett and Sarah Leo. And the composition of the Trustees is outlined in the Trust Indenture. And there are parameters in the Trust Deed that outline the number, you know, the minimum number of Trustees that have to live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, about gender, Inuit, those who work for the Government and don't work for the Government, et cetera. And so the compliment of Trustees that you see meet all the parameters that are outlined in the Trust Deed. So we're going to get into the section on Investments. So we have an asset-mixed policy for our investments. And it was amended in 2020, and it is comprised of equities-, Canadian equities, global equities-, and the

global equities are also broken down into low-volatility as well as large global equities, emerging markets. We have funds in fixed income which are bonds. We have funds invested in fund managers who deal with Canadian or global-, oh, we're not invested at this time in global real estate. I'll explain that in a moment. We have fund managers for infrastructure equity, infrastructure debt, private debt and farmland and timberland. We have an allocation to global real estate, however because of restrictions under the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, the Fund Manager that we feel would be best for the Trust is not a qualified investment under the *Income Tax Act*. And we're currently in discussions with the Department of Finance on revisions to the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, that would allow us to invest in a very strong-, and they agree it would be a great type of Fund Manager, and a great structure of the Fund Manager, but the way they have our *Tax Treatment Agreement* written is that you can only invest in eligible RRSP funds. And this one is eligible for pension funds but not eligible for RRSPs. And so that's our Asset Mixed Policy. And we monitor our investments against the Asset Mixed Policy on a quarterly basis. We've included a graph...

MR. WINTERS:

Excuse me. Ordinary Member Barbour has a question. Go ahead when you're ready.

MS. BARBOUR:

In the Asset Mixed Policy page, you have the percentages and these company names are the ones that they're invested with? Okay. *Naku*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. You may continue Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yes, and just to make sure it's on the Hansard because we nodded. Yes, they are the names of the Fund Managers. So the next slide is a graph that was prepared by one of our Fund Managers. We wanted to see-, this will tell a story. If we go back to 1995, and if our funds were only invested in T-bills which are like your GIC's, the Government of Canada, which are very low interest bearing.

MS. PAIN:

Can I just make a note. Your slides are all in black and white, I think, so it's hard to see what the lines are so if Rexanne could identify...

MS. CRAWFORD:

I will.

MS. PAIN:

Maybe highlight it so people could see what the (inaudible).

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yeah, so I'll go up in the order of the lines. If we had taken our investments and only kept them in T-bills or GICs and took that first one-dollar bill that we had, we would've only made for Labrador Inuit, two dollars for 1995 to September 2022. Going up to the next line, which has the little cut symbol, if we had invested in Universe Bonds which have a little bit higher interest rate, a little bit more risk, you would've earned just over \$4.50. Traditionally, funds were developed to be 60 percent equities and 40 percent fixed income or bonds. And so, the next line-, and that's how, actually, these Trusts started. Back in the day, it was 60 percent equities, 40 percent bonds. And the investments would've earned just over \$6.00. So that one dollar would've grown to \$6.00. And then by investing in equities, a mixture of equities, which again, can be very-, can be more volatile in the markets, a little bit more risk, but gives you more return, you

would've earned just over \$7.00. And the reason we put this graph here is to explain why we're in-, have such a diverse Asset Mixed Policy. We look at things like Capital Preservation of the money, so the original dollar that we get, we wanna make sure we preserve that original dollar. We want to earn income on it because we know that, that original dollar is not gonna be worth a dollar in the future. So we need to earn more. We need to beat inflation. And so, the Asset Mixed Policy has been developed and grown over the years to make sure we meet those couple of factors. We wanna be diverse. We wanna earn income. We want to preserve capital. I think there's about six other factors.

MS. PAIN:

Protect in down markets and to also benefit from upcapture-, when markets are going up we wanna capture the return but we also wanna protect in down markets as well.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Mm-hmm.

MR. WINTERS:

Ordinary Member Barbour.

MS. BARBOUR:

Currently in Canadian economy, the Federal Government is predicting a recession. So we're talking about protecting the down markets, I wonder how we do that?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yeah, it's by doing that we've done in the Asset Mixed Policy. So when you invest in real estate and you invest in infrastructure debt or private debt, you're not tied to the market. You're tied to market. You're tied to-, at a fixed income stream you're tied to other factors than just your market. If

you invest in-, only in stocks or only in bonds, you're tied to the market. And so, in 2008, the markets took a huge dive. And it was commonly discussed that NG lost 25 million, which we didn't. You only lose money when you take it out. And actually, that one dollar that was invested, was still there. So-, but what you learn from that in 2008, is that you shouldn't just have all your money tied to the markets. You need to diversify your portfolio. And so, if you look, going back to the Asset Mixed Policy, we're in Canadian and Global equities and we're in different types of equities. We're in small cap, low volatility, large cap. We're in fixed income because bonds-, there's still value in some bonds. We're in Canadian and Global real estate. We're in infrastructure equity. We're also in infrastructure debt. We're-, and infrastructure is usually a closed fund where you invest in infrastructure and your pay-outs happen over like a 30-year period. So it's a long-term view. But those are the reasons why the Asset Mixed Policy is so diversified. We feel it very important, as Trustees to be able to preserve the original money we were given in Trust. And also, it is our job and our role to make sure we grow that money, and that, that dollar is still there as a dollar in years and years to come, 'cause-, and particularly with the *Settlement Trust*, this is the only money we're getting from the Government of Canada for settling the Land Claim. And so, it's prudent on us to make sure the money is still there for everyone's great-great-great-great-great grandchildren, while still, you know, having an ability to distribute some of the cash flow.

MR. WINTERS:

I see a question from Patricia Kemuksigak, Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I noticed in 2001 that the market, or 2022, it took a little bit of a nosedive. Is that like because of inflation or?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: I guess-, I really wasn't prepared for that type of question because we have taken a lot of sessions and listened to a lot experts on the global economy. So there are a lot of factors affecting the markets in these days. So this was used as an example for a specific person in this graph. It was really to show the value of investing your money outside of just a traditional bond. And also, how much you can grow the money, but also there's some volatility as you take a little bit more risk. If there is interest in learning more about the Global Economy and the impacts of the market today, I think that would be preferable to take to a different discussion. 1) I don't have all the information here to be able to present it adequately. And 2) it also should be presented in terms of what the money is there. This graph was not for that purpose. It was really just to show that educational tool.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Ms. Kemuksigak? You may continue, Ms. Crawford. Oh, sorry, Mr. Vincent, go ahead.

MR. VINCENT: In terms of your investments, are they there for a set time or can you haul out at any time that you wish?

MS. CRAWFORD: It depends on the type of investment. So if you're invested in an open-ended fund, you can put money in and out at different times. If it's a closed-ended fund, once you invest the money in, you have to wait for that time period to go by before you can withdraw the money. A lot of our

money is in open-ended funds, so we have the ability to move money in and out. Typically, you'll see infrastructure debt, infrastructure equity and private debt are closed-ended funds.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Vincent. You may continue, Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Another important role as Trustees is to monitor each of the Fund Managers. And so, there are a number of different tools that we use to monitor fund managers. As Trustees, we meet three times a year to review quarterly reports. We have an investment advisor who helps us prepare investment reports on a quarterly basis looking at all our fund managers. We meet annually with each fund manager face-to-face and they do a detailed presentation of the fund over the past year. It reviews their performance. It reviews their style. We look at the organization. We analyze the metrics such as-, I think I've got it on a further-down page. It might not even be in this one. Performance Analysis such as beta R-squared, tracking error of volatility up and down, market capture, the sharp ration. There's a beta characteristic. We look at dividend yield, price to earnings ratio. We analyze their performance over a quarter, over year to date, over a year, two years, three years, four years, five years. We compare them to other similar fund managers in their category and we compare them against a benchmark which could be an in-debt such as, you know you hear about the TSX, et cetera. So those are the different things that we look at when analyzing each of the fund managers and keeping them on track. And sometimes, unfortunately, a fund manager may fall off their style or may not be doing as well as we hired them to do. And

when those things happen, we put them in a closer monitoring. So we do have a monitoring policy that will say if, if these events happen, we monitor closely and we'll get reports from them every month. And then we'll analyze those reports every month, and then we have different decision factors that we have to make. And there are times that we will terminate a fund manager because they're not meeting what we hired them to do. And if they're not meeting what we hired them to do, why would we continue to pay them money to give us a product back? And so, we've done that in the past. We haven't in this past year, not in the 2021 year. The last, I think, decision was in 2020 we let go our Canadian Equity Manager and hired two other Canadian Equity Managers. And so that's, that's one of the roles that we do as Trustees is monitor the investments.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Dicker, you have a question?

MR. DICKER:

So when you fire a whatever, you re-invest back in that same category?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yes. So we have to fulfill the Asset Mixed Policy so if we had one Canadian Equity Manager and they weren't performing and we fired them, for lack of a better word, we would have to put the money back in the Canadian Equity, 'cause we always have to meet our Asset Mixed Policy. So we can't get rid of the Canadian Equity Manager and not have a Canadian Equity Manager, unless we amend our policy. And so, we always have to-, it always goes back to the Asset Mixed Policy which is an important component of our investment.

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER: So that manager that you hire has to prove to you that it's a good investment, right?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes, so when we were undertaking a search for a new Fund Manager, and right now a lot of people are new too, we undertake a process where you'll kind of-, I think we started-, we had 24 different Fund Managers. So we analyze them in different categories on paper, and we'll bring that list down to maybe six to eight, of which we'll get very detailed analysis on each of them. And then we'll go to an interview and we'll invited the Fund Managers in to come and present to us about why should we hire you? What is it that you do that's better than your competitor? What's your investment style? What's been the returns on your product or your funds in the past? And so, we'll look at those different pieces. And in the past, we have even gone to their offices, because there's value-, you know, everyone's a salesperson when they come to a room but you sometimes see different things when you go to their office and how things work. Like we've seen how they do trades in one office space and how that's, you know, like you see it in a movie where they are sitting down, and the phone's ringing and their three computers are going. That's reality for them. And the trades-, the people who work in trades are-, there's people there 24/7 just doing trades. And so those are the different things we take when we look at who is the best fit? What type of style? We look at complimentary styles. Like we've already got a very defensive manager.

Maybe we need a growth manager. If we've got someone who's got core values or a value manager. And we don't have that in our portfolio. Well, maybe it's good to have that kind of compliment so that we have all different styles to make sure that we meet those capital preservation, income growth. We have a diverse portfolio. We can protect in down markets. We can capture in up-markets. So those are all the things we have to look at when we're looking at investment managers.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. One last question. These people that do the investing, they're into other companies' right? Like that's how they make their money? And how do we pay them? I mean, what percentage?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So when we're investing in a different Fund Manager, there are fees for them to do their job 'cause there is work. And the fees are typically-, they're different by company and they're negotiated as part of the package. So I wish I had a simple answer to say we pay them all .1 percent. Sometimes it's looked at basis points. And also, there are incremental fees. So the more money you invest with them-, so if your fund's increasing, then your investment fees go down. You know, it's-, those are things that are considerations. So I will say we do look very closely at the fees. And then when we're interviewing Fund Managers for selecting, it is one of the key things that-, I'm an accountant by background, but I do look very closely at them.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford, you may continue.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So we added a new slide this year that we haven't put in past presentations. So this comes from one of our Monitoring reports. And what this shows you is that over the last year, the *Settlement Trust* earned 15.93 percent. But we had a benchmark so we had expected that our funds should make 14.22 percent and we did. We beat the benchmark. And when you look at funds-, so let's say you have-, and I'm going to use an example, and please don't hold me to the numbers. But if you have a hundred Trusts similar to us, on average, those Trusts would earn 13.83 percent. We earned 15.93 percent in our *Settlement Trust*. And we have a ranking of being in the first quartile of all trusts or funds that are similar to ours in the last year. And so, what you'll see over the last five years-, so if you look back five years (inaudible), our Trust has earned 9.79 percent. We've beaten our benchmark. We're higher than the medium and we're in the first quartile of similar trusts or funds of a similar nature. So we're very proud of the fact that the work that we've done in terms of diversifying our Asset Mixed Policy, making sure we have the right Fund Managers and that they're doing their job. We've done very well in terms of looking at the Trust and making sure that the money is going for Labrador Inuit. And the last slide captures the Financial Update. So at the beginning of 2021, and if you allow me, I'm just going to round the numbers. The value at the beginning was 236 million. We had contributions or transfers of 96.4 million. Those contributions are when we collapse funds. They will show up on our report as a contribution back

to the Trust. We had investment income of 3.5 million. We had a gain on our Trust of \$32 million and a Realized Gain is when you-, so as I noted, we had let go a Fund Manager. That will result in a contribution to the fund and a gain. So we earned money when we left that Fund Manager. So remember, a realized gain would be if you put a dollar in and you took out your-, 1.50, you had a realized gain of 50 cents. If you left it in there, you have an unrealized gain of 50 cents. So we had total receipts of 132 million. Disbursements are 77.7 million. And these disbursements are monies that were reinvested back in. We had collapsed a fund, re-invested it, and so the disbursement is that money that we put back in and bought another fund. And we have realized gain of 4.1 million. So the total value at the end is 294.4 million. The fund has increased by 58 million in market value over 2021, and approximately 53 million over its (inaudible) value. And let me double check that number.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Barbour, you have a question?

MS BARBOUR:

So the value at the end, when the applications begin to roll out, is this the amount that's going to be available for people to apply for, or is this just the amount that, like the overall amount?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So that is the overall amount in the Trust. That is not your Distributable Cash Flow. So your Distributable Cash Flow will be based on income. And if you just allow me a moment, (inaudible) our capital reserve. So one of the things under the *Settlement Trust*, is that there is a capital reserve. So

of the \$236 million, 100 percent of all the contributions that the Nunatsiavut Government put in from Chapter 19 is reserved. That's not available for distribution ever. On top of that, an additional amount of the income that is earned on that fund, which has to be no less than inflation, is also put into the reserve. So you have to recall that this is *Settlement Trust*. This was the money that we got from Canada for settling the Land Claim and it's the only money we're going to receive for settling the Land Claim. And so, when the Trust Deed was set up, that initial fund, you know, all the money that came from Canada is set aside in a Capital Reserve. And then an amount of the income, not less than inflation, is also set aside in the Capital Reserve. And that money cannot be touched. So your Distributable Cash Flow calculation is then the amounts of your income, such as your royalties, et cetera, that are not in the reserve, less-, there's a bunch of other clauses there.

MS. PAIN:

So that would have to be an annual calculation that's made, looking at what your investment results were in the previous year, to determine what that Distributable Cash Flow would be.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Barbour?

MS. BARBOUR:

So in terms of this part of the slide, talking about the Distributable Cash Flow, would that be the realized gains? No? Okay.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Unfortunately, Minister Barbour, we can't give you that calculation here at the Table. Like it's not as simple to say, "Okay, we're gonna pull one of

these numbers up," because the other thing that's not on that table are expenses for the Trust from that last year, or you have to save an allocation for your expenses that you may have in the current year. So you have to look at your liabilities. You have to look at your actual expenditures. You have to look at what expenditures you have in the next year. And all that has to be factored into giving a Distributable Cash Flow.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Barbour?

MS. BARBOUR:

Naku.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Rexanne and Isabella. Just a question, I guess, it might sound like a crazy question, but seeing this is the first time that it's going to become accessible, it's new money that we can apply for, is this the forecasted time, date, year that this was available, like back when? Was it 2022 this is going to become available or can you elaborate on that any? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So our initial plans were to have the packages out in late 2021. And then things were significantly delayed due to some of the, you know, the impacts of the global pandemic. Unfortunately, there were things and duties that we needed to move on. And responding to the pandemic in Nunatsiavut took priority over this, unfortunately. But our packages are very close to being completed, and we're hoping to have them out and distributed in the next couple of months with the deadline for next year.

And when we planned, as the Trustees planned the-, looking at the Settlement Trust Disbursements, we did look at it as an opportunity for those eligible beneficiaries to have three times a year now that you'll be able to apply. So you have two times a year you're applying to the *T-Trust*, and in between that, you're going to have the ability to apply to the *Settlement Trust*. So if you applied for something at the *T-Trust*, and it either was denied or you weren't ready in time for that application date, you have another opportunity. And then there's another opportunity after that. So we will-, there will now be three times a year that applications can be sent in-, two to the *T-Trust*, and one to the *Settlement Trust*.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair and thanks for the information. I think in my Members Statement this morning I talked about, you know, we're facing some difficult times. But at the same time before the day ends, we hear that, hey, there's gonna be some more accessible dollars in the future. So that's a plus for us and now I would like to thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Illali and Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any further questions of this Trust? Yes, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and thank you, Rexanne and Isabella for the information. And like Glenn said, it's good to see that our investments through the last number of years has, for lack of a better term, been very good. And I'd like to thank you guys to the Trust for keeping the investments on track and helping us out, helping the Government make

money and I know that there's a of concerns within the communities. When they see figures like 236 million and 294 million, but we all realize that that's not all-, in some of the pots of money that's being passed around-, a lot of people just don't realize that that's not all accessible to be spent yesterday or tomorrow. It has to be managed in a responsible and forward looking way, for lack of a better term, I guess, into the future. So I'd like to thank you guys or thank the Trust for looking after the funds in the best way possible.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Thank you. We'll be sure your message gets back to the other Trustees.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Chair. Looking at this, it's impressive. One, there's increase 58 million in market value in 2021 in one year, that's pretty significant dollars from what we're used to seeing. You had mentioned that you're soon going to be in a place where you can let the package for the application and the information around how to apply out. Are you planning to do some kind of public information piece around that? Because I think that people see, like there may be people listening on there now and also they're-, those of us around the Table maybe see these funds-, I'm sure you'll come to the calculation of what money will be accessible when you get there. But how are we going to let people know how they can apply or what could be eligible applications and what amounts could be allocated each year or the current year, I guess you're doing the applications on?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: I will say, I don't have a complete marketing package outlined, or we don't as Trustees. The process is very similar to what was followed in the T-Trust. So I think the information is more about being communicated that there is an additional fund to apply to, an additional Trust. But we'll take that back to have further discussions on how we best communicate that out and, you know, we'll turn to-, hopefully Bert may have some ideas as well to be able to help us get the information out to the communities. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Are there any further questions? Yes, Ms. Barbour.

MS. BARBOUR: It's not a question, more so a comment. Being in the quartile rankings of one and two-, going back to that and just following up with AngajukKâk Barry, like, I just wanted to commend you guys for your hard work, you know, especially keeping the percentages fairly high, you know, good job and way to go. And it's great to see that you do so well taking care of our *Settlement Trust.*

[Applause]

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: I was going to say the same thing. You said it for me. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there any further questions regarding this specific Trust? Seeing none-, oh, Mr. President. When you're ready, Mr. Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek,* Mr. Chair. Just a comment that even though we're looking at millions of dollars here, we cannot ignore the fact that, you know, the responsibilities of the Federal Government and the Province, you know, that we as Nunatsiavut Government cannot interfere with. And so, we-,

even though we have money, we still have to make sure that we hold the Federal Government and the Province accountable on some issues that we face. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Lampe. Are there any further questions or considerations for this specific Trust? I understand that Ms. Crawford might need to catch a plane? Okay. We'll move on to the next Trust then. When you're ready, Ms. Crawford and Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

Thank you. I'm gonna do the next two and I don't recall what Ms. Barbour said in terms of her schedule, but I'd like to go through the *Implementation Trust* first if possible, only because it's very similar in a lot of ways to the *Settlement Trust*. And some of the slides are duplicates so we won't have to go through them in detail. So if you have it in front of you, the *Implementation Trust*, so the background of the *Implementation Trust*-, the Trust Indenture was settled on May 7th, 2007. And the objectives of this particular Trust are to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* Chapter 23 payments. And the Chapter 23 payments were about implementation of our Land Claim Agreement. The objective is to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of all capital transfers received from Nunatsiavut Government and at least 15 percent of the income from the fund. And as a note, all payments have been received from the Government of Canada. So this Trust, similar to the Settlement Trust, will not be receiving any additional funds from the Government of Canada. They've all been received at this date. There's only one eligible beneficiary of the *Implementation Trust*, and that is the Nunatsiavut Government. And

if you think about it, that makes sense because it is an *Implementation Trust* and Nunatsiavut Government has responsibilities for implementing what's actually in the Land Claim Agreement in relation to the NG obligations going forward. There are three current Trustees and that's the full complement of Trustees-, myself, Michael Flatters and Patty Dicker. You can skip the Qualifications of Trustees because again, similar to the *Settlement Trust*. So unless there's questions, we can go over that page and we can go to the Asset Mixed Policy. The Asset Mixed Policy here that you're looking at is the same as for the *Settlement Trust*, except you will recall that Rexanne mentioned that under Global Real Estate, the *Settlement Trust* has not been able to invest in a particular manager yet, based on some discussions they're having with Revenue Canada, in terms of the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. The Implementation Trust didn't have the similar restriction. And so, we are invested at five percent in Global Real Estate with a firm called UBS. Other than that, it is the same investment structure. The comments on the Asset Mixed Policy and the back testing are the same. I'm not gonna go through that in detail. Similar, again, for the monitoring policy, we have the same policy. We all have our own policies that each Trust adopts and amends, but they're the same policy essentially. So we can skip over that slide right down to the Annualized Performance, here. And similar to the Settlement Trust, you'll see how we did in one year. We had-, the total Fund had a 16.6 percent return which was over the benchmark of 14.2 percent. And we were in the first quartile there. And we had similar rating for a five-year Annualized

Performance at 9.86 of a total fund performance versus a benchmark of 9.56, and again, in the first quartile. So we'll go to the last page which is the financial update for 2021. The value at the beginning here was \$333 million. We had contributions and transfers of about 87 million, investment income of about six million. A realized gain of 43 million for total receipts of 272 million. Disbursements at 104 and remembering what Rexanne spoke about, that the disbursements are going back into investment, so when you collapse investments and you reinvest, that's what those disbursements are. We had an unrealized gain of \$14 million, for a value at the end of 2021 of \$351 million. So we had an increase in market value of about 18 million, and we had an increase over book value at about 98 million. Now, there is now, there is one thing I wanted to flag here when we talk about the increase in book value over 98 million. And I wanted Rexanne to be here for this part of the conversation because NG did-, Nunatsiavut Government on its own had some investments. We had some funds that were waiting to be spent on various large projects. And rather than keep them in a bank account, which you get very, very little interest on, NG had them invested. And in 2021 those funds were actually collapsed and sent over to the *Implementation Trust*, and so we managed those funds along with the Implementation dollars from Chapter 23. And I can't speak to the amounts, but we are managing them until NG needs the cash. They'll then be collapsed and distributed back to NG with a rate of interest better than you would have received in a bank account. And I

wanna have-, give Rexanne the opportunity to speak to that as Comptroller.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So in-, for those who've been here a while, in our Audited Financial Statements, we've always had a line of investments. And those investments up until last year, were in a company called Optimum Asset Management. And under our *Financial Administration Act*, we could only invest in bonds. Now, if anyone watches the markets or listens to financial news, the Bond Market is probably your least favourite thing to be involved in. And returns are going down year over year. So these-, the *Implementation Trust* and the Nunatsiavut Government had discussions and I don't wanna say negotiations, but talked about-, we do have the authority and the ability to move our funds into the *Implementation Trust*. You saw the returns. Isabella just went over the returns that can be earned on the *Implementation Trust* versus what we could have earned in bonds. So the decision was made to move those funds over into the *Implementation Trust*, so we could earn higher returns and have more income that the Government could use for its operations, its programs, its services, and to do more for Labrador Inuit. You know, our Civil Service has grown by 25 percent over the last year, another 20 or 25 percent the year before. So we're growing. We're growing fast and we are doing lots more. And we have expectations to do more. So the prudent thing to do was to move it somewhere where we could earn something like 16 percent versus one or .5. And so those funds-, I don't have the statement in front of me, but I think it's about \$135 million have been moved over. The

excess cash or that amount of cash is money that we've received in years that it wasn't allocated, or that it's allocated for capital projects that are happening-, which doesn't happen in one year. So we've invested that money, rather than leave it in the bank account. And we've put it in the investments. And as we need the money, we'll pull it out and make payments on our bills or transfer the money over to where it needs to be spent.

MS. PAIN:

And one last addition, about the *Implementation Trust*. So when Rexanne presents the budget, there's usually a line that comes-, that says, "From the *Implementation Trust*." So we do-, already do a formula where the *Implementation Trust* contributes to NG for its annual budget for allocation.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yeah, it's 50 percent of the investment income earned on the Implementation is budgeted every single year under Own Source Revenues.

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, Mr. Vincent.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Can you maybe elaborate on the, on like the increase over book value? I'm not understanding that.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So your book value is that first dollar you put in. So that's your book value. And then over time, hopefully, it grows, which it has in this case. And so, at the end of each year or each quarter, what that dollar is worth is called its market value. So today I put a dollar in the bank. At the end of this year

I have \$1.50. That \$1.50 is your market value. And that original dollar is called your book value.

MR. WINTERS: Would you like to follow up on that Mr. Vincent, or is that good?

MR. VINCENT: That's good.

MR. WINTERS: Okay. Are there any further questions regarding this specific Trust? Yes, Mr. Andersen?

MR.W. ANDERSEN: So the increase in market value of 18 million in 2021, that shows in like value at the beginning, value at the end, but where does it reflect like that 80 million? It doesn't show in here? Sorry.

MS. CRAWFORD: *Nakku.* On your-, when we bring the Audited Financial Statements, you'll see a category there where it'll be broken down by Book Value under each category and it'll show your market value. This information when we took this report comes from our Financial Advisor's Report. And he doesn't include the Book Value. So we didn't have the Audited Financial Statements ready to bring with this report. So the easiest thing-, not the easiest, but it was clear to take out from Pierre Caron's Report, the market side. And we went to the last year's Financial Statement 'cause we haven't added any more money to the Implementation Trust from the Chapter 23 dollars. So...

MR. WINTERS: Does that suffice, Mr. Andersen, or? Okay. You're nodding yes. Are there any other questions to this specific Trust before we move onto the last one? Yes, Ms. Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I was trying to write things down while Rexanne was talking and she talked a little fast. So did you say that 50 percent of, I guess the, what's made from the Trust can-, will go to Nunatsiavut Government?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Under the Trust Deed, there is a clause that states, 50 percent of the income earned in the year before-, so in 2021, would have to be included in your next year's Budget. And that's a clause under the Trust Deed. And that's for tax purposes under the Implementation Trust. So if you look at the *Budget Act*, which is available under Atukatigevik under Public Laws, the *Budget Act* there under the Schedule B, the Own Source Revenues, will have a Line Item called *Implementation Trust*. And that's the 50 percent of the income earned the year before because we can only spend money as a Government, that's been budgeted under a *Budget Act*. So that's why if it's not under the *Budget Act*, we can't spend it. So we-, and also under the terms of the Trust Deed it states that.

MR. WINTERS: Seeing a lot of nodding heads. And I'm not seeing any hands up. Oh, Ms. Barbour, when you're ready.

MS. BARBOUR: For my own information purposes, I guess, and is this what we refer to as our core funding? Like, no?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: No, our core funding comes from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* with the Government of Canada.

MR. WINTERS: Do you have a supplementary question, Ms. Barbour?

MS. BARBOUR: No.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Any further questions to this Trust? Yes, Mr. Andersen, Barry Andersen?

MR.B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I guess, how many times a year do we-, or do the Trust meet to discuss this Implementation Trust? And do we have other staff working-, I think we do, with you guys, other than the Trust Members themselves?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: So we meet at least three times a year as Trustees to look at Manager's Performance, to review performance of overall of the fund-, those sorts of things. We do not have additional staff, other than Rexanne as Comptroller, and Sharon Pevie does some of the work as well. And we also have the assistance of Pierre Caron, who is-, we call him our coach. He's really an investment expert. He's also a professor, was a professor. So he's always educating us and providing us assessments and evaluations of markets, looking at funds, looking at money managers, looking at how we should be diversified, looking at capital preservation-, those things Rexanne provided. So he provides us that analysis. And then it's the Trustees who make the decisions. And then we have Rexanne who does a lot of the work. And we have one assistant who's Edith Williams who does the minutes for the Trust.

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Andersen, do you have a follow-up?

MR. B. ANDERSEN: No, thank you, very much.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. All this money-, you talk about money, now, how do you get-, are you paid on the salary, the Trustees? Where does that money come from?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain...

MS. PAIN: I'll let Rexanne speak to that because she...

MR. WINTERS: ...or Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Anyone who sits on a Trust that is an employee of the Government is not paid from the Trust. We are-, we have-, like, for example, I am a Trustee by virtue of my position. And so when I travel or meet a Trustee, it is by virtue of the fact I'm in the Comptroller position. The Trust Deeds, all three of them, also say that a certain number of the Trustees have to be employees of the Government, although I'm not sure about the *T-Trust*. Sorry. The two Trusts that we've just presented on, there are a certain number of Trustees that have to be NG employees and they are also on salary. They don't get paid as Trustees. In terms of the other Trustees, the Nunatsiavut Assembly passed a resolution to pay Trustees \$500 a day, each day that they sit as a Trustee. And so that's the payment that the Nunatsiavut Assembly has agreed to in a resolution a number of years ago. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Any follow ups, Mr. Dicker? You're shaking your head, no. Are there any further questions? Yes, Ms. Barbour?

MS. BARBOUR: Again, I just wanted to say and commend you guys for taking such good care of our money. The percentages are really similar, as the Settlement Trust and the quartile ranking. So again, I just wanted to say like, way to go, and be proud of yourselves for doing such a good job.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there further questions? Seeing none, I guess on to the last presentation *Tasiujatsoak*?

MS. PAIN: Thank you. So the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* was created in 2002 as a result of the signing of the *Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefit Agreement*. The objectives of this particular trust are to receive and invest payments under the 2002 IBA, and to disperse funds to enable NG to meet its obligations under the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*, to assist seven community volunteer centres to meet community needs, to reduce negative impacts of Voisey's Bay project, to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives. The eligible beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* are the Nunatsiavut Government, charitable organizations who have a specific criteria-, and those are set out in the Trust Deed. And it could also be a community or class of Inuit. This Trust has five Trustees and currently, the Trustees are Michael Flatters, Sharon Pevie, myself, Tiffany Flowers and Daryl Shiwak.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, Mr. Dicker has a question.

MR. DICKER: Go back on page-, for, "Community or class of Inuit," can you explain that a little?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

Yes, so under our Trust Deed, we can make-, we can look at applications from a community or class of Inuit. So if the ICG's generally apply-, have generally applied for funds so we can actually fund an application that's brought forward by one of the ICG's or some other group like that. So it is very clear in who can and cannot, yeah, receive any of those funds. And generally, the Trustees look at applications that will fund as broad a base as possible. So programs or services that will benefit as many beneficiaries as possible.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Dicker, is that sufficient to your question?

MR. DICKER:

Yes.

MR. WINTERS:

You may continue.

MS. PAIN:

Comment on the Trustees, the Trustees who are here, again, similar to the other Trusts, there has to be a makeup of Trustees who reside inside the Settlement Area who are external to NG. So we call them Arms-Length Trustees. There has to be two, which currently there-, Mike Flatters and Sharon Pevie. We also have to have a breakdown between men and women, or we have to have both genders represented. And so, the Trustee makeup right now is in line with the requirements under the Trust Deed. The qualifications of the Trustees, I wanna-, it's similar to the ones Rexanne mentioned earlier and we talked about for Implementation. But I do wanna say one additional point. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* has been making allocation decisions and disbursement decisions since almost Day One. So they have had to make those difficult funding decisions, which

include saying, "No." And as a Trustee who's sitting there sometimes with a limited amount of funding because the amount you have for disbursements is set out in the Trust Deed. You have to do-, you do have to make difficult decisions because you sometimes get mini applications which are very, very good. And you have to make a hard choice about what you can cover and what you can't. So, you know, while the other Trustees will soon have to learn how hard that night be, it's something that the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* has been doing, that. Sometimes making those choices is very, very hard. The Asset Mixed Policy is the same as we just went through for the Implementation Trust, so I'm not gonna go back through it, but just to say it is very similar. I'm not gonna go through the back-testing, the monitoring of Fund Managers. I'm going to skip to the Financial Update. And I didn't put in that similar slide. If you wanna just see if you can find it in there?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yeah.

MS. PAIN:

So basically, in terms of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the value at the beginning was \$346 million. Contributions were \$135 million. Investment income was \$5.6 million. Realized gains were \$53 million for total receipts of \$194 million. Disbursements were of \$126 million. Unrealized gains were \$1.4. And the value at the end was \$415 million. So there was an increase in the value of \$28 million net of distributions. I didn't put in the same table about performance. I don't know how I skipped that one over. But I will just summarize for you that in terms of our Annualized Performance at December 31, 2021, in one year, the total fund was at 17.33 percent and

our benchmark was at 14.2 percent. Again, we were Q 1 ranking. And then an Annualized Performance over five years, the total fund was at 10.4 percent. The benchmark was at 9.5 percent and we were in the first quartile ranking with the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* as well. There's a couple of additional slides in this because, as I mentioned, we do distributions. So the Trust Deed itself sets out the priorities. And the first priority for the Trustees to look at is to cover the IBA Implementation Budget. So recalling that this fund, this Trust, is established out of the IBA, the first obligation is to ensure that the commitments that NG has under the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*, are being met. So the NG department, L and R, IBA staff put together a budget which is the first call on any of the available cash flow that has to go back to NG. The second priority is that 30 percent of all capital receipts and 0 percent of all net income, is to be set aside to a heritage fund. So we're directed on how much money we have to set aside for future generations. We can't spend it all today or tomorrow. We have to set some aside. And so, we have to-, that's our second call, is to set 30 percent of capital side and 10 percent of all net income. And in a second clause, the Trustees are directed to do that, but then they're also directed to consider the desirability of setting aside even more, so, which is up to 50 percent of Capital Receipts and 25 percent of income each year. Then the third priority is for \$100,000 to each volunteer centre. So each community and one for in North West River and one for Happy Valley-Goose Bay has a volunteer centre. And 100,000 goes to each of those volunteer centres every year.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, Ms. Barbour, you have a question?

MS. BARBOUR: I think there's more than one volunteer centre in Nain. Is that? 'Cause like thinking about, like, the Nain Food Bank. Are those the types of things that you're talking about, or can you identify what you mean by a volunteer centre?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: So in-, back in the 2000's when this was being developed, it was the LIA Board at the time who was setting this up. And they wanted to ensure that there was a way for money to get to each of the communities for community priorities. And so they were allocating 100,000 each. Each community was working to put together a volunteer organization who could then re-disburse funds to communities. In Nain it's Ulapitsait. So the hundred thousand that comes in comes to Ulapitsait. In Hopedale it's Kamatsiatet. In Postville it's Postville Inland Resources Committee. I'm gonna draw the blank on the next two-, the next few names but each community, Inuit Community, and also one for North West and one for Goose Bay has a volunteer centre. They all have to have-, to be incorporated. And the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* had to receive a copy of their constating documents to ensure that what they were setting out as their objectives were also in line with the objectives of this particular Trust. And then each of these volunteer centres have to provide a report annually to the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, to ensure that the funds are being disbursed in line with what they've said in terms of their bylaws.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Barbour, is that sufficient or do you have a follow-up?

MS. BARBOUR: I'm wondering if groups like the Nain Foodbank will provide a sufficient service to vulnerable populations in my constituency of Nain, can they be incorporated into that group of volunteer centres or is there a process for that?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: No, there isn't, because the Trust Deed establishes that there would only be one volunteer centre per community. It doesn't mean though, that the Foodbank can't apply to the Ulapitsait for a contribution or, you know, or something like that. So it depends on what the community priorities are. And each of the communities, while we don't, we don't control what the volunteer centres do. We're aware of the kinds of projects they do. Some communities accept proposals on an as-needed basis or as a come forward basis. Whoever comes first, and if it's in line and there's funds available, it will be met. Other communities distributed all in one sitting a year. Others do it every couple of months. So it depends on what works for each community.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams, you had a question?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Looking at those three categories, or the three priorities that the Fund disbursed funds to, you have 30 percent of all capital receipts and 10 percent of all net income to be set aside. And further to that, the bullet says that the Trustees are directed to consider increasing that. How do we get to that point where they would do that?

If it could remain at the 30 percent and 10 percent, would that mean that there could be more funds available or accessible to applicants? And further to Roxanne's question, I'm just wondering, the \$100,000 for each volunteer centre, I mean, like we've heard from many of the Members present, there's gonna be a great need in our community, especially when the COVID funds are finished. Is there any way that, that could be increased-, that allocation to each of those volunteer centres?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

I'll talk first about how you would determine how much money is allocated for disbursements. So this Trust, unlike the other two, still has income coming in from the IBA. So in the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*, there is still a payment stream. It is not-, ever year, it's not certain how much we're gonna get because there's a number of factors that go into how much work that amount is based on. So it could be on production. It could be on their own Labrador Capital Expenditures. You know, there's a whole formula in the IBA for these payment streams and there's like-, there was three different payment streams. So it's a complicated formula. But this Trust still has incoming cash every year from another entity. So we have to look at what we've received that year, and then do the calculations of the 30 percent capital, 10 percent-, some years it's very minimal. And so, we may say as Trustees, okay, if we set aside 50 percent of capital and 25 percent of income, we would have very little to distribute. So this year, because that would result in a minimal amount, we're gonna only invest 30 percent of capital and 10 percent-, if for some reason in a year we have a-, it's a

large amount that we're receiving through the IBA, we might say, no, wanna-, we're gonna set aside more because we still have a lot to be able to distribute. So it depends on what the payments stream is and what the income is, in that particular year. So those calculations are done annually. In relation to increasing the amount, the amount is set out in the Trust Deed. And I would just say that I understand that the discussions about cost of living and having some struggles in the communities, but the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is not really set up to do programs. We respond to proposals, basically. So we would say if, you know, if there was a proposal, please send the proposal in. And if it met the criteria and there was funds available, it would be considered. Sending it to the volunteer centres may not end up achieving, you know, like increasing the Food Voucher program or those things, because the volunteer centres are volunteer-led in each community. And I don't think they're established to run a program like that. Many of the allocations that they make are to sports activities, sports teams activities, community festivals and communities in the summers or throughout the year, some other small events like Christmas tree lighting, helping-, in Nain, I know it's with festival days for the church, and all those sorts of things. There's school sports to help teams travel. It's to support music programs or a music festivals-, those sorts of things. So it would depend. And most of the community centres expend all of their funds every year as it is already. But I don't think they'd be set up to run a large program.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams would like to follow up with that or no?

MS. WILLIAMS: That's good. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This Ulapitsait for Nain, okay, there's a Board there, right? Does (inaudible) the people in the community (inaudible). It just seems like that this group of people have been the same. How are they selected and is there a chance for other Board Members replacing, you know, is there a selection or election for these boards?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Dicker, I'm gonna ask you to move your mic a little closer for the follow-up but Ms. Pain, did you catch that?

MS. PAIN: Generally, people come forward with their names if they're interested, and there's always room. So like we've had a new person last year and so-, and we also have interest this year. So we're always looking for extra volunteers to come forward.

MR. WINTERS: Do you have a follow-up to that question, Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER: No, I'd just like to know who's on the Board? Like I know there's an Implementation Ulapitsait Board, but I don't know who that is except for two, Ronald and Dougie, what's their name? And (inaudible).

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: So in Nain it's Carla is the Chair. It's Ron Webb, Sandra Dicker, Liz Pijogge and I. There is another-, Heather Angnatok was on the Board as well but she resigned as she recently moved from Nain. And we do have another applicant right now that's looking at volunteering.

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Evans?

MR. EVANS: Sorry, I just had a comment there. The-, when they say it's community volunteer centres, I think you're referring to the Community Allocations, like 100,000 is to each. And in our community, our AngajukKâk is one of the local members on the Trust and we kinda refer to the *Local Trust* and then the T-Trust, we say like the small Trust, the big Trust. And well, Barry knows quite a bit about it, I mean, AngajukKâk Andersen. There's a group of volunteers. They have a good board and they take a lot of applications. Just recently there was one for the high school team to be able to travel to compete at the Provincial level with the hardship fundraising in the small community. It's a real benefit to be able to make the application access those ones and the opportunity for the youth is not lost, you know? And having said that too, I know, like if you look at the allocations there, our Inuit Community Government had made application to the big Trust, the *T-Trust* for the-, it was like a substantial investment in the arena to use the arena all year round, like the floor. I mean it was a partnership with the application. But it's really appreciated but I think every community should be aware of at least their local Trust and the volunteers in the community can apply to the local Trust for the programs, right? Like, the Foodbank, the recreation committee or stuff like that. And Joe asked the question I was gonna ask about the Trustees, like is there a term? Is there a term for the Trustees, or?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: That would be in each of the local volunteer centre bylaws. So they would have their own bylaws.

MR. EVANS: Sorry, after I finished talking about the (inaudible) Trust I was talking about the Trustees, is it a term for those ones, or?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN: So each of the Trust Deeds sets out the process for appointment of Trustees. And the appointments are actually made by this Assembly. The Assembly determines who the Trustees are. And in the Trust Deed it also tells you how you remove a Trustee. Some, like as in the position of the Comptroller, so if Rexanne was to ever leave, whoever comes into her position, would by virtue of the job, be in that position. And...

MS. CRAWFORD: Employee-, those who sit because-, and fill that allocation of an employee, if they were to leave, then we would have to...

MS. PAIN: Re-appoint.

MS. CRAWFORD: ...find another employee, bring it to the Table for the Assembly to consider for appointment. We did have one a couple of years ago where an individual was living in Nunatsiavut and once they moved we lost the parameters relating to the number of people that had to live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. So the Assembly actually had to pass a motion to remove him from the Trust, as a Trustee and appoint somebody else, so that we could continue to meet all the parameters in terms of, you know, your gender, your location, et cetera.

MS. PAIN:

And so when there is a vacancy, by whatever means that-, it depends on which Trust you're looking at, but in terms of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, in here it is the Trustees who would recommend to the Assembly names for consideration. And then the Assembly actually reviews and then chooses its new Trustee. But there is no set fixed term. But there is a provision, if the Assembly is not happy with the Trustees and their performance, we can all be removed from the Trust, except for those who are here by virtue of their position can't be removed. But other Trustees if, you know, we came to you and had, you know, for whatever reason, you were-, you didn't want us to be or one of us or two of us, not to be Trustees, it's up to the Assembly to remove us as Trustees.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Mr. Evans, does that answer your question?

MR. EVANS:

Yes, I kinda knew the information but I just thought it would be good to share it again with everyone. So thank you, for that.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Mr. Tony Andersen, I saw your hand.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

...proposal funded in 2021, there were a number there, like Makkovik Inuit Community Government, Postville Inuit Community Government, Rigolet, and then a few lines down it says, Inuit Community Governments. Like so that was like different proposals and then they submitted one proposal together for two million bucks or something like that?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford, or Ms. Pain, sorry?

MS. PAIN:

You're testing my memory. I should've brought my computer so I could look up what the application is and I can get you that after. I don't think it

was the case that we had a combined application. I'll look it up when we have a break and I'll let you know, but, yeah, I can't recall off the top of my head. I do wanna discuss this slide a little bit more too, when we get to it, 'cause there's a couple of comments I wanted to make there.

MR. WINTERS:

And I think Mr. Dicker, you had another question, correct?

MR. DICKER:

Yes, Mr. Chair. Excuse my voice. It goes and comes. There's a possibility that we're going to have more than one IBA. Does that have to be renegotiated separately from this here? I'm talking about Kitts-Michelin Pond and the Strange Lake projects.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

There are provisions in the *Land Claim Agreement*, which sets out what NG's rights, not the Trust's right, but NG's rights are, in relation to negotiating *Impact and Benefit Agreement*. It would depend on if it's in Labrador Inuit land. And there's also a definition around the magnitude of the project. So each of those would be assessed at the time of a project, when you had a definition of a project. So it is very possible, yes that going forward in their future, there is the possibility of other Impact and Benefit Agreements.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

So there will be an amendment to *this IBA Agreement* or would they be agreements by themselves?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

The Trust Deed, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed* is very specific, only to deal with the *Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefit Agreement* unless-, if there was a future IBA and if the Assembly decided at this time it wanted to amend the Trust Deed, it would be up to the Assembly at the time, to do that. Or it would be up to the Assembly and NG to determine what they wanted to do with those finances, those revenues coming in. This Trust Deed deals with that very specific fund, only from the Voisey's Bay IBA.

MR. WINTERS:

Does that answer your question, Mr. Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

Yes.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Mr. Barry Andersen, you have a question?

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Yes-, basically, a comment, I guess, to Ordinary Member Evans made a comment that I was involved with the *Makkovik Community Trust*, that's the name of our Trust in Makkovik. And we're just one of the volunteer centres. I'm not there as the AngajukKâk. I've been there since the beginning, the set-up of the Trust Fund in Makkovik, as a member of the Ground Search and Rescue Team. Back then like our witness Isabella Pain mentioned earlier that each Trust has their own bylaws. I'm just familiar with that because I've been involved with it for so long here in Makkovik. And we do have terms. So every second year we do have our bylaws so that we put up a notice. Right now, there's a notice up for our Annual General Meeting. And then from there, if the community don't like what I'm doing or what the committee is doing-, if they could find ways to better spend this hundred thousand dollars, then they can kick me out or the rest

of us out and work from there. So to some of AngajukKâk Dicker's questions there, there's other benefits to this hundred thousand dollars each year as well. We just-, we don't-, we can't spend this money carte blanche. They won't-, the Trust won't give us any-, the extra hundred thousand dollars a year unless we present the Financial Statements to the Board to say it was spent properly, and that kinda thing. So it does benefit the community greatly, like Ordinary Member Evans mentioned for sports-, the school gets pretty close to 50 percent of the funds from the *Makkovik Community Trust*. A lot is for travel. A lot is for musical instruments. Right off the top, furniture for the library, reading chairs or beanbag chairs or whatever you call them-, something comfortable like for in the library-, just to name a few. I don't want to belabor the issue but each of the Trusts, like Ordinary Member Evans mentioned, I think as AngajukKâk, as elected officials, we should be aware of what's there and the process for applications for whatever projects, the bylaws of each volunteer organization has. And I thank Isabella too for your work on the committee- on the Trust as well. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Andersen. I believe Rexanne Crawford has to leave now. So we will excuse her. And then we will get back into the presentation for Ms. Pain. Go ahead, Ms. Pain. Oh, sorry, Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I have like a two-part question, or maybe I can only ask one. We have a local Trust as well in Goose Bay but-, and we've always gotten an allocation for our Community Freezer which is wonderful-, or sometimes craft projects or Inuttitut lessons-, whatever-, good stuff. But it's kinda hit and

miss. Like in 2020 we didn't get any money from them because they didn't meet. And then the auditors will say, "How come you didn't get no money from the IK Board?" And I say, "We applied, but we didn't get any." What else can you tell them? But it's not been consistent the last little while. And some of it could be from COVID and, you know, that stuff, but I just wanted to let you know.

MR. WINTERS:

Sorry, was that a question, Ms. Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

But do they have to report, like yearly to the *T-Trust*, or how does that work?

MR. WINTERS:

Go ahead, Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

They do have to report, so annually, the disbursements to the Community Volunteer Centres, the decisions are made in the September, October meeting. And so they would get a disbursement, usually, in December. And if-, when we meet in September or October, we don't have a report. We would not make an allocation to them going forward. In the case of the-, that you're referring to with not having meetings, we became aware of it and so-, as Trustees-, so we sent emails out to ask them if there was a problem with the Board and if there was, you know, if they were going to meet to deal with this because we had made them an allocation. So we can do that if necessary, if people let us know. I mean it's not generally, our job. Our job is once a year we would make sure we get a report and if we don't get a report, they would not automatically get their fund. We would have to have a discussion with them as to why they didn't perform

the previous year, and why should we give them an allocation, because ultimately, at the end of the day, if the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, is making an allocation of funds, we are still responsible for it. And so we wanna ensure that it's going for the purposes for which we made the decision to make that allocation and so we do an annual check-in. We have had requests from some other communities as well, at times, to intervene, to just ask other Board Members of local Trusts, to see if they would-, to make sure that they're doing their job. We do not police, however, what decisions they're making, as long as if we look at-, through their Financial Statements, the types of programs or applications they're funding. If it's in line with their bylaws, we're not gonna say, "You need to give this group money and not this group." Like we don't get into the weeds of it. We just say, "Are all of these things in line with what we think is in their bylaws?" And if it is, we'd say, "That's fine." Like they have that discretion to make those decisions. We're not gonna sit there and make those decisions on behalf of the volunteer centres.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I just wanted to ask one quick, kind of a follow-up. Like the money from the IK Board really helps us a lot. So I wouldn't wanna see it dissolved. But I know, maybe it was from COVID. I'm not sure, but there was issues.

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Andersen, Mr. Wally Andersen, sorry, you have a question?

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you. And Ms. Pain, like, the hundred thousand dollars goes a long way, in particular, like for communities outside of the Land Claims Area. And the first I've heard, like, about the difficulty. And it would be a sin that the number of organizations that could avail of it. So I guess, could the

onus be on myself and my colleague, the Minister of Health, Gerald Asivak and the Chair of the Community Freezer in Goose Bay to sorta get the ball brought back to life? Or we could begin the process of making sure that there is a Committee in place so that people in our riding can avail of the money, or would that be out of our jurisdiction?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

I would say that in this case they are an incorporated body, incorporated Board, so each of them is incorporated under the *Provincial Act*. And so they have their own responsibilities to ensure like that they're doing what they've said they're going to do. And so, annually, we check in with them. I don't know if-, I'm not gonna tell you it is or isn't your job to check on that, but the mechanism we have is that they do have to provide us a copy of their financial statements annually and from there we make a determination as to whether or not we're going to make their payment. We have never not made a payment to a volunteer centre. There has been one instance, I believe, that I can recall, where one community volunteer centre was making payments which we didn't think were acceptable. And we met with the Board Members of the volunteer centre, explained the concerns, explained the issues and told them if they continued to make allocations to that particular thing that they were doing, we would no longer fund them. And we gave them an opportunity to be able to correct their actions, to come back in line with what we thought were in their bylaw. So that's the mechanism that the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* uses to ensure

that the volunteer centres are in line with their own decision-making processes.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I noticed, 'cause I've been around for quite a while, that some things get funded every year. Is that like a guarantee? Like I noticed three, anyway, that seems to get approved every year. So do they have to put in a proposal? Like is it a given amount, or how does that work?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: So every year, everybody has to re-apply. There is no-, despite the fact that you'll see a lot of similar-, there is a couple that we have funded for quite a long time, and we'll just talk about that in a minute. But everybody has to re-apply and unless the application is for multi-year funding, which in rare instances it is, because, as I talked about, we have to actually, do an allocation annually on how much Distributable Income we're going to have. So it's very difficult to say every year going forward, we can continue to fund you, because we just don't know. So everybody has to re-apply if they want to receive funding.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any further questions at this time or can we continue the presentation? Seeing none, go ahead, Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN: Okay. So I'm going to go to the slide called, "Disbursements." And I do wanna just highlight this quickly that the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* as we've referenced, it's at the end of that-, just in front of that slide there, Mr. Saunders-, yeah, right there. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* makes funding

available two times a year. It's proposal-based, so everybody has to write a proposal. We review the-, the deadlines are March 31st and September 30th of every year. And we meet generally the following month to review applications and to make funding decisions. And in terms of the Total Distributions to date from-, between 2004 and 2021, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* has distributed over \$127 million back into proposals that we have received. The next slide is just a quick snapshot of our proposals funded in 2021. Our Community Allocations, as you will note are 700,000. AnânauKatiget Tumingit Regional Inuit Women's Association that is one of the ones I think Ms. Kemuksigak is talking about. We have funded them for part of their budget for quite a number of years, but it's application-based every year. NICG for various municipal projects, Makkovik Inuit Community Government, Postville Inuit Community Government and RICG for various projects. The Native Spirit Youth Centre is another project that has been funded since day-one of Native Spirit Youth Centre operation, has been completely funded by the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. And they apply annually like everybody else. OkâlaKatiget Society is-, we funded 170,000 last year. It is another organization that we fund annually based on a proposal and based on our available income. It meets a number of the criteria, so just in terms of some of our decision making, it promotes Inuttitut culture, language, and communications. It's a vehicle for NG to get its information out. So it meets a lot of the objectives that we have. And so, we place a high value in terms of the benefit it brings to a large number of beneficiaries. And then also the NG IBA budget, 352,000 last

year. And we also made an allocation to NG for Illusuak Cultural Centre, \$14,000 which was just for the furniture. So that is the end of the presentation. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Pain. Are there further questions around the Table? Yes, Ms. Barbour.

MS. BARBOUR: This might be kind of irrelevant, but I was just wondering who are the Native Spirit Youth Centre and where are they?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: The Native Spirit Youth Centre is a group in Rigolet who runs a youth centre for youth in Rigolet. They use a facility-, I think they use the new recreational centre in Rigolet, but they provide programming for youth there. And I think it's being funded for-, since at least 2008 or '09 if I can recall correctly.

MR. WINTERS: Further questions, Ms. Barbour?

MS. BARBOUR: [Speaks in Inuttitut]. *Nakku*.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. And thank you, Isabella and Rexanne as well. Impressive work with the Trust Funds. Looking at them and my figures may be nowhere near where they are, I was looking at Combined Total of about a billion dollars in those Trusts which is significant monies for Nunatsiavut. One of the-, and I'm not sure-, I mean, I'm very new. I'm not sure how all things work. How does the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* fit into and are there other sources of funds that Nunatsiavut Government has that may

not have been captured here? And I don't know if you would know those questions-, maybe Rexanne would've been better to answer it, but if you can, thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN:

Rexanne would probably be better to answer some of the questions, but I can certainly, speak to the fact that Nunatsiavut Government has established four Trusts. And so, you've heard from three today, *Tasiujatsoak, Implementation and Settlement*. In the September sitting, you heard from *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* or NGC. And they run operations of NGC. Of those four Trusts, three have money and have eligible beneficiaries. LICST doesn't really do this-, LICST doesn't do the same sort of thing. It's really more of the business side of all the Trusts. And as we noted, as we went through each Trust Deed, each one has different eligible beneficiaries. So each one is different, in a way, and you would have to look at each Trust Deed to look at the sources of funding that may or may not be available. I'm not going to speak to any other possible sources of funds. I think that would be a question better left to NG Finance.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams, does that suffice?

MS. WILLIAMS:

I think so, thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other questions around the Table? Oh, sorry, yes, Mr. Glenn Sheppard from Postville. Go ahead, sir.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Isabella. I guess I could've cut in earlier, but I wanted to wait till the end of the presentation. Sometimes we hear, out there, you know, as individuals, beneficiaries-, in our different communities we hear that, you know, the Trust is this rich, NG has this much money. It's good to know after today, to hear presentations from the three different Trusts, that we're at a good standing here, you know? We're not in the red. And what better time to come with the *Settlement Trust*, than, you know, early in the New Year. For example, the CEEP program for our Inuit Communities from-, well, for the communities along the coast for people looking for hours, our information has it that, that program is \$45,000 strong for all the communities, for people that needs hours. So I'm looking at my community is gonna be excluded and I think we're fairing out fairly well. But there's other communities who have exhausted that 45,000 alone with the work that needs to be done. I guess I'll just touch a little bit on Postville's-, and Isabella mentioned that Postville's *Inland Trust* is a committee there and somebody asked the question about terms. I think it might've been Joe. We do have terms in the community, like a two-year term, then there's an election. The Postville Inuit Community Government has benefited from the *Inland Trust* and we've also benefited big-time from the *T-Trust*. It might not reflect here so much, \$23,000 but that's just for one year here. So we've benefited from this *T-Trust*. As a matter of fact, our Interpretation Centre is about to be officially opened with it furnished by monies from the *T-Trust*, which is great. We thank you for that. And we go to the *Inland Trust*

Fund sometimes. They have funded our Home Heating Program that we run Inuit Community Government, take care of during the winter-, wood program and in some cases, stove oil. So it's real beneficial to our communities and, you know, as I listen from different angles and I thought, well, you know, I know a little bit more than I thought I did about the Trust that's operating in our communities. And I think, I'm grateful for both of those Trusts that we can fall back on or we can look to for-, to get this support. And I've got to say, Rexanne is not here-, I have to say that I feel confident that our finances through these Trusts is in great hands. I think we saw a great picture this afternoon. We heard great news about our dollars, you know? And it's good things, hopefully good things to come. So Mr. Chair and Isabella, thank you very much for the time.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard.

[Applause]

Are there any further questions around the Table? Yes, Ms. Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

It's not actually, a question, but a comment. Like I suppose we all hear this comment, like, this Aboriginal Group gets so much money three or four times a year. Why don't we do it and then like you try to explain that our money is put in a Trust for future generations. And, you know, money is not gonna last forever. I think it's about the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*-, or it's used for community programming or what would benefit the youth or the elders or any other group in town, or like you said, a wood program, or whatever. So, you know, I think it's, you know, I suppose everybody would

want a bit of money in their pocket, but it's really good that it goes towards the betterment of the Inuit and different communities and different areas. That's all I just wanted to say. Thank you. Really good work.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Any further questions? Yes, Mr. Gear?

MR. GEAR:

It's not a question. It's a good comment about the Inland Trust Fund in Postville. I'm not too used to, like, hearing the different Trust is from, until now, that they presented. But I've been around all over the place and saw little stickers on different things that was bought over the years, like, for instance in the hospital, probably a heart monitor machine with a little sticker on from monies purchased from the Trust Fund and things like that. So it's a good thing. And I, like Glenn and everybody else, AngajukKâks and Ministers around town, I appreciate the people that we got on there to control our monies. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Gear. Any further questions, comments? Yes, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Yeah, thank you again, Mr. Chairman. And I'd like to make a comment like Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Gear had just made, and I neglected to mention earlier-, I mentioned that I was representative on the Makkovik Community Trust for Ground Search and Rescue. But since 2004, we've availed of funds through the Trust Fund to operate satellite phone-, five satellite phones and five spot units. And we have testimonials at the RCMP office. Right now, as we speak, I think there's four testimonials that people who have signed out the phones are so very grateful. When they broke

down, they were able to call Ground Search and Rescue to come out and get them and bring them back, as opposed to the person going missing for God knows how long before families would've called them overdue. So it saved a lot of guess work, a lot of time in search and rescue operations, I think, over the last couple of years, just because of the funds through the Makkovik Community Trust and the *T-Trust*, as well. I think Ordinary Member for Makkovik sits on the Ground Search and Rescue Team as well, can attest to that as well. So, thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Any further questions or comments? Yes, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

I would be very-, walk out of here very sad if I wouldn't share this with you because Barry just reminded me, we're sitting side by side here then he coordinated the Ground Search and Rescue Team in Makkovik and I do it in Postville. And I'm proud to sit here today to say that the fall of 2021, the Postville Ground Search and Rescue had two brand new snow mobiles come in, you know, it was funds from the Inland Trust for our non-profit organization. We have three sat phones that was from monies from the *Inland Trust* for our organization. Very hard to raise money in small communities and, you know, this never will go astray. It has saved time, like Barry said, and in some cases, saved lives. So we're very grateful. And I don't know how much more I could say to show appreciation for the dollars that we received. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard. Are there any further comments or questions? Seeing none, we're now going to break for 15 minutes for snacks and a

little bit of fresh air, I think. So it's five after the hour. We'll be back at 20 after. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

I would like to begin by thanking Rexanne Crawford and Isabella Pain for their presentations on the Trusts and acknowledge that we are now back in Assembly. It is 25 past the hour. We're moving on now to Item 17, "The First Reading of Bills," and there are no first reading of Bills today. After that we will have, "Second Reading of Bills," and there are no second reading of bills today. Sorry, Ms. Barbour, do you have a Point of Order?

MS. BARBOUR:

Don't we need a motion to leave the Committee of the Whole? No, okay.

MR. WINTERS:

There are no second reading of bills today. We are moving on to Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today. We will then move on to Item 20. Item 20 is, "Appointment to Committees." Since the first sitting of our Assembly this year, we had appointed a number of people to the Rules and Procedures Committee. Since then we've had elections. We've had a change in this Assembly. As a result, we have vacancies in the Rules and Procedures Committee, as well as the Drug and Alcohol Committee. The remaining members of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures are I, Bryan Winters, as Speaker of the Assembly, sitting as the Chair, Roland Saunders the Ordinary Member for Canada, and Mr. Mark Gillette, Director of Legal Services. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures has decided to recommend Ms. Marlene Winters Wheeler, the new Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Mr. Jeff Montague, of

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, and Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, to fill these vacancies. Clerk Winters-Wheeler, do you accept this position? Nodding in acknowledgement, yes. Chairperson Montague, do you accept this position?

MR. MONTAGUE: Yes, I do. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you accept this position?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Does the Assembly agree with this recommendation? All those in favour? I'd like to see a show of hands. And all those against? Seeing none, *Nakummek*, it is passed. The Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Thursday, November 17th, 2022.

[Adjourns]

Day 2 November 17, 2023

MR. WINTERS: [Speaks Inuttitut] I would like to welcome everybody to Day Two of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, to those who are joining us through the Nunatsiavut Audio Stream. I also welcome in the Gallery today, Mr. Mark Gillette, our Director of Legal Services. I would like to mention that NunaKatiget Inuit Community Chairperson, Patricia Kemuksigak is excused for medical reasons. If there any questions around travel and logistics, please see the Clerk of the Assembly. Item Two of this morning is Ministers Statements. I'll now open the floor to Ministers Statements and the first

person I saw put their hand up was the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development. When you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. The Status of Women Coordinator position is vacant. Ms. Kelly-Anne Blake has a new position with Mental Wellness and Healing. She began her trial period in that position November 7th. The Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Community Meals are happening in all communities. Commemorative benches and plaques have been ordered for all communities, including Upper Lake Melville. The project has been moved from the Status of Women to the MMIWG coordinator. The sewing project has been altered-, pardon the pun. It will still go ahead in all communities, but with an enhancement of already established sewing groups. Food Security: Nutrition North Canada Networking and Training session, "Back to the Basics," took place...

MR. WINTERS:

Minister Asivak, slow down please.

MR. ASIVAK:

...for Community Health Workers and other Frontline workers, November 7th and 8th. The training was delivered by James McGrath, First Nations Inuit Health Branch and Lynn Blackwood. There was a glitch with the vendor Sobeys and Co-Op in the Covid Food Supplement Program, resulting in the gift cards not working. I've been told the cards are working now. Lynn Blackwood and Jen Bull delivered a presentation to ITK Public Health on the link between Food Security and tuberculosis. Childcare: Jenny Lyall has been engaged in Regional and National Aboriginal Head

Start meetings around governance. The Inuit Early Learning Childhood Working Group will be meeting in Ottawa November 22nd and 23rd. Jenny Lyall and Bev will be both attending. The Early Childhood Educators conference was held in Happy Valley, Goose Bay the week of October 24th, coordinated by Jenny Lyall. All Childcare staff were in attendance. All community offices are delivering regular programs and preparations are underway for upcoming Christmas events. Mandatory First Aid, CPR training is lapsing in some communities, impacting the ability to deliver some programs. There are currently no Community Health Workers in Postville. Both positions are vacant. The Team Leader is assisting other Divisions as needed. There is one vacant Community Health Worker position in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Cultural Competency Training. The Deputy Minister and Elder Coordinator provided Cultural Competency Training to representatives from Eastern Health and Labrador Grenfell Health staff, in anticipation of the One Provincial Health authority. Several senior staff from Eastern Health, including Dr. Connors, Cardiac specialist, and Dr. Parfrey, newly appointed Deputy Minister responsible for Health Transformation along with Labrador Grenfell Health and DHSD, will be traveling to Hopedale on Friday. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. The next person who's going to give their Ministers Statement is First Minister Melva Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government will begin construction on 12 seniors units, six in Hopedale,

and six in Nain in summer of 2023 with the goal to be complete by the end of December 2023. They will be ready to have full occupancy by January 2024. Funding for these projects is coming from the Rapid Housing Initiative and Nunatsiavut Government. As well, Mr. Speaker, NG will construct 10 housing units, four in Nain, four in Hopedale and two in Makkovik in the summer of 2023. These units will be for our most vulnerable populations with a percentage dedicated to women and children. Funding for these projects is coming from the Rapid Housing Initiative and Nunatsiavut Government. NG is also constructing staff housing in Makkovik and Nain. Construction will start in June on a six-plex in Nain, with the completion date of January 2023-, I think that may be a typo-, 2024, and the quad-plex in Makkovik. Membership: Mr. Speaker, the total number of beneficiaries on the register as of November 16, 2022 is 6,959. William Andersen and Patricia Dicker have been reappointed to sit on the Inuit Membership Appeal Board for another two years, as of October 13, 2022. NG is in the process of filling the one vacant position for the Rigolet and Lake Melville Membership Committee. The Inuit Ancestry Database will be released to RFP. The goal is to develop a database of Nunatsiavut Inuit family trees that will serve as a resource for the Regional Membership Committees and Inuit Membership Appeal Board, in determining the Inuit Ancestry of applicants for enrollment to be beneficiaries. Membership Department would like to inform beneficiaries to please contact them at the Nain office if you have moved or have any change to your contact information. Justice: Mr. Speaker, lack of police

presence in the community of Postville continues to be an issue. I have written to the Minister of Justice, requesting that adequate financial resources be budgeted to allow for a regular police presence. I have also raised the issue of court scheduling in the communities and the time it takes for cases to be heard. Cases are dismissed because of length of time it takes to be heard. Mr. Speaker, many of our youth harvest wood with their families, and the only means to do so is by ATV or snowmobile. We would like to explore ways to ensure these individuals are not marginalized, and that they will be able to operate an ATV or snowmobile with minimum supervision. The concern is, with the new Offload Vehicles Act of Regulations, specifically, as it relates to youth between the ages of 13 to 16 years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. The next Minister who will be giving a statement is the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummesuak Uhalitik. Yesterday I finished with Language and Culture, and today I will finish the last part of our-, in Archaeology. Our team had plans to visit sites in Rigolet this fall, but because of weather and unavailability of flights, it has been decided to postpone these visits until the springtime. This has been communicated with the community. The Heritage Forum has been postponed again due to poor weather. It will take place in Makkovik. The new dates have been confirmed for January 19 to 22, 2023.

[Speaks Inuttitut]

The Adaptive Archaeology Project is our second Climate Change project.

We continue to work on the-, sorry, shall I wait?

MR. WINTERS:

Minister Barbour, just wait a moment, yeah.

MS. BARBOUR:

The Adaptive Archaeology Project is our second Climate Change Project.

We continue to work on the consent forms and the App that will enable community members to document the impacts of Climate Change they may see or experience on the land, for example, coastal erosion. The Repository: We are continuing our discussions with NG Infrastructure and will start planning for a feasibility study of the Nunatsiavut Repository, which will safely hold archaeological materials, Inuit cultural materials, and archives, have lab, office and exhibit space. This is in the very early stages of planning and rounds of approvals and consultations are to come if the project goes ahead.

[Speaks Inuttitut]

Language, Culture and Tourism purchase of slides of Labrador Inuit from the early 1900s: In an auction in September, NG Archaeology/Heritage purchased a set of 66 glass Magic Lantern slides depicting photos of Labrador Inuit and life around the Mission Stations in Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, Okak, Hebron and Killinek in the early 1900s around 1908 to 1913. The slides have now arrived in Nain but require mending and stabilization by Museum conservators in St. John's before they can be officially unveiled. We think the slides were part of a public fundraising presentation that Missionaries would have given in England to raise money

for the church, and that the photos were taken by several different missionaries over the course of several years. While many of the photos are available online, we are happy that the glass slides have finally returned to Nunatsiavut. We hope to do both virtual and in-person official unveilings in each community once the slides are stabilized. Some of the slides have labels and dates, but most do not. So we'll be looking to community members for help identifying people and places in the photos.

Nakummesuak Uhalitik.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Barbour. The next Ministers Statement will be coming from the Honourable Tony Andersen, Minister of Education and Economic Development, when you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned yesterday, the funding for the Labrador Aboriginal Training Program has been approved for a five-year extension and today I'd like to provide a little bit more detail than I did yesterday. Our proposal to continue doing the underground mining training has been approved by Service Canada for an amount of 19.4 million. In addition to that amount, we're extremely hopeful of receiving an additional 5 million from the Provincial Government and there will be also, in-kind and cash contributions from all our partners. Our next steps now, will be to negotiate the agreement including exactly what expenses are eligible under the program. Once the agreement is secured, we will rehire staff that I mentioned yesterday were laid off, and then eventually get the training started again. Our proposal this time around includes beginning more of the underground mining training on-site at Voisey's Bay

as opposed to having to travel to Sudbury Ontario. We're hopeful that this might begin within the first year of the new training project. And I want to assure the Assembly, Mr. Speaker that LATP will travel to all communities and share this information and any new and continued training. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education and Economic Development has been working closely with Service Canada for several years now to get more support in the communities for Service Canada programs, for example EI how to file for Old Age Canada Pension-, those kinds of programs. And Service Canada has, from time to time, been sending staff to the communities at various times of year. Our interest, though, has always been to have Service Canada staff in our communities. I am please to say, Mr. Speaker that Service Canada has advertised for a full-time permanent position in Nain. And I wanna say at this point in time, that I work closely with my friend the AngajukKâk from Nain for four to five years now, in a row. And we have pressured this Department, which is now my department and we've worked with-, so I'm happy to say that. And this is the first phase of interviews will begin this week. After a candidate has been hired and trained, we will work with Service Canada to eventually secure staffing for Hopedale as well as expanding the service to all communities. The program has been slow to develop but I'm pleased to say that we're finally making some progress and I really thank AngajukKâk Dicker for his support to me and my support to him, I suppose. But we worked together and hopefully that we see this service in all communities. And I wanna say something about that, Mr. Speaker, because coming from

Nain, I see that many seniors and people that, they have problems in filing online, which so many services are offered now, and they miss out on benefits such as the GST rebate, the Guaranteed Income Supplement. They're missing out on programs and benefits that, you know, many Canadians and other people in the Province who have the Service Canada services available take for granted. And I want-, my Department wants to make sure that this service is available to all seniors, people on low income, income support programs, that the benefits that are available from Canada and the Province are utilized and they can avail of them. I also want to say this morning that the funding to provide char for the Community Freezers, is provided by the Department of Education and Economic Development but is done in coordination with the Lands and Resource Staff. And I'm wanting to say that because-, in case you all want to, going to be thanking Terry for that, you can also thank me too okay? This year we are able to provide some 13,000 pounds of char to the communities in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. The next minister to give a statement will be the Honourable Tom Evans, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technologies.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government participates in the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Progress working group with the Government of Canada and other Self-Governing Indigenous Governments. Rexanne Crawford, Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, sits on the steering committee.

The arrangements, subgroup and tax subgroup. Belinda Webb, the Deputy Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism participates in the Data Sub Committee along with Janice Vardy, Manager of Data Systems. Colin Gilbride, Director of Infrastructure and Planning recently joined the Infrastructure Subgroup. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada agreed to establish an External Nutrition North Canada Compliance and Audit Review Committee with members from the four Inuit Regions and ITK. The four Inuit representatives are Rexanne Crawford for the Nunatsiavut Government, Fred Lazar for Makkavik Corporation, Bruce Uviluq for Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, NTI, and Jay Madison for the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the IRC. This Committee intends to respond to accountability concerns with the Nutrition North Canada Program. The Committee will focus specifically on the retail subsidy. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government partnered with Bell Canada on the Labrador North Wireless Broadband Project. Funding from the Government of Canada, Canada's Universal Broadband Fund was announced on March 22nd for the project. Mr. Speaker, there are weekly meetings with Bell Canada working on various aspects such as the statements of work, project timelines and so on. When these items are finalized, further information will be communicated. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Evans. Would there be any other Ministers Statements? Seeing none, we will now move on to Item Three, "Members Statements." Are there any Members Statements this morning? The first

one that I saw was the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. George Gear, when you're ready, sir.

MR. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, when I made my statement, I made a date. I said we had a lowering of the flag on November the 12th. I should have said November the 11th and also, I'd like to wish everybody here a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year, and everybody that's listening on the livestream. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The next Member to give a statement is Mr. Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, when you're ready.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and always a pleasure to get up and speak on the riding known as the, "Heart of Labrador." Mr. Speaker, it's a wonderful riding to represent. The problems are great and are many. And we live outside the Land Claims Area and we fully understand that there are things that our beneficiaries in the Land Claims Area can avail of, but those who live outside, can't. And while it's hard to understand why, you know, there's rules and rhyme and reason for everything. And quite often I'm approached and I'm sure that my colleague the Member for the Upper Lake Melville, the Minister of Health, on a regular basis, on issues that members inside the Claim Area have, and we don't have. And we'll work with that. Mr. Speaker, I noticed today that the Provincial Government has come out calling on the Federal Government for Search and Rescue to be stationed at 5 Wing, Goose Bay. And I have met with many stakeholders who have lobbied hard, and we will still continue, that the Federal

Government and in a conversation with Minister Anan, in June, where I raised the question at a function, and to all of our surprise, she admitted, when I said that Goose Bay is the gateway for the North, as the Federal Government thinks. And she agreed. For Search and Rescue, we have the hangers to accommodate the aircraft. We have the housing on 5 Wing Goose Bay to accommodate the staff. And what we need is Search and Rescue. And apparently, even the people across Newfoundland today are agreeing that Labrador should have a full-scale Search and Rescue Unit located in 5 Wing Goose Bay. And we'll continue to bring that issue up. Membership up there is a big issue. More and more people are, when applying for membership are being turned down and it's, you know, in some ways too, some people may say, well, you know, you live outside the Claim Area. But it's pretty hard to understand how a brother and sister who lives in the Claim Area when their grandchildren applies for it, they get it, but another brother or sister who moved to Happy Valley, -Goose Bay to make a better way of life for their children, that when they apply for membership for their grandchildren, they're turned down. That's a tough and a hard pill to swallow. Mr. Speaker, a very controversial issue in the Upper Lake Melville area is we hear all too often, the homeless and the transient people. And Mr. Speaker, quite often, far too often, as a mayor, I was contacted when one of our own people, one of our own Inuit people, have taken their life out in the woods or they're found outside of some establishment. And the concerns of the people and the parents, many who are calling me trying to find out a bit of extra information is

difficult. Mr. Speaker, these are our people. These are our Inuit people. And I know that there is a lot of work being done through the Department of Health. And I can tell you that the Minister there, and his Deputy, for the work that they do, it's unbelievable. But, you know, we still need the financiers and make a better way of life. Time's up? Okay.

MR. WINTERS: Time's up.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: I shall rise to speak again.

MR. WINTERS: The next Member to speak will be the AngajukKâk for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Great to hear all the information again from our different departments in our Government. It's always a pleasure to listen to other ridings and other jurisdictions with information, you know, related to our beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to just point out that at the last regular Council Meeting of the Postville Inuit Community Government, there was a discussion surrounding some funding that we had set aside. And based on that small pot of funding, our Postville Inuit Community Government is designating the summer of 2023 as a, "Come Home Year" in Postville. So if you have ties or not to the community, you know, you can come out to Postville this coming summer. We have not set a date yet. The date will be coming in the very near future, but I wanted to provide that information, and I guess at the next sitting I'm hoping to have a date confirmed for that to happen in Postville. Mr. Speaker, I would like to reinforce this morning, the AngajukKâks-, part of

the AngajukKâk Members statement from the community of Hopedale, and I'm gonna say that from the beautiful community of Hopedale here, I always enjoy coming to Hopedale. You know, weather doesn't play a part on me when-, if we're stuck, we're stuck-, as good as home. But anyway, she touched on IT support for the Inuit Community Governments which is very critical, not just for the Inuit Community Government of Postville, which I can only speak for right now, but, you know, we see situations where, you know, our computer system has gone down, we're encountering problems, day in and day out-, who do we call? You know, where do we go? But we don't have nobody specifically to deal with those problems. So I would like to reinforce the AngajukKâk's statement from Hopedale yesterday, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, that I think we all need this support from maybe the NG down the road in the future. And I'm sure the Minister of Finance is hearing this loud and clear this morning, the Honourable Tom Evans. So Mr. Speaker, you know, I could go on and on but, you know, I want to just say this morning, as I stand here that I'm once again, privileged to be here to be the spokesperson for my community as the AngajukKâk and I'm very thankful this morning to hear from the First Minister that she had some, I guess, intervention with the Minister of Justice on behalf of my community of Postville for RCMP services in my community. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there further Members Statements? I'm seeing Mr. Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk for the community of Makkovik.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. Makkovik Inuit Community Government, like many other ICG's are struggling with the employee retention. Makkovik Inuit Community Government is a unionized environment and a new union agreement was agreed to in August of 2022. We have lost employees to the Nunatsiavut Government ranks as well as the Voisey's Bay mine site. I'm not sure how we can entice our local people to work at home. I know we're not alone in this predicament. Many organizations find themselves in the same situation. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this month the fuel tanker is expected in ports in Nunatsiavut. We are bracing for an expected price hike in home heating fuel and gasoline. This will put extra hardship on the people of Makkovik and the region as a whole. Maybe the Province or the PUB with a little lobbying from this Government, we can ask to drop the GST on these necessities for this winter. In four short months, the Food Voucher Program will end, adding more strain on people's incomes. Mr. Speaker, the crab and turbot fishery went well this season, with Torngat Fish Producers Co-op operating for 17 weeks in Makkovik. This is much better than was expected. Despite this, people who for health reasons and other unexpected reasons, could not get enough insurable hours to qualify for EI. MICG is working to secure funds from other NGO's that may create some employment opportunities in the coming months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I also would like to thank the two pages from Hopedale, the Onaliks, right? They're here today and yesterday. Always a pleasure to see them smiling and delivering our

pens and whatever we need around the table here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. The next Member to give a statement will be the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Halloween, my colleague, Mr. Wally Andersen and I partnered with DHSD, Happy Valley Community Office to provide treats for their, "Trunk or Treat." Many kids were very happy, smiling and appreciative of this simple gesture. We're planning a partnership with NunaKatiget to go to Mud Lake the first week of December, to host a Christmas party of the community of Mud Lake. They are always very appreciative, love seeing us. We provide Government updates, Question and Answer, have a fine meal and a good old game of Bingo. We're also planning a partnership in the near future with Sivunivut new Chairperson. We love going to North West River as well. It's important to partner within our communities to show that we work together well as the Government for the betterment of our beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak. Are there any first Members Statements left? Would anybody like to make-, okay, I see the Ordinary Member for Nain, Ms. Roxanne Barbour.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, *Uhalitik*. I too would like to wish everybody here, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and those who are listening in. The next time we see each other will be in the New Year. Lots of families will be experiencing some of the first Christmases without some family members,

first Christmases with their new babies, so I just wanted to give them a shout-out too and say, you know, send them my thoughts and prayers and love. I wanted to stand her today to say that, you know, we come to these Sittings in a public form, right? It's public. But I just wanted to say, you know, we don't need to reach out to each other and wait till we come here to ask our questions. You know, I just wanted to reach out-, stand up here today and say to my colleagues, like, call me, email me. Let's work, let's think together how we can work towards the issues that Nunatsiavut is facing, especially with the upcoming winter. I know that a lot of people are going to be, you know, struggling, whether it's with their electricity bills or heating their homes or providing their foods. Let's just reach out to each other and lean on each other, be each other's soundboards in ways where we can, in accordance to Inuit Law, address these concerns. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Barbour. Would anyone who hasn't spoken like to give a statement? Yes, I'm seeing Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS:

Yeah, it's just brief, Mr. Speaker. Like Roxanne and all the Members statements, our people are going to have a hard time, like Barry mentioned, AngajukKâk Andersen mentioned, the tankers are going to soon be here, and we're just bracing. People are kinda worried about the high cost of fuel, high cost of groceries. So even though like the Federal Government, the program might be ending, I think like Roxanne said we have to try to look inside and try to work together. And I like the Community Corporation Chair from NunaKatiget, Patricia, like she suggests

even 50 percent to continue programs, you know? So I think we have to try to make an effort to come together and see how we can at least in the short-term help our people, you know? Anyway, thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Evans. Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, as Ordinary Member for Rigolet, share the concerns I'm hearing around the Table in relation to the costs associated with fuel with gas and with the fall shipment coming, it's worrisome. And with the cost of food, we know our community had some major concerns about that this summer and had to take some action and the community becoming involved through social media and seeing some results of that. I've been attempting to work with others that offer supports. Lynn Blackwood in the DHSD department is coming to Rigolet. Had scheduled to come in but didn't get in for weather and was going to have sessions in our community. So I'd encourage residents of Rigolet, you know, when they plan to come again-, when she plans to come in and hold sessions, to join in and have your voice and help figure out a way forward for the issues related to Food Security in our community. I've enjoyed the session this week, and I also want to, knowing that it is November and passed middle of November, I'm going to-, I find it a little bit early to offer holiday greetings but I too wanna join in and say a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a prosperous New Year to all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. I'm unsure if there are any more people who haven't spoken who would like to give a statement. Seeing none, we'll move on to second

statements, and Mr. Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and following my colleague's statement, Mr. Asivak, I would like to send out a word of precaution because we are going to Mud Lake for a dinner or a supper and myself and Mr. Asivak is gonna be a part of the cooking team. So we're not sure how it will turn out but we're looking forward to it. Just a clue up, Mr. Speaker, is, yes, there is a great concern that the-, about the people and as I said, you know, it's not easy when you turn on the radio and you hear the news that another one of our Inuit people are gone. And I know it's a struggle. It's difficult. It's hard. But I think that we should look at every aspect that we can to try and make things better because, after all, you know, we are the Government and we should explore every option in which we can make things better. Mr. Speaker, representing the riding of Lake Melville is a wonderful experience. And if I was offered the job of a Minister, I turned it down-, I would turn it down. And it gives me the opportunity of time to go and to face-to-face with my beneficiaries. And the next two weeks, I'm going to spend in North West River going around knocking on doors wishing everyone-, well, asking them about their concerns and so on. And I can tell you, I've served in many portfolios-, Department Secretary to the Premier on Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Labrador Aboriginal Affairs, and all these things has to be done. There's no question. And I've always found, at the end of the day, it's not the part of the Minister that matters most to the people. It's the representative who goes back and knocks on their door

and says, "Hey, I've come to see you. How can I help you? What are your concerns?" That's the most-, in 50 years in public life, that's the most important thing I've learned in life is to go back to those who voted for you, who gave you their support. And the biggest thing of all, if they ask you to do something for them and it can't be done, go back and take the time and explain to them why it can't be done. And 95 percent of the time, they will appreciate that almost as much as you found the answer that they were looking for. Mr. Speaker, on the 15th of December, I'm taking annual leave and me and my wife and my daughter and granddaughter in Goose Bay, we're travelling to Edmonton for Christmas to spend Christmas with our daughter, her husband and our other in little granddaughter in Edmonton and Christmas is a wonderful time. And it's time when the families gather together. It's a time to remember those who have passed on and also there's a special meaning for Christmas is the gift of life that was given to us that we celebrate. And those of you who have a loved one, a mother or father take the time this Christmas to give them a hug while they're still here. So Mr. Speaker, I'll close up and there's an old saying, "From our household to yours." I'll change that today and I'll say, "To all of those inside the Land Claims Area and all those outside the Land Claims Area, Merry Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year."

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Andersen. The next Members Statement will come from AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pretty coincidental there the last two times I stood was right behind the Member from the Upper Lake Melville.

Anyway, thank you. That's good to hear from the different ridings as I mentioned before, but Mr. Speaker, this morning, I would like to recognize and thank my staff back at the Postville Inuit Community Government office who basically hold the fort when I'm out of town and when my deputy is out of town-, basically, take care of the day-to-day duties at the office. Sometimes, you know, I forget or don't have or maybe sometimes don't have the time to recognize them, but it happens to be, Mr. Speaker, that my CAO happens to be my oldest daughter, Glenda Sheppard. And she never got there following my election. The time, first time I got elected, she was there long before me and I happened to get elected after. I have to say, and not only because she's a daughter of mine, but she's going a great job as CAO for the community of Postville and for our PICG. I also have-, we also have challenges, Mr. Speaker, of staffing issues such as lack of babysitters in our communities. I not only can say that from Postville. I hear it from different angles, and we understand that the daycare in Postville is not operating right now due to no staff member. The staff member's on maternity leave, my understanding. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I think, you know, we all take our stand sometimes and we speak on behalf of our communities. We speak from the heart. We talk about issues that's very sensitive in our ridings. And you know, Mr. Speaker, this morning there's one person that's in our-, under our roof, that's responsible for every time we speak, and that person is sitting in the room right here, our translator. I'd like to acknowledge the translator this morning and say, thank you, very much, from the bottom of my heart for

doing an excellent job at our Assembly sittings. Mr. Speaker, I wish you, you know, all the best in your travel when you go away out there, Toronto, when I was going to school was, yes, way out there and, I guess, you know, I wish you all the best and to Roland who's traveling right down to the west end of the country, you know, all the best to you, Roland. And thank you for the effort you do for your constituents. Anyway, folks, safe travels to your home today and we'll see you again at the next Sitting. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any further Members Statements? Yes, seeing Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams, when you're ready.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to add one thing. Our community is small. It's a little over 300 people. So when there's a big event in our community, it's a celebration for our community. So I'd like to pass along congratulations or good wishes-, well wishes to a young couple in Rigolet who will be getting married this weekend. Stanley Sheppard and Holly Flowers will be married. So I'd like to wish them a long and happy, wonderful union. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any further Members Statements? Seeing none, we will move on to Item Four, "Returns to Oral Questions." At yesterday's Assembly sitting, AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville asked of Minister Vincent, "Has the Department of Lands and Natural Resources worked on a Harvesting Act for Nunatsiavut?" I will now call upon Minister Vincent to provide his response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard for your question. Yes, there is a first draft of an overview of the Act was complete, however, further work was put on hold. NG currently has no justice systems in place in order to enforce the Act. These systems must be in place before an Act can be used, or NG must find an arrangement with the Province to have Provincial Justice Systems enforce the Act. These actions and discussions are outside the mandate of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. The Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Jeff Montague also asked of Minister Vincent, "Is the Department of Lands and Natural Resources doing anything regarding harvesting for 12E?" I will now turn to Minister Vincent to give his response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This file is an Affairs File, not DLNR. That being said, we can say that we have provided our comments on proposed changes to allow continued harvesting in 12E. This has been put forward to Affairs. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. Marjorie Flowers, the-, yes, First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I could add further information to the question that was asked, if you would allow?

MR. WINTERS:

I'll allow it.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Chairperson, the ICC for North West River, Sivunivut-, the Implementation Committee is in discussions with Environmental Climate Change Canada on possible solutions to move this forward.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. Also asked yesterday, Marjorie Flowers, the AngajukKâk of Hopedale asked of Minister Evans, given the increases in cyber attacks, would the Nunatsiavut Government be able to provide Information Technology Support to the Inuit Community Governments? I will now call upon Minister Tom Evans to provide his response.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we thank Marjorie for her question and it's a concern, I'm sure, for all the Community Governments with IT and the difficulties in-, the challenge that's ongoing with the threats of cyber attacks. But unfortunately, right at the present, our IT Division is short-staffed. There are currently vacancy in our Division. Also there's been significant growth for the Nunatsiavut Government Civil Service. Both of these factors increase the demand on our current IT staff. However, the Nunatsiavut Government, we can assist the Inuit Community Governments in defining your Information Technology requirements and needs, and then we could use this information as a scope for outsourcing the work, like going forward like assist you in defining your needs and then helping you, probably to outsource the resource to help, anyway. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Evans. The Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen, had a question of Minister Vincent. Does the Department of Lands and Natural Resources have any way to protect

crew members on vessels designated by the Nunatsiavut Government? I will now call upon the Minister for his response.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and than you Mr. Andersen for the question. At this time the policy does not have anything in place on the rights of crew members that work on Nunatsiavut designated vessels. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources is open to working on putting measures in place that could include minimal percentage of pay, et cetera. However, any say on crewmanship, termination of employment, is the responsibility of the designate. We do listen to grievances and that can be incorporated into following year's decision making. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Vincent. We will now take a 15-minute break, but we are on a tight schedule today so I will ask that you be back in your seats at quarter past the hour. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

We will now move on to Oral Questions. Do any Assembly Members have any oral questions? Yes, the first question is see is for the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Can you hear me okay? My question is to my colleague next to me, Gerald Asivak, Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development. In your statement, you said that the cultural training will be provided for the doctors and whoever you mentioned there. Well, can you go into further with that and have cultural training for the community centres, the LGH Centres? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Asivak?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and AngajukKâk Dicker. Thank you for that recommendation. I'll gladly bring this forward to the Committee that we work with. We meet regularly with Labrador Grenfell Health on safety for all patients, especially within Nunatsiavut and even as an example, our colleague, Mr. Roland Saunders sent me an email or a question last week. And I gladly shared it with CEO Ms. Heather Brown. And she took it with full respect on improving services in St. Anthony area. So we can definitely work together with Labrador Grenfell Health on improving cultural competency, not only in Nain, but within all Nunatsiavut. So I will request this immediately after this Sitting with my Deputy Minister and Labrador Grenfell Health. Thank you.

MS. BARBOUR: Can I just add to that, please? Also in our department, too my Deputy, along with my staff has come up with a Cultural Awareness presentation. So we-, our plan is that we would provide this to other authorities within our communities, whether that be the RCMP, the schools, CSSD and, or the health system.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Barbour for that additional information. The next question will be from Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Postville.

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable...

MR. WINTERS: My apologies, AngajukKâk. Does AngajukKâk Joe Dicker have any supplementary questions of Minister Asivak?

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, that's good to hear. I have known the staff that have come through Nain, especially Nain. I can't speak for the other communities, but also speaking to them, staff come and go, and they have no training at all. So that's good to know that NG is aware of it. Thank you. That's it from me.

MR. WINTERS: AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have another question?

MR. DICKER: No, I just wanted to provide that.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. My apologies. You may go again AngajukKâk Sheppard from Postville.

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No worries. My question this morning is for the Honourable First Minister, Minister Williams. In her report, she made mention of housing going into-, four in Nain and four in Hopedale and I think there's two in Makkovik if I'm correct. I'd like to ask the Minister this morning, what did she-, what did her Department base this decision on when there's no active Housing Commission in place as of yet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to the AngajukKâk for the question. Usually, housing planning projects are planned in advance. These projects were actually planned prior to my becoming elected. But because we don't have Torngat Housing anymore-, it moved on to Nunatsiavut Government. Housing planning still continued. But I would have to go back and clarify that information and I can provide it to you offline by email if you prefer,

or would you prefer to wait to come back to the next Assembly for an answer?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. Would AngajukKâk Sheppard like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't, and thank you for the response. I would gladly accept an emailed response.

MR. WINTERS:

The First Minister will take it under advisement and follow up. Are there any other questions around the Table? Yes, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have one question and I won't be asking any supplementary. In the last year or so, there's been an outcry from people in Labrador who want to see a full-scale Search and Rescue Unit located in 5 Wing Goose Bay. Our fisherman are forced to go out to sea further and further every year. With the cost of travel and everything else, people in the coastal communities are going to be forced to skidoos more so than ever before. This morning the Provincial Government has come out and called upon the Federal Government for a full-scale Search and Rescue Unit for Labrador. I asked the President, "Mr. President, this is very near and dear to our heart and I know that you and your Government may have talked about it before, but everyone is coming out now. Would you, as the President of Nunatsiavut Government put out a press release and write a letter to the Federal Government giving our support and our concerns and

asking that we do want a full-scale Search and Rescue unit for Labrador?

Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti [Speaks in Inuttitut]

Yes, I did see the same press release as it was provided to the Executive from our Media Advisor, Bert Pomeroy, and most certainly where the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is calling on the Federal Government. This also is an issue which the Nunatsiavut Government takes very seriously, and most certainly in this incidence that happened a few years back where a young man from Makkovik, Burton Winters perished, and so the Labrador Inuit were calling on those officials both from the Federal and Provincial Governments to start in inquiry. And most certainly, that inquiry has happened, and Judge Jim Igloliorte did travel and visit various communities within Newfoundland and Labrador, including Nain and Makkovik and Hopedale in Nunatsiavut. And yes, on the question of a press release being provided by the Executive Council, I know that we can provide a press release regarding this issue. But it would have to come from the Executive approval and so it is an important issue that has to be provided to Labrador Inuit whether it be within Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville or the Canadian Constituency. So I will look to my staff and make sure that such a press release be provided to all those concerned.

Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. President. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? You're waving no. The next question will come from the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeff Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question that comes from Patricia Kemuksigak. And this question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Would NG be able to reinforce the Vale and companies in Voisey's Bay that should be following the IBA and hiring more Nunatsiavut beneficiaries? Thank you. Sorry about that. Would NG be able to reinforce to Vale and companies in Voisey's Bay that should be following the IBA and hiring more Nunatsiavut beneficiaries? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chairperson. Minister Vincent?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Chairperson for your question. We always do try to speak with Vale to have more of our beneficiaries employed in Voisey's Bay and it's an ongoing process and it will still be going on for yeas to come. And hopefully, as more of our beneficiaries become, I guess, I'm not sure how to state it, but more advanced training, I guess, hopefully it will begin to get more hires. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question?

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

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any further questions around the Table? Any further first questions around the Table? Seeing none, we'll move on to second questions. AngajukKâk Joe Dicker, when you're ready.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the First Minister, Ms. Williams. This morning, you talked about housing units in Nain. I know that when we had two housing units there that was given up for staff over residents for Nain. And the NG had stated that these two residences would be turned back over once the staffing housing was in place. You mentioned that you had plans for staff housing. Will that promise be kept? 'Cause it's just to use there for the residents in Nain which is so badly needed. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to AngajukKâk Dicker for the question. In relation to the units that was turned over to Staff Housing, the reasoning behind that, was at the time, we didn't have the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission in place. We didn't have a way to be able to allocate housing to any programs other than Staff Housing or the Supportive Living Program, was the only options we had at that time. So the NEC elected to provide that-, to allocate that to staff housing so that people could be-, access those facilities. I wasn't aware that there was a promise made to anyone regarding that the housings be turned back to supportive social housing. So I would have to take that question under advisement.

MR. WINTERS:

Minister Andersen, would you like to add to that?

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, First Minister and as Member of the previous Government and sat at the Table when that commitment was made, yes, such a commitment was made. And as I know that nothing has changed to, you know, that commitment is still in place, as First Minister said at the time, there was no way to-, there was no Housing Commission. And it was agreed and commitment had been made to Members of our community that when the staff housing became available, those six units, that eventually, those two units would be turned over to the brand new Housing Commission for allotment for public housing within the community. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ministers. Does the AngajukKâk have any supplementary questions?

MR. DICKER:

No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville.

MR. G. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So many questions. Anyway, my question-, this question is directed to the Honourable Minister Terry Vincent, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and it's related to some ongoing research in the Postville area. And it's related to a June 2020 oil spill. I would like to ask the Minister this morning, does he have anything-, new information to share with the Assembly or the listening audience, related to, I guess, the result of the investigation into the oil spill, what happened, 2020? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Minister Vincent?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. As for the oil spill, we did have some results from the pigeon eggs and gulls' eggs that came back as nothing to be harmful to any consumption. And they're still ongoing investigations and sampling for, I believe it is char and also for seashells, I believe-, or we still have, are waiting on results for that. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. Would the AngajukKâk like to ask a supplementary question?

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, more for clarification sake, Mr. Speaker. I understood from the Minister that some egg sampling has taken place and I think he said some char. We were under the impression that the pigeon known to us a main source of diet in the fall of the year, has been a part of the research as well. Is this still the case, that the pigeon is still a part of the research, and if so, well, what's the response? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Minister Vincent?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk. Yes, sorry, I forgot to mention that pigeons are still and also Eider ducks. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary question?

MR. G. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't, and thanks to the Minister.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Are there any further questions around the Table? Yes, I see Ordinary Member for Postville, George Gear.

MR. GEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This one is directed to the First Minister, Honourable Melva Williams. Will there be any staff housing built in

Postville within the next two or three years? The reason being is we have, as you know, quite a few jobs and hard to recruit jobs in Postville. There's people who tries for them and are qualified, but they have no housing. So just asking this question to get a clarification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to Ordinary Member George Gear for the question. Yes, we do have a lot and we do plan to build a duplex for staff housing in Postville. At this time, I don't have the actual date when that work is scheduled to begin, but there is a plan to build a duplex for staff housing in Postville.

MR. WINTERS: Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question?

MR. GEAR: No, I don't, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, for your answer. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Are there further questions around the Table? Seeing none, we are now onto written questions. There are no written questions today. Item Seven is "Return to Written Questions." And there are no returns to written questions today. Item Eight is, "Petitions." There are no petitions today. Item Nine is, "Responses to Petitions." And there are no responses today. Item 10 is, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." And there are no standing in special committee reports today. Item 11 is, "Tabling of Documents." And there are no documents to be Tabled today. Item 12 is, "Notice of Motions." And there are no notices of motions today. Item 13 is the, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." And there are no notices of motion for first readings. Item 14 is, "Motions." I would like to

recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My motion is as follows, whereas as Section 85 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides that the Assembly may, by motion, establish, amend or repeal, Standing Orders and Rules of Procedures for the Assembly, and whereas, on October 26th, 2020, the Assembly adopted the Special Standing Orders for the conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Special Standing Orders, and whereas the Special Standing Orders are currently set to expire on December 31, 2022, and whereas it is desirable to extend the time and the Special Standing Orders will be effective, due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, now, therefore, I move, seconded by Jeff Montague, Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Chair, that Special Standing Order 62 be amended by replacing the date December 31, 2022 with December 31, 2023. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. The Motion is in order. Ordinary Member Saunders, would you like to speak to this motion?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to speak to the motion. Mr. Speaker, the Special Standing Orders were a set of additional Standing Orders developed in response to the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic when the public health measures put in place restricted the ability of people to travel and meet in groups. This impacted the Assembly as well, as under its normal rules, the Assembly must always meet in person. Mr. Speaker, the Special

Standing Orders are rules that would permit, under specific circumstances, the Assembly to sit in either a hybrid or a fully virtual setting if the circumstances required. Thankfully, only one virtual sitting has been needed since the Special Standing Orders were passed. The *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* requires that rules such as the Special Standing Orders cannot be made indefinitely, therefore, they must have an expiry date and are not more than 18 months long at one time. The Special Standing Orders were originally adopted in 2020 and had an original expiry date of December 31, 2021. A motion was passed at the November 2021 Assembly to renew and change the deadline to December 31, 2022 as the pandemic was continuing. Mr. Speaker, while we hope that the COVID-19 pandemic closures and restrictions are behind us, it is best to be cautious for a little while longer, and to have the ability to move to electronic means of sitting, in the event that a future wave of COVID-19 causes closures again. To this end, this Motion would renew and extend the Special Standing Orders to remain in place until the end of 2023. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Does anyone else wish to speak to this Motion? Yes, Mr. Wally Andersen for the Upper Lake Melville.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, extending a deadline such as this is good, but at the same time would we not take our direction on whether we hold a virtual sitting instead of in person, based on the advice from people like Dr. Fitzgerald and the Government of the day and the Department of Health and so on? So I'm just wondering like it's nice to

have the motion there, but something like this, I think we would have to take the lead from announcements by people like Dr. Fitzgerald, the Federal Government and Health Labrador. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Ordinary Member Saunders, would you like to respond to this question?

MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, thank you and thank you, for the question, Mr. Andersen. Actually, anything that is done within the Assembly with regards to the Health, has to come from the Minister responsible for Health of the Newfoundland Government and then it continues on from the orders of the President and the Executive. So thank you, for your question.

MR. WINTERS: Would any other Members like to speak to this motion? Seeing none, does the Ordinary Member wish to make final comments and close debate?

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

MR. WINTERS: That concludes the debate. All those in favour of the motion? Seeing no, "Nays," the motion is carried. This brings us to Item 15, "The First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Item 16 is, "The Second Reading of Bills." And there are no second reading of bills today. We'll move on to Item 17, "The Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today, which brings us to Item 18, "The Appointment to Committees." The Rules and Procedures Committee met and is recommending for the Drug and Alcohol Committee, Roxanne Barbour, the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for Canada, Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, and Mr. Chesley Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. There is also a senior staff person invited who has

recently replied in the affirmative. That is April Andersen of the Department of Health and Social Development. Minister Barbour, do you accept this appointment?

MS. BARBOUR: I accept.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* AngajukKâk Andersen, do you accept this appointment?

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard, do you accept this appointment?

MR. C. SHEPPARD: Yes.

MR. WINTERS: As mentioned, April Andersen has accepted this appointment via email and I accept this appointment, as well. Does the Assembly agree with these recommendations? All those in favour? Any against? Seeing none, the appointments carry.

[Applause]

Item 19 is, "Adjournment." I would like to thank everyone around the Table as well as everyone in the building and that has been assisting us for their work and efforts in the Assembly this year, finishing out 2022. We appreciate everyone's questions and the updates on the work of the Nunatsiavut Government. I would also like to sincerely thank Dawn Rose Winters for stepping up when our Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik had to leave unexpectedly this week. We are thinking of her and her family this week. I would also like to thank our pages, Tabea and Wilson, both Onalik. You both did a great job and we appreciate your interest in the

Assembly, and the attention you paid to how often I needed water. Thank you, as well, to our drivers, Daniella and James and I would like to wish everyone Happy Nunatsiavut Day which is December 1st. *Nakummek*, again, for your interest, everyone listening online and for the assistance of the OkâlaKatiget Society staff, Sarah Abel and our interpreter Katie Winters and our IT support Chesley Evans. The Assembly is now adjourned, and we will see you all again in January 2023. I wish you all safe travels home and wish you Happy Holidays and a well-needed break. *Nakummek*.

[Adjourned]