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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**September 21, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters**

**Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Roland Saunders**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe**

**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**

**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. Jeff Montague**

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

**Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette**

**Absent:**

**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**

**Legal Counsel, Mr. Kevin Maher**

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**MR. WINTERS:** [Speaks in Inuktitut] I would like to call to order this First sitting of the Second Session of the Fifth Nunatsiavut Assembly. Due to impending weather, we have decided to convene the Assembly Sitting a day early. I will now ask Marjorie Flowers to do our opening prayer.

**MS. FLOWERS:** [Recites prayer]

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Thank you, Marjorie. I wish to advise the Assembly that the Minister of Education and Economic Development, and Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Anthony Andersen, the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen and the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and IT, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. Tom Evans, have all been properly excused from this Sitting. On behalf of the Assembly, I offer condolences to the Members and their families on their recent loss. Item Two is the "Opening Address" by the President. So we are now on Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*. And I will ask that the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honorable Johannes Lampe, give his opening address.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti.*

[Speaks in Inuktitut.]

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Muriel Andersen was born on Dunn's Island in 1917. Mrs. Anderson left home to attend boarding school some 30 miles away from Makkovik. As a child, she worked at splitting fish and cooked for Newfoundland Fishing crews. At the age of 21 she married John Edgar Andersen, and the couple moved to Adlavik, just south of Makkovik. They had six children, two of whom are now Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Wilson, Wally and Anthony, Tony Andersen. Her husband passed away when Tony was three years old, leaving her to raise the children on her own. Her grandson Thomas Evans is also a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and her granddaughter, Lela Evans, is the Legislative Member for Torngat Mountains in the House of Assembly. Mrs. Andersen was well known for her crochet work and for making seal skin boots and other clothing to support her family. She also worked for the Moravian Mission and provided interpreter and translation services for the medical clinic in Makkovik as well as for the courts. Mrs. Andersen was very well respected by those who were fortunate enough to have known her. She endured a great deal in her life, having lived through both the First and Second World Wars, two global pandemics, and residential school. Family are gathering in Makkovik this week to celebrate the life of this remarkable woman. My thoughts are with them all. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we take a moment of silence as a show of respect for Mrs. Andersen.

[Moment of silence observed.]

*Nakummek.* Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Rigolet AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard and Sivunivut Inuit Corporation Chair, Jeff Montague, on your recent election wins as well as to Marjorie Flowers on her re-election as AngajukKâk for Arvertok Hopedale. I wish her the best. And I look forward to working with you and all Members of the Assembly as we continue to strive to improve the social and economic well-being of our communities and beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, as most Members of the Assembly are aware, an environmental review of the Nain Micro grid Project is ongoing. We had hoped that public consultations would have been completed by now to allow us to move to the next phase of the project. However, we have had some delays and the consultations are tentatively expected to take place the week of October 17. The goal of consultations is to gather the views of Inuit as well as knowledge about the proposed site of the project and potential environmental impacts. Led by Natural Forces and the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, the plan is to build wind turbines, battery storage and associated infrastructure in Nain to reduce diesel reliance for electricity generation. I would encourage all residents of Nain to take part in the consultation process as we move this project forward. As well, Mr. Speaker, for those Assembly Members who are not aware, we are also planning to build a new certified airport for the community of 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 5,000 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 impact 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, starting at Annaniak Brook. The alignment will have some key design and construction challenges including three water crossings requiring bridges and more structural culverts, challenging topography, including steep terrain, sections prone to avalanches in some areas, as well as low lying poorly, drained areas to cross. As I noted, during the address to the Assembly on September 6th, Ministers Asivak and Barbour will join me as delegates for the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Annual General Meeting from September 27 to 29 in Kuujuaq. Aside from the presentation, of the Audited Financial Statements and the appointment of auditors for the next year, discussions will focus on a number of key issues, including updates on the Inuit Nunangat Policy and legislative updates, specifically on an Act respecting First Nations Inuit and native children, youth and families, the *Ontario Child, Youth and Family Services Act* and Distinctions Based Indigenous Health. There will also be updates on Qanuippitaa? National

Health Survey, National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy, Inuit Child First Initiative, Indigenous Justice Strategy and RCMP work plan. Inuit Youth Leadership Program and Inuktut Qaliujaaqpait. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all Assembly Members for their determination and hard work to advance issues and concerns on behalf of communities and all Labrador Inuit no matter where they live. Public life isn't always an easy job. You should all be commended for taking on a challenge. *Nakummek UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, President Lampe. We will now move on to Item Three, "The Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". I would like to welcome Isabella Pain. As this was not a scheduled meeting, there are no public visitors in the gallery. For the information of the Assembly, the pages today are Aidan Wheeler from the Upper Lake Melville, as well as Hilary Merkeratsuk. The interpreters and translator is Gus Semigak. And the IT staff helping out for this Assembly are Damien Pottle and Harry Dicker. As well, we would like to recognize the OKalaKatiget Society staff, Sarah Abel. And if there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see the assistant to the clerk, Tabea Onalik. We will now move on to Item Four. As the Assembly is aware, the elections for the Office of AngajukKâk for the Inuit communities of Hopedale and Rigolet have concluded, as well as the election for Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. The Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation returns by acclamation. I welcome the successful candidates to the Chamber. I

now recognize the President of Nunatsiavut to administer the Oaths of Office for these individuals.

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**MR. WINTERS:**

Congratulations to the new and returning Members. We will now move on to Item Five, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers Statements today? I see three. Starting with Mr. Asivak of The Department of Health and Social Development, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. The Family Connections Program update. Welcome to Fred Winters, driver for the Family Connections Program for the community of Hopedale. DHSD secured funding from the Inuit Child First Initiative for two new sport utility vehicles for Nain and Hopedale, which will better support transportation needs. Vacant, supervised access positions in Nain and Hopedale. We do have vacant positions in Nain and Hopedale for supervised access. These positions are required to assist beneficiaries with supervised access between children in care and their families. We encourage anyone who is interested to reach out to Human Resources or the Director of Family Services in Nain or Family Connections Manager in Happy-Valley Goose Bay if they want to know more about these positions. Update on devolution of Child Welfare Services. DHSD are active in the work plan for the Inuit Services Review, stemming from the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate's report, "A Long Wait for Change." There are 33 recommendations in this report, and we are working closely with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to strategize the implementation of the 33 recommendations. We have



reviewed CSSD's Protection and In-care Policy and Procedure Manual in its entirety to review the policies and procedures so we could be open to accepting and changing, once we assume jurisdiction. We continue to meet regularly with Provincial Directors staff on current CSSD policies and procedures. DHSD provided input on the legislation surrounding the *Adoptions Act*. In addition, DHSD is currently providing analysis to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on services to birth parents and Cultural Connection policies. We are exploring Inuit data of Inuit children in care with ITK and the Federal Government. We are also meeting with the Government of Canada to explore the Federal legislation to make informed decisions around funding needs. We have engaged in some preliminary discussion with CSSD around the In-care Program and potentially beginning devolution with taking over the In-care Program to start. In the meantime, we are listening to our communities and taking action through different programs in the Family Services Division. This includes the supports we offer through the Family Connections Program, supporting Nunatsiavut beneficiary foster parents, through the "Caring for Our Children Project," helping families apply for resources on the Inuit Child First Initiative and supporting older youth in transitioning out of the In-care Program through our Youth Services social worker. Mr. Speaker, Community Programs: Community Programs staff including Team Leaders, Regional Childcare Manager, Food Security Program Manager and Status of Women Coordinator met face-to-face in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, August 30th to September 1st. The meeting allowed for an opportunity to

meet with directors, managers, and coordinators from other divisions to learn more about roles and responsibilities, to allow for more collaboration and partnering. Some new staff: welcome Wilma Jenkins into the Community Health Worker in Nain. Welcome to your new role-, all the best in your new position. The Community Health Worker position for Postville is vacant while Jennifer Jaque has moved to a new position on a six-week trial period. Food security: Fishing rods have been distributed to every household in Nunatsiavut. Boil-up kits consisting of a cooler bag, mugs, and a blanket have been distributed in households in Nunatsiavut. There are kits available for distribution in Upper Lake Melville, but the numbers are limited. Childcare: All daycares are reopened with the exception of Postville. The Daycare Operator position has been posted. There will be updates coming soon on the Urban Inuit Childhood Education Project. Children's Oral Health Initiative, COHI. COHI training is planned for October in Halifax. This will provide refreshers for COHI Aids as well as train new staff in order to build capacity for program delivery in all communities. In closing, Mr. Speaker, I'll speak about the Status of Women. The Provincial Indigenous Women Steering Committee discussed the MMIWG calls for justice for our province. These calls for justice are important pieces that the Provincial Government could immediately put into action and are all at minimal cost and do not call for legislative changes in our province. A final report from this gathering titled, "Hear Our Voices," was presented to the Premier in his office on July 6, 2022. At this presentation, we grouped together the actions into four main areas,

Culture, Health and Wellness, Justice, and Human Security. We concluded our presentation by asking for the Province to immediately commit publicly to establish a Joint Reconciliation Council to coordinate the implementation of the MMIWG Calls to Action. Our steering committee still has not received a response to our July 6th meeting. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. The next Minister Statement will come from Minister Barbour, Minister of the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek*. [Speaks in Inuttitut]

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakumesuak*, Minister Barbour. Excellent work. Two different points I want to bring up now, before we move any further. Normally, under Standing Order 5.1 the Assembly must adjourn for the day at 5:00 p.m. We're 10 minutes off. So I'm seeking the consent of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 5(3) to extend the sitting until the end of today's *Orders of the Day*, but that does require unanimous consent-, sorry. majority. Can I have hands for "Ays"? And, yeah, do we approve? Seeing majority that passes. *Nakummek*. Secondly, the time allotted for Ministers Statements is not supposed to exceed 35 minutes. We're within five minutes now, so it can be extended with the unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 29 (3). Do I have unanimous consent to move beyond the 35 minutes allotted so that the next Minister can also speak? Seeking consent. And do I have it? And it passes. *Nakummek*. The next person that I saw was First Minister Williams when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to begin today-, I'm going to present the ministerial statement for Minister Evans who couldn't be here today, so I'm going to present at his behalf. Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada released the Population and Private Dwellings data in February 2022 from the census completed in 2021. Staff in my department completed a review of this data-, staff in his department-, I'm sorry. Completed a review of this data as it is used in funding agreements as well as in the formula for GST remittances. Mr. Speaker, there was a serious error in the data. The population data for Nain only noted 847 residents, a 24.7 percent decrease from census 2016. Our own internal data noted that the community of Nain had 1045 beneficiaries. As such, a request was submitted to Statistics Canada for a formal review of the population data. On behalf of Minister Evans, I'm pleased to inform the Assembly that Statistics Canada has confirmed that the data for both population and number of private dwellings were incorrect. The data has been revised and published. Mr. Speaker, it now reflects the population for Nain to be 1,204 and the number of private dwellings are increased from 266 to 380. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government was successful in receiving funds from The Canada Summer Jobs Program this year. We had funding for the 19 positions and we're able to successfully recruit for 15 of these positions. This was an increase on one position from the previous two years. Youth were interviewed at the end of their work term. Mr. Speaker, the feedback was extremely positive, with all youth indicating that they would return to work with the Government. They enjoyed being out on the land, learning

and using Inuttitut and engaging with elders, other youth. To date, there has been 115 new recruitment files in the Human Resources Division. This figure does not include the re-advertisement of current jobs, job competitions. So the actual number of job ads released is much higher. On behalf of Minister Evans, I'd like to take this time to thank Jeff Montague for his work in his in the Minister's Department as an IT Support Specialist. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated. *Nakummek.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek,* Minister Williams. Are there any further Ministers statements? Seeing Minister Vincent, Department of Land's Natural Resources, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. VINCENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table my first quarterly report to the Assembly as Minister of Land's and Natural Resources. I will provide a short update on several files in the Department since my last report. Renewable Resources: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files and endeavors: Fisheries, Mr. Speaker, The 2JN Snow Crab Fishery closed on August 20 with the majority of the 109-tonne quota landed-,16,000 pounds was left unharvested or 6.8 percent of the quota. The turbot fisheries closed on September 18 and four beneficiary fishers landed the majority of the 198-tonne quota. The Department made a decision in season to have both our snow crab and turbot fisheries competitive and this worked well for landing a majority of the available quotas for processing in Makkovik. The shrimp fishery and SFA 4 and 5 is ongoing, with approximately 40 percent of quota landed to date. The shrimp fishery will continue until mid

November and there are 18 beneficiaries that is needed to take part. The Nain plant took in 45,012 pounds of arctic char and 7,000 pounds of green scallops this year. Mr. Speaker, as of September 11th the English River Counting fence has had 1,089 salmon, 1,589 char and 38 brook trout. This is not only double the count of last year, but also on an all time high in the amount of Atlantic salmon. Wildlife: Mr. Speaker, based on the results of the aerial census completed, by the Torngat Secretariat and a Traditional Knowledge study completed by Katie Rosa, the licenses available for harvesting moose has been reduced. What the survey and study suggested that moose abundance is very low. The hunting season in Labrador Inuit Settlements have open on September 15th and we have 14 licenses available for Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. The season will close on March 7th 2023. Mr. Speaker, the Department have access to approximately 30 licenses in Gros Morne and part of our ongoing efforts to avoid alternate of country food for the communities. Staff will travel to Gros Morne near the end of October to fill those licenses. This marks our 10th year to access moose in Gros Morne and we would like to thank Parks Canada for their ongoing support. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources in partnership with Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board and the Province will be conducting community consultations this October on the results of the 2017, 2020 Davis Strait Polar Bear Survey. Mr. Speaker, we are awaiting the results of the George River Caribou census that took place this summer. We expect the results sometime this late fall. Mr. Speaker, total cost of the Caribou Project in 2022 is

\$293,137.30. All deliveries to Community Freezers is now complete.

Lands Division: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Lands Division has been engaged in the following files: Mr. Speaker, 28 land-use applications have been submitted in 2022. Fifteen 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 Harbor and Hebron. Mr. Speaker, the Lands Division is making progress on the backlog of lease and tenure certificates for land use. Mr. Speaker, Lands Division staff in collaboration with the Non-renewal Resource Division conducted inspections on fish camps. The Torngat Mountain Base Camp, the Nunatsiavut Government's operation in Hebron and the Fraser River Char Research camp, all located in Labrador Inuit Lands. *Impact Benefit Agreement*: Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay Mine Mill and the Mine Expansion is going fairly well. We are still dealing with a problem of low application from beneficiaries, however. Our Department is still discussing with Vale, the resumption of in-person community visits. Dates will be published for those visits once they are determined. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Co-Management Board had a face-to-face meeting on July 30th to August 6 at the Torngat Base Camp. Mr. Speaker, my Department is currently in the hiring process to have an understudy to the IBA Coordinator for the next two years.

Non-renewable Resources: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Non-renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files pertaining to mineral exploration and geoscience: Mr. Speaker, Labrador Uranium Exploration Program is

underway on their claims in the Central Mineral Belt. Exploration work includes a drill program in Moran Lake and line cutting and geophysics at Mustang Lake. The base camp of operations is at Chaulk Lake, 71 kilometres southwest of Postville. Labrador Uranium also has a line cutting crew based out of Postville. Labrador Uranium is exploring for uranium and vanadium. They are anticipating their program will finish in October. The Division has also conducted an exploration site inspection on September 14th. Mr. Speaker, Labrador Gold has started work on September 9th, on their Udjuktok property located in LIL. Approved work includes prospecting, geological mapping, biogeochemical sampling and channel sampling. They are exploring for gold in the Florence Lake, Greenstone Belt. They also conducted a community engagement meeting on their program, September 13th. Mr. Speaker, Aurora Energy has started work on August 31st under Michelin property located on LIL. The work includes prospecting, geochemical sampling and airborne survey in search for uranium. Aurora conducted a Community Engagement meeting on their program on August 15th. The Division has also conducted an exploration site inspection on September 14th. Aurora is anticipating their program will finish by September. Mr. Speaker, Altius Resources completed a 10-day prospecting program based out of Nain under Pants Lake, Tasisuak and Kingurutik Lake properties located on LIL and LISA. Altius conducted a Community Engagement Meeting on their program on September 6th. Mr. Speaker, Churchill Resources completed their prospecting program on September 14th. They were based out of Postville. Work included ground



following up on geophysical anomalies from their spring airborne survey on their Florence Lake Properties, located on LIL and LISA. Mr. Speaker, the Geological Survey of Canada, GeoNorth Fuel program led by the GSC and the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador wrapped up on August 6th. The researchers were based out of Hopedale. Their work included geological mapping, bedrock and surficial studies, as well as an airborne radiometric survey. Mr. Speaker, Prospector Davidee Ningeok has been approved by Nunatsiavut Government to prospect his claims on East Turnaviks, Grewy(ph) Island and Udjuktok. Mr. Speaker, Viridian Metals has been approved by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to explore their Wolverine Property in the Flower's River Rare Earth Complex. The claims are located on LISA and they plan to drill 500 meters of core. The anticipated start date is September 15th.

Environment Division: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Environment Division has been engaged in the following files: The Environment Division in partnership with Deputy Minister Belinda Webb in Language, Culture and Tourism, Oceans North and Parks Canada had a successful Torngat Area of Interest Steering Committee meeting at the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, which included very constructive and valuable meetings, with the CEO of Park's Canada. The Steering Committee is now travelling to all Nunatsiavut communities, including Upper Lake Melville and Kangiqsualujjuaq to consult with community members about the Torngat AOA. Summer research programs have been very successful with a significant amount of data and information being

collected throughout Nunatsiavut including out of the Torngat Mountain Mountains Base Camp and Research Station and using a large research vessel on the coast of Nunatsiavut. 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 Environmental Assessment staff of the Environment Division have been very busy assessing multiple land use permits, Provincial Environmental Assessments and reviewing proposals and documents for the feasibility assessments for the proposed new Nain Airport. The Environmental Division is also helping to coordinate the consultation on the Nain Wind and Microgrid project. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Minister Vincent. We're now moving on to Item Six, "Members Statements." Oh, my apologies, there is a second Ministers Statement from First Minister Melva Williams. Go ahead.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement from my department. Housing Repair Program: Mr. Speaker, the 2022 construction season is a busy one. The work from the 2020 work-, the Repair Program, operates on a calendar year behind-, was completed in this spring. Work is now underway for the 2021 Program covering 25 homes, broken down as follows: Nain, eight, Hopedale, five, Postville, three, Makkovik, three, Rigolet, six. Additionally, there have been three homes repaired under their Emergency Repair Program, and three more are under contract with another 10 in line for inspection and subsequent contracting. A major change for the Repair Program this year is the hiring by NG of its own home inspector based out

of Rigolet. This position will eliminate the need to inspect on a contract basis, case by case, and lead to a significant reduction in time it takes to have inspections completed. The home inspector started work early in August and has had is having a very busy fall schedule. In addition to doing inspections and sign-off on the 25 homes contracted under the 2021 Program, there are also 56 inspections scheduled for the 2022 Repair Program and the Emergency Repair Program. Infrastructure Action Plan Update: Mr. Speaker, public property continues to develop the infrastructure plan for the Nunatsiavut Government, which include the five Inuit communities. The infrastructure team will-, has been working with ITK and report detailing all infrastructure needs and projected costs for Inuit Nunangat, which is being presented to the Government of Canada to support ongoing infrastructure funding. From this report, closing the infrastructure gap in Nunatsiavut is estimated to require an initial capital investment of \$6.2 billion over 10 years, and \$109.4 million annually, afterwards for ongoing operations and maintenance. The team has begun spending and scoping projects to utilize the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund funding which is \$61 million over four years from the Federal Government. Since the approval of the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund Action plan from NEC, the team has continued to move forward on capital projects, which will go forward to NEC for final approval before design and construction begins. We've added an Infrastructure Policy Analyst to the team who is beginning to develop internal policy and support the development of the Infrastructure Strategy. The team has

continued to develop the scope for the Nunatsiavut Infrastructure Strategy, working with NG staff and leadership. Consulting various government departments, preparing for initial engagement with communities this fall, including public sessions, and working with the AngajukKâk, councils and staff to establish a working group.

Transportation: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Assembly for their support in developing a new airport in Nain and the fact that came together to allow the feasibility studies to proceed on schedule. I continue to push the Provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to meet to discuss some very important transportation issues, for Nunatsiavut, including the long overdue pre-feasibility study on a road into Nunatsiavut, airstrip upgrades, and wharf infrastructure. These issues have a detrimental impact on how Inuit in Nunatsiavut live and interact with the rest of the Province and Canada. The gaps in transportation continue to be a barrier to improving life on the North Coast of Labrador. A collective approach to eliminating these gaps in air, water and ground transportation is long overdue. As a government, the pre-feasibility study a road into Nunatsiavut is a priority. We need to ensure the work is started now. This is only the first step in a very long process, before determining if feasible for all or some of our communities. Nunatsiavut Affairs is committed to work with all governments to prioritize this initiative for the region.

Nunatsiavut Housing Commission update: Mr. Speaker, the Board of Commissioners held their first meeting on August 17th, 2022 at this meeting, the bylaws and policies for the

Nunatsiavut Housing Commission were adopted and are now in place. These will be available to the public on the forthcoming Nunatsiavut Housing Commission website, set for launch in the fall. The Director of Housing held open houses on the work underway on the new Commission in every community in July and August. She would like to thank all who came out and participated in the meetings for their time and helpful feedback. The comments and concerns raised that these sessions will be presented to the Board in a report at their next meeting in October. Inuit Community Housing Committee elections: Work continues with the Inuit Community Governments and staff to prepare for the upcoming Inuit community Housing Committee elections. Every community will have a committee that serves a vital role of providing input and advice to the Board. Elections will be held after the ICG Counsel elections in October. Work continues to develop draft leases, applications and NHC budgets to be presented at the next NHC board meeting scheduled for October in Nain as well as the hiring of the central NHC staff. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Williams. Are there any other Ministers Statements? Seeing none, we will now move on to Members Statements. Are there any Member Statements? Okay. Let's get started. Representing the Upper Lake Melville, the Honorable, Gerald Asivak, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to the families of the late Mr. Brian Allingham of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. To our friends and colleagues, Mr. Wally Andersen, Mr. Anthony Andersen, and Mr. Tom Evans, thoughts and

prayers to you and your families on the passing of Ms. Muriel Anderson. God bless. I attended the World Suicide Prevention walk in North West River on September 12th, 2022 hosted by North West River DHSD and Charles J. Andrew Youth Treatment Centre. The walk was well attended, raising the importance of reaching out when you or someone you know, may be in mental health distress. Please reach out if you need help. I attended the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Labrador Friendship Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay mid-September. This was well attended by the community. This centre offers many great valuable programs and services for all ages and for Indigenous and non-Indigenous. I was glad to hear that they will reopen their hostel in April of 2023. Keep up the great work, Board of Directors and staff at Labrador Friendship Centre. Welcome pages Hillary Merkeratsuk of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. She's in Grade 11 at Mealy Mountain Collegiate. Aidan Wheeler, of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is in Grade 10. Aidan is the son of former Ordinary Member Marlene Wheeler. Thank you for signing up and enjoy the experience. In closing, Mr. Speaker, congrats, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, on your re-election, to Chairperson Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, on your re-election of NunaKatiget. Welcome newly elected and AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet, and Chairperson, Jeff Montague, for Sivunivut. All the best. Work hard for your communities. *Nakummek.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville Gerald Asivak. Next, I saw Ordinary Member-, sorry, AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is gonna be short. I'd like to thank NG for the solar panels that were installed at the Jeremiah Sillett Community Centre. The panels were turned on about three weeks ago, but we don't know yet how much we're saving because we haven't got the first report from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. The roof on the lower part of the JSC Centre is also repaired, (inaudible). The Quonset hut, which is used for storage, is ready for insulation and the contractor is Northern Peaks of Nain. That project will be completed this fall. Mr. Speaker, the Budgell's Equipment Rentals and Allnorth Contractors are going to finish off the completion of the Housing Development Program, working on the roads, and that was obviously given us problems over the past number of years. This, I hope will be the final work of the-, to be done before we start planning for a new development the future. The middle path replacement, the waterline replacement is going ahead. Budgell's Equipment Rentals, again is doing that project and they started work yesterday afternoon. Hopefully, they will be completed this fall, but if the weather isn't going to be an issue, they have guaranteed that they will leave the road in good shape and come back in the New Year. But we anticipate they will be done this year. Mr. Speaker, finally, the ongoing projects in 2023 we hope to complete the generator installation of the water tower along with the chlorination pump. Also in 2023 we're looking at the Chlorination Separation Building, which would be apart from where the current water pumps are located. Right now they're in the same room and causing issues. And the equipment to should arrive early this fall but they're gonna

start next season. 2023 should see us planning for new water and sewage repairs. We had the study done last year and we just got that and the estimated cost for that is \$10 million. And we had to find money. There is money in JMC funds, Joint Management Group, but that's up for negotiations with the other communities. So there's lots of work in 2023. That's it from the NICG report for this time around. And I'll update you on the rest as they happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. At this time, I'm going to recommend that we take a 40-minute break. We have been going for a little while now. We need to eat and looking around the table, I think we need some air. *Nakummek*, everyone. We'll be back at the top of the hour.

[Recess]

**MR. WINTERS:**

Thank you all. We're going to get back into it now. So we're still on Item Six, Member Statements. And I believe we finished with AngajukKâk Dicker, so we will be going on to AngajukKâk Flowers, from Hopedale. When you're ready, Marjorie.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I began my Members Statement a year ago today by wishing Aunt Muriel Andersen of Makkovik a very happy belated 104th birthday. I rise today to send my deepest condolences to her family, friends, in her beloved Makkovik, on her recent passing. Not many people can say they've lived to be 105 years of age and still have all their faculties. Aunt Muriel could say that. She was a wonderful storyteller, and with her passing, many stories and history has been lost. Her family, friends, and



residents of the Long-Term Healthcare Centre where she resided in her last year's will dearly miss her. I extend my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to her daughters, Annie Evans and Iris O'Leary, her sons, Wally and Tony Andersen, as well as all her grandchildren, including our Minister of Finance, Tom Evans, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and the town of Makkovik. Thank you, Aunt Mu, for your kindness, faithfulness, dedication and love to your family, and community over the past 105 years. Enter into the joy of the Lord. Your work on earth is done. Mr. Speaker, I extend my thanks and gratitude to the residents of Hopedale who trusted me enough to vote for me as their AngajukKâk and re-elect me for the next four years. It is my pleasure and honour to serve this beautiful town. Welcome back to all the students and staff at ACMS. There are only two new teachers this year which is great for consistency with students. A big Hopedale welcome to Ms. Rebecca Dennis, and Mr. Jonathan Guy. I wish everyone a great 2022-'23 school year. September 27th will be the "Meet the Teacher" at ACMS. Centres will be set up in the gym with open house to visit classrooms. The ever-popular sports meet will be held October 13th to the 16th. This year, Hopedale will be the host community. HICG wishes all students the best of luck in the sports meet. Play hard, play fair, and have fun. Go Naniut. HICG News, there are just two more positions to fill, the Town Clerk and Community Youth Network. Orientation has been ongoing at Nanuk Centre with the manager and recreation assistant. Programming will begin in the next couple of weeks. The CEEP project was applied for, and hopefully, in the next couple of

weeks, we'll know if HICG was approved for the program. The groundwork has begun on the construction of an outdoor rink. Due to funding in the late start of this project, construction work will not be completed before the cold weather set in. Hopedale greatly anticipates the completion of this project in 2023. Work will also commence next week, September 23rd on upgrading the Water Distribution Building. This is the first upgrade to the building since its construction in 1988. Work will also commence on the water and sewer projects into the dock area and HICG, Municipal Garage. Construction of an extra bay will be added to the town garage under another Capital Works project this fall. Due to the unavailability of some building materials, this project's completion date is scheduled for 2023. HICG staff have recently completed safety training, including First Aid and CPR. All workers are now up to date and have their certification, all updated. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. Up next will be our newest AngajukKâk, Mr. Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet, when you're ready sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take time to thank the people for of Rigolet, for voting me in. Thanks for putting your faith in me, and I'll do my best to represent Rigolet and fight for our community. I would also like to acknowledge Craig Blake, the other nominee. It was a close race. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chesley Sheppard, the oldest son of Stanley and Judy Wolfrey. I am 38 years old, with three beautiful children and a loving partner. Anyone who knows me, knows I've been wanting this position for a while. This is my dream. Hopefully, I'll be able

to do as good as a job as it last AngajukKâk, Charlotte Wolfrey. Her name will be spoken for years because her experience is unmatched. She fought hard for our community and done a lot. And I'd like to take a moment to applaud her, applaud her and her great dedication. I'm new in the office and don't have much to report. We are short-staffed and hoping to fill these positions as soon as possible. Saying that, I would like to say a big thank you to our Town Clerk, Chelsea Shiwak, for being so patient and so helpful. I'd be in a hard place, if it wasn't for her in the office. I'm excited to take on this challenge and look forward with working with all of you. Together, we are the difference. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Next up is the other AngajukKâk Sheppard, this one from Postville, when you're ready.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, yeah, it's good to hear from other communities, other departments, on everything that's happening-, very interesting information, and a lot of it I take to heart. Mr. Speaker, before I get into my notes here, I would like to pass on sincere condolences to the family of the late Aunt Muriel Andersen. The family has been very close friends to my family down through the history. And, you know, I've known Mrs. Andersen for some time myself, and had many chats with her myself. So, you know, I'd like to send along condolences to the family as well. But Mr. Speaker, this evening, I would like to give an update on some of the activities that the Postville Inuit Community Government has been up to over the past months, weeks and probably the last year some of it. First of all, Mr. Speaker, due to the September elections for AngajukKâks and

the upcoming October elections for the Inuit Community Government Members, we have been put into a mode of caretaker mode, which means, you know, things slowed down at the office for ICG Members, for ICG staff to a certain extent. However, business has to continue day to day activities. Despite this, work, like I said, has to continue, and we're making progress on the following: Our Waste Disposal Site, which I reported on here some time ago-, cleanup was 90 percent complete. This includes shipping out of old vehicle wrecks, appliances, old snowmobile bodies and old tires. We did have some challenges related to this, however, we managed to get destinations for all of the above mentioned. Old vehicle wrecks, snow mobile parts and appliances is going to NewCo in Goose Bay. And we only recently found out Mr. Speaker that old tires that we have stockpiled at our Waste Disposal site, Rogers Recycling in Goose Bay has taken them. And for the information, I guess, of other communities who may be in the near future doing the same shipping out things, they do not take loaded tires and tires that have rims on them. Other than that, once the tires clean, they're good to go. Now, I have a guide railing project that I reported on some time ago as well has been 100 percent complete. This project was basically project management of the Postville Inuit Community Government, and I think I mentioned before, our outdoor crew operators and office staff did an excellent job. Municipal and Provincial affairs is pretty amazed at a job that we did-, our guys did. They were in and they did inspection and had a go around and look at it. And they tell us they wouldn't know the difference if an outside contractor would have done

the job. Our Interpretation Centre, the Postville Inuit Community Government finally received a shipment of furniture on the Kamutik W. September 12th. This don't go without saying that some of the furniture was damaged due to handling, of course. The Postville Inuit Community Government will be hiring or attempting to hire someone to work at our new Interpretation Centre in the very near future. Our Boardwalk repairs, Mr. Speaker, we currently have two people-, I should say, had two people working on replacing the old boardwalk with new lumber. However, as of Friday, September 23rd their still continuing to work, my mistake. Both individuals will be laid off due to budget constraints. Land Development, Mr. Speaker. As of August the 26th, Postville had an additional six land lots developed by Budgell's, which means that the Postville Inuit Community Government had to start looking at a new subdivision, as all the land lots in this old subdivision had been developed. New groomer, Mr. Speaker. The Postville Inuit Community Government was successful in acquiring funding from the JMC, Joint Management Committee for a new groomer as our one is in need of some major repairs and is quite old. And we are very thankful to the Joint Management Committee for the funding that was approved for this purpose. Mind you that this groomer will be coming in 2023, not this fall. Pending or under discussion, a new outdoor rink proposal submitted to the Province, May 2022. Discussion started on a spray program for bugs/insects in the Postville area. Mr. Speaker, there's a lot of work to be done before we can actually say that this will happen. But we are discussing this with a company located in Quebec. It's the same

company that do the spray program in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Wabush. Mr. Speaker, a discussion has started with consultants on the possibility of a breakwater for Postville. If the Postville Inuit Community Government happen to get the green light, we have lots of blast rock from our two last subdivision land lot developments. So that will be a plus for us. Mr. Speaker, what I mentioned this evening in my member statement is just the tip of the iceberg of some of what we are doing. The Postville Inuit Community Government has been faced with the challenge of lack of human resources in getting some of our jobs done this 2022 summer season. What we see happening in the near future as an Inuit Community Government, the best way we may have to combat this is to maybe tender out our projects for seasonal purposes. We can't find human resources to do it, and I think many other communities is faced with the same problem. We've had jobs, posted, and, you know, not filled. Anyway, I know my time limit is maxed out there, Mr. Speaker, so I thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Yeah, just as a reminder, we do have five minutes as a limit, but you can go twice. We're also here tomorrow. So thank you for recognizing and respecting the time limit. The next person I'm going to recognize is AngajukKâk Andersen, Barry Andersen of Makkovik, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Yeah. And thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise also, as was previously mentioned, by the President, Minister Asivak, and AngajukKâk Flowers, AngajukKâk Sheppard, in recognizing the long life of Aunt Muriel Andersen of Makkovik. I'd like to pass on-, on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community

Government, my condolences on behalf of the community to the immediate family and a very, very large extended family of Aunt Muriel Andersen. Her legacy has left a void here today in the Chambers with three Members missing. So that just goes to show her impact, I guess, on-, not only Makkovik, but Nunatsiavut as a whole. Also, like the other AngajukKâk-, there's some ongoing issues in Makkovik with contracts and things a bit slow, mostly because of COVID and other delayed reasons or delays in supplying building materials and that sort of thing. But we were happy to learn just this morning that our work permit last throughout the fall was approved to be done by-, was approved by the Nunatsiavut Government to allow us to proceed to get the sewer outfall built up to protect that end of the community from freeze ups in the future. So I thank the Nunatsiavut Government Lands Division for their speedy review of the process. Other than that, Mr. Speaker, there's just-, I'd just like to thank our Recreation Department in Makkovik for-, being a very new department with help from the Nunatsiavut Government WEP, Work Experience Program, had a few workers hired on during the summer. The last one is on (inaudible) right now and will be finishing up that pretty much at the end of September. They had a big hand in helping out our Recreation Department and keeping our youth busy throughout the summer and fall. And also like AngajukKâk Flowers mentioned, AngajukKâk Dicker, about the sports meet coming up in October here in Hopedale. So I wish all the athletes, all students in our region, the best in their sports competitions, but also, more importantly, in their life friendships that they're going to

build from these types of sports meets. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. I will next recognize the Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. We moved offices starting on July the 4th. We moved to the North Star building. Where we have more space and storage space. The Community Freezer room now has space for all our freezers and our cooler. The move has vastly improved our mental health. The elders are very pleased with the move and say that the building and the Community freezer office is very bright and inviting. With the Community Freezer, the elders can now come into our office to pick up their freezer items, which they really like because due to COVID, we always had to leave it outside. Some people get a chance to sit and talk with the Community Freezer Coordinator, which is very good for the elders, and they've missed it. We received a thousand pounds of corned cod and we will be receiving 30 cases of char from Lands and Natural Resources for the freezers this year. We are very pleased with the char as the elders really love char and we go through a box and less a week. I want to thank Lands and Natural Resources and Department of Education and Economic Development for the char. Mr. Speaker, our budget is quite low. NunaKatiget is very pleased with the operating funds we received from Nunatsiavut Government. We wouldn't be able to operate without it. However, it is inadequate for the operation of the Corporation and the programs and



services. Up to July 31st, 2022 we have spent 98,586.78 of our 101,500 budget. We will be requesting an increase in our budget when we submit our budget for 2023 at the end of September to help us better meet our needs. We will still need to apply for grants from other places, but the increase would help us leverage more funds. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, we would like to send condolences to the family of Muriel Andersen, especially our fellow elected officials, Tony, Wally and Tom. I had the privilege of getting to know her from visiting the Long-term Care Facility. She was a very strong woman who became a widow at a very young age. She was a remarkable woman who led a very extraordinary life in her 105 years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Next, we will recognize the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Corporation, Mr. Jeff Montague, when you're ready.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have anything prepared right at this moment. But I would like to thank the people of North West River for electing me on September 13th. Sivunivut will be having an Annual General Meeting on September 28th where we will be electing a new Board of Directors and submitting a new budget. And in the future, I'll have more updates for you. Thank you, very much.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. When I saw everyone's hands go up, I thought I saw your hand go up as well. My apologies. Are there any other Member Statements? I see Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My statement today is a bunch of questions that members across Canada have asked me to ask. I was going to put them in questions tomorrow, but we're time restrained. So I will ask them. I will make the statement now, and then I will send the questions to the appropriate Ministers in the future. So good day fellow Nunatsiavut Members and Assembly Members. It's good to be here once again, and welcome to all the new faces. You have a tremendous job ahead of you. I hope you're prepared. Today, I'm asked once again to have the Canadian Constituency included in the spending and distribution of funding from the Nunatsiavut Government. In particular, it was for the funding for the school supplies because last Assembly, it was stated that there was only supplies and funding for the coastal communities, yet it's stated school-aged, Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. That means everyone as far as I'm concerned. So make it so that all school -aged Nunatsiavut beneficiaries get some funding for school supplies all across Canada. I have the mailing list for all the children, the school-aged children, and I'm willing to give it give it to any minister that will commit to sending out school supplies. Won't bother us at all. And another thing that subject that had several discussions with members across Canada is a Residential School Survivorship Program that is being held within Labrador. And I commend the Minister hat for starting that. And there are lots of survivors across Canada, especially in Newfoundland, but they can't get any assistance because the program basically is for the Nunatsiavut communities. So once again, the members living outside the Claims Area are being left out

of the program, cannot get any funding to hold meetings or support groups, but the workers that I have spoken to are willing to provide counselling by phone or video call to anyone that can reach out to them. The problem is you can get more if you had one meeting in St. John's for the survivors of school, residential system than you would by phone calls. And then there's the Inuttitut course where coastal communities, Upper Lake Melville and Canada once again, are not included. I've asked this for the last three years. All I've asked for is that the Canadian Constituents be included because there are so many members that are fluent in the language and are willing to teach the course. Please add a teacher and apprentice from this from Canada to this program. I noticed that you have evening courses for anyone that's free, plus you also have the Master and Apprentice program in most of the communities. And the evening programs are supplied to Nunatsiavut and it's open to anybody in the public. We can't even get a bite in. But we did have a course two, three years ago, that was given by Nunatsiavut by Sarah Townley, and that's still on the Internet. I keep mentioning that to members, but we would like to have a member and a master, a Master and Apprentice in the program. And another thing that was brought up to me and I'm going to put this in question as well is why didn't the people that are on Disability with fixed income and low income, they could not get on the Food Supplement Program? It's beyond me. It's supposed to help the low-income and the disadvantaged. Disabled people are very disadvantaged. They can't work. That's another one that was going, yeah. And the last question that I was

going to mention was the application form. I don't know how many people here have had to fill it out in the last 5 or 10 years-, 17 pages. It's a long application form. We are now having senior citizens in the Canadian Constituency that have to re-apply. Here, most of them are either very little education or no education. Absolutely, no way of filling out the information form on the application and the appeal. So we would like that-, to have that looked into, just reduce the number of pages and make it a little simpler for the people. Anyone that's 75, 80 years old, they have a difficult time filling that application out. And last but not least, is the non-inclusion of members living in Canadian Constituency. And that, apparently, is quite evident as members have told me, is there to govern and support all members, not just Coastal Labrador, all members, everyone. So we should not be excluded. All we ask from the Government is to treat us as equals. I keep asking that, treat us as equals to provide fair services and to be included, not dismissed. But at the same time, don't take away any more service than what you already provide. Services we do get, we do appreciate. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders. Next, I saw the Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummesuak*, *UKatti* As stated in, I think it was the July sitting, I've been helping some of our beneficiaries with their applications and paperwork while we wait for the Service Canada employee to come to our community. The last time I noted that I've helped 13 people and that number has risen

to 16, which reflects on the need for that employee. It's fall time now. So that means our youth in Nunatsiavut are preparing for the annual fall sports meet. You can see youth when you go to all the Nunatsiavut communities you'll see youth running or, you know, gathering in places to practice and prepare. This year, it's being held here in Hopedale some time in October. So I would like to wish all of the Nunatsiavut youth good luck. And as AngajukKâk Andersen has mentioned, in this meet you make lifelong friends and relationships. It has been a big part of my life as a youth in Nunatsiavut. So I just wanted to say good luck to them and have fun. I would also like to extend my condolences to our colleagues Tony and Wally Andersen, and Tom, and their families as well, on the-, for the passing of their [speaks in Inuttitut] Muriel, who just recently passed. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the re-elected and newly elected AngajukKâk and chairs of the Inuit Corporations [speaks Inuttitut] and I look forward to working with you. I've held a constituency meeting in July and the next one will be held during the end of October. Just wanted to provide that update. *Nakummek.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek,* Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour. The next Member I saw was the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to add my condolences to Mrs. Andersen's family, especially to Tom and Wally and Tony. In addition, I'd like to extend condolences to the community of Rigolet on the passing of Dora Hopkins. Sincere condolences to her family and her friends. Dora

was a long-time employee of the Northern Store. She started out at the Hudson Bay Company, went to Northwest Company, and Northern and she was-, she's dedicated 30-plus years of her life to that. So that made sure that she was a well-known and a well-, a person in the community that everyone had good conversations and relationships with, since we saw every day at the store. So she is definitely missed in our community, especially by her brother, Levi and family, her sister, Mabel and family, and as well for Guido and Sherri Rich and their family because Dora adopted more or less, their family. So I'm sure they will be missed and we'll be expecting the funeral in the coming days. I'd like to pass along my congratulations to Chesley Sheppard as AngajukKâk. I was mentioning to Chesley this morning on the flight that we're both pretty new, so we've got some things to learn, but I'm sure that we'll both do as well as we can for our community. So good luck to you Ches. As mentioned, when I sent out a little note saying I was leaving the office, I did go to the beginning of the Inuttitut course, the beginner's course that's being offered in our community. Linda Palliser is the instructor, and she had a couple of students. They were-, they accepted me to go in and just to wish them well, but I think they were a little bit put off because I just showed up. So I've advised them that I'm going to come back, and then they've told me that they're going to teach me some words, so I better be ready to learn. Thank you, very much, and I hope the meetings are successful this week. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Melva Williams of Rigolet. Do I see any more Member Statements? Yeah. I see George Gear, representing Postville. Go ahead, Ordinary Member.

**MR. GEAR:** *Nakummek, UKatti.* Just let you know now, I haven't gotten nothing on me right now, but I got the statement over there in my thing to read off, so I don't want to want to take nothing from that. So I'll do my own tomorrow. So that was nice and quick. *Nakummek UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Postville. Are there any more Member Statements? Seeing none, we'll now move on to Item Seven. This is the "Return to Oral Questions." I believe that there is at least one return to oral questions that was mentioned to me. Recognizing First Minister Melva Williams, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Return is to AngajukKâk Flowers in relation to the question that you had at the last session regarding the Torngat Housing, the deeds for the properties. As the-, I wanted to advise you that as the properties were turned over to the individuals in the homes, they are private homeowners now. We currently do not have a program that assists private homeowners with their-, securing their deeds for their properties or their land. However, we are beginning the work on a program to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Are there any other returns to oral questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Eight, "Oral Questions."

Are there any oral questions today? Yep. I see AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you. Excuse me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister of Vincent, and it's related to a concern, I think, Mr. Speaker, all across the North Coast and wherever hunters are out gathering. And my question to the Minister is, I would like to ask the minister, does he have any information to provide this Assembly this evening relating to the Avian Bird Flu that's been noticed in our province for the last number of months such as, are birds fit to eat? Are they're not? I'd just like to ask the Minister, does he have anything to share with this Assembly? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

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

**MR. VINCENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and AngajukKâk Sheppard. From the last I heard we were still waiting results from the laboratory. We hope to have them pretty soon or maybe within the next Assembly sitting, we could have something. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek* Minister Vincent. Would the AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville like to ask a supplemental question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. I believe the AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker also had his hand up. Go ahead when you're ready with your question, sir.



**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is directed to the First Minister. In your report today, you mentioned the pre- feasibility study of a road to the North Coast. You say that you met with officials. My question is, what was their answer?

**MR. WINTERS:** First Minister Williams?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. In my report, maybe I was not clear. What I was saying was that I did not have the meeting. I've been attempting to get a meeting with Minister Loveless to discuss the pre-feasibility study. I haven't been successful in securing a meeting with him as of yet.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would AngajukKâk Dicker of Nain like to ask a supplemental question?

**MR. DICKER:** Yes, this being ongoing though, for a while. I remember back in August, our colleague, Wally Andersen, asked that question to the First Minister at that time for Loveless to sit down and meet with you. What are they saying to you, or are they responding to you?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker, of Nain. First Minister Williams?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. We've been following up with their office. The Deputy Minister-, my Deputy Minister has been speaking with his Deputy Minister, but we haven't been able to get a response from Minister Loveless when he is willing to sit down to meet with us, to discuss this issue as well as any other issues in regards to transportation. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would AngajukKâk Dicker of Nain, like to ask a follow-up question?

**MR. DICKER:** Yes. I brought that up because I'm not going to be here in-, on the 29th of February. I believe that the date that Lisa Dempster, Minister of Labrador Affairs is going to be wanting to meet with Council. But I think this is an NG issue and I hope that you would bring that up with her and ask her that question, why Mr. Loveless is reluctant to answer those questions. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker of Nain. Would First Minister Williams like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. As indicated in my statement, this is a serious topic for our department. It is something that we are keen to work on and we will follow through. My Deputy Minister has been instructed to ensure that we move forward with this meeting and have a session-, have a new meeting with Minister Loveless as quickly as possible. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Are there any other oral questions at this time? Yeah, I see Chairperson of NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is to President Lampe as it concerns communications. Would it be possible for the President and all the Minister Statements be condensed by the Communication Department and put on our Internet site, so we can distribute to beneficiaries after

each sitting-, like, kinda like a little small newsletter or a information piece, just so the beneficiaries can see what happens at each sitting? Because not everybody is on the Internet, especially elders. Thank you.

Thank you. President Lampe.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. President Lampe, would you like to respond?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti. Nakummek.* [Speaks in Inuttitut.] Yes, thank you, Chair for NunaKatiget. Certainly, the communication that we provide to certainly the Labrador Inuit, Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville or the Canadian Constituency, and the statements that we do make at the Nunatsiavut Assembly sitting have to be viewed and reviewed and so a Hansard has to be prepared to make sure that statements are being made correctly, and-, or even the answers to questions are correct. And so the Nunatsiavut Assembly Members are provided with that Hansard to make sure that what it is that every Member of Nunatsiavut Assembly is correct. And that's something that, I believe, we do so that the public can know what is being stated at the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I don't know that we-, but that-, I certainly will make that-, put that question to the Executive Council and certainly to present to you an answer, which I hope would be sufficient to hopefully make sure that, you know, that these questions are being answered correctly. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a supplementary question?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

No, thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, President Lampe.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honorable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Mr. Speaker, in his statement today, the Honorable President mentioned that he will be attending an ITK Annual General Meeting coming up later in September. My question to the President, would Honorable Johannes Lampe would be one of the bullets that will be under discussion is Indigenous Justice Strategy and the RCMP workshop. My question in relation to that would be, would you intervene on behalf of the community of Postville during this discussion as we have a system that's gone from bad to worse when it comes to policing for my community? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Would President Lampe like to respond?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti, Nakummek*, AngajukKâk (inaudible). Yes, certainly, the agenda items that we discuss at the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami certainly relate to Inuit across the Inuit homeland and issues that concern Inuit, including Labrador Inuit. And so we have been raising these concerns which have been given, more by Postville than other communities, where you have-, or not have any RCMP presence for some time. And the justice issues are very important to us. And so we, again, will discuss these issues, the RCMP and the Indigenous Justice issues and most certainly, I will state

to the ITK Board of Directors, the concerns that Labrador Inuit have from Postville. And we will continue to raise those concerns. And we have also raised those concerns to the MMIWG. And then this process takes a long time to seek any solutions that would be a benefit to Labrador Inuit and Labrador Inuit Communities including Postville. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Would AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville like to ask a follow-up question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't. And thank you, President Lampe for the response.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, Honorable Melva Williams. It's regarding the question that you just answered for me. But my question to you is, you said that there was a program being in place. Does this mean that the residents, the homeowners, will get help with their legal documents for the land transfer? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. When you're ready First Minister Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. Currently, we do not have a program that helps private homeowners with their land or deed documentation. We do not have a program. We are beginning the process to start a program for-, to help individuals with getting-, securing their

deeds for their properties. However, there's nothing currently available at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would AngajukKâk Flowers like to follow up with another question?

**MS. FLOWERS:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I understand that they don't have a program right now, but you stated that they will be getting a program. So does this mean that they will be given help when the program is up and running? And when do you think that program will be up and running? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. First Minister Williams?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The details for the program haven't been established as yet. As mentioned, we're just getting started on that program. Once we move further along with the process, we will be able to determine what the eligibility requirements will be for the program. And as of right now, as the program is just at the conception stage, I have no sense of when program will be available or accessible to anyone at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale like to ask another question-, a follow-up, sorry.

**MS. FLOWERS:** No, thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. The next hand that I saw was the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for using your first name earlier on by mistakenly. My question is for the First Minister. Thank you to the Lands

and Resources Minister for the figure of \$297,000 they just spent on some caribou and a lot of other meats, I believe. I believe that's what was in his question, or your statement. It sounded like it. Anyway, what I'm asking for is, will the First Minister commit to spending the amount equal to the \$297,000 that was just spent on food to supply the Canadian Constituency Members by extending the Food Supplement Program by another six months? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. First Minister Williams, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Member for this the question. I think that you may have misdirected the question in relation to the food subsidy. Affairs hasn't been leading that program. It may be better directed to Minister Evans, who is no longer here. I could take the question on his behalf, and return it for him-, for you, as I presented his statement, however, that's not something that my department would be responsible for providing.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. So you will take it under notice on Minister Evan's behalf? Would there be a follow-up question? I guess we can wait on that. *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. I don't see any more questions-, hands. Okay, I see Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Terry Vincent, when you're ready.

**MR. VINCENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have concerns from one of my constituents here in Hopedale. This is for Minister Asivak, Minister of Health. "I am writing

today about the lack of mental health worker in the Land Claims Areas. We have many communities without mental health clinicians to help provide services for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Although I do appreciate that fact that we have community members employed at DHSD in mental health roles, many people are not comfortable talking with fellow community members. What is the Department of Health doing to improve services in these areas? Are there any incentives being offered when recruiting staff? Will there be any collaboration with the Regional Health Authority to help fill these empty roles? I would also like to mention that people need more access to physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapy. Many of our people have to travel outside of our communities for these services. Are there any plans for having these services offered in our communities like we do with dental services? It would make it much easier for people to attend their appointments if we have these services offered here every six to eight weeks. People would not have to worry about cost of buying food when traveling. They would not have to worry about finding childcare for children left in the community. They would not have to worry about their houses and children and would be able to see the rehab service provider in a familiar environment which would help reduce stress for parents and children and allow the provider to provide better care. I look forward to your response." From Cheryl Winters, Hopedale.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Terry Vincent. In the interest of simplified, clear responses, I would recommend you ask a question and



then, you know, add another supplemental to it. Would the Minister of Health like to respond?

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Minister Vincent and Mr. Speaker. I do have some troubles with the question, or questions, multiple questions, I should state. I think it's more favorable as a written question where it can be directed personally to myself or my Deputy Minister. But there are some things I could answer immediately, and I will. Some of the services in the question are not related to non-insured health benefits or Department of Health and Social Development. Some of the service requests are covered under Labrador Grenfell Health as Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as specialized services that are covered under Medical Care Plan, MCP. So we don't have jurisdiction over that. So that's a Provincial authority. But I still have troubles with the question. And I could answer some of it, but I don't feel it's appropriate because I think it should be in written questions. But more so, it should be emailed directly to me because some of it is personal, more than likely for the individual, and I don't want to disclose Public Health or privacy issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Does the Ordinary Member for Hopedale have a supplemental question?

**MR. VINCENT:**

No, I don't.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Terry Vincent. Are there any other oral questions? Yes. Recognizing the Chair of the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister, but I have to have a tiny preamble. An 83-year-old woman born and raised in Hopedale, now living in Goose Bay who has failing eyesight and English is her second language, received a letter to re-apply for her membership. She cannot see the form to fill out, and it is too complicated for her. What criteria does the Membership Committees use to review a person's membership?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Would First Minister Williams like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I think that you're asking me what triggers a review of a beneficiary status. There are a number of elements that can trigger a review. It can be triggered by a review committee that the individual-, and I don't know which where they're to, where they're associated, where they're connected to-, it could be triggered by that way-, it could be triggered by the Registrar, or it could be triggered by another Nunatsiavut beneficiary. I-, and as I stated, I don't know the particulars, and I wouldn't know the particulars of any individual membership review. In relation to the application process itself, I plan on attending their annual meeting, the Membership Committees when they have their annual meeting-, I'll be bringing forward the current application form to see if they feel there's a need for revisions to the application process and the application form. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a follow-up question?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding if it was triggered by another beneficiary, that beneficiary has to be named. Is that correct?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. First Minister Williams?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to be circumspect here, and say that I would have to confirm that detail for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. The First Minister is taking it under advisement. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a follow-up question?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** No, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, First Minister and Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Are there any other oral questions? Seeing none, are there any written questions today? Seeing none, we will move on to Item 10. There are no "Returns to Written Questions" today, so we will move on to Item 11. There are no, "Petitions", today, so we will move on to Item 12. This is, "Responses to Petitions", and there are no responses today. We'll move on to Item 13. There are no, "Reports of Standing on Special Committees," today. So we will move on to Item 14, which is the, "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the President, the Honorable Johannes Lampe. When you're ready, sir.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti*. I would like to table the 2021 Labrador Inuit Capital *Strategy Trust* Annual Report. *Nakummek, UKatti*.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. Thank you, Mr. President. That document will be numbered Table Document 01-5(2). That concludes table documents. We will move on to Item 15. Item 15 is, "Notices of Motion." And I would like to

recognize the President, the Honorable Johannes Lampe, when you're ready.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* I give notice that on Thursday, September 23, 2022, I will move, seconded by First Minister, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole, to receive presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek,* President Lampe. I would also like to recognize Mr. Roland Saunders, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you. *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022, I will, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Honourable Mr. George Gear, move the following: Whereas the Labrador Inuit Constitution establishes that the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides for the appointment of a clerk to serve the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas it is desirable to name an individual to fill the position of clerk, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resources Division of the Nunatsiavut Government to hold open competitions for candidates for the position of Clerk, and whereas, as a result of the competitive process, a preferred candidate has been identified, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Honourable Mr. George Gear, that Marlene Winters-Wheeler be appointed as Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the appointee

will hold office years during good behaviour, and at the pleasure of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for a term of three years, from the effective date of the appointment. And that the Speaker be authorized to establish the effective date of the appointment and under such terms and conditions, as desirable. And that before the expiration of the term, the Nunatsiavut Assembly shall determine in its own discretion whether the term appointment shall extend beyond three years. And Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders of the Canadian Constituency. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. All those in favor? Are there any "Nays?" Seeing one, so my understanding is that the motion will have to be brought tomorrow after a conversation? Yes. Recognizing Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek*, *UKatti*, I'm just worried that, you know, with the Nunatsiavut Assembly building being here in Hopedale, is the position going to be held in Hopedale or is the requested appointee going to be-, she's from (inaudible) in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and how does that affect-, does it have any effect on the...

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour. So the motion itself that's being made is to bring this into conversation-, is to move to the point where we can discuss it as an Assembly. So I'll go back again. If we can bring this forward now, it means that this is a debate that can be had.

*Nakummek.* Seeing nods of the one person saying, "Nay," I will ask for unanimous consent again on this motion. I'm going to look around now. Can I see hands for all those in favour? *Nakummek.* Seeing no, "Nays." There are no further notices of motion today, so we will move on to Item 16. I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 22, 2022, I will move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development the Honourable Gerald Asivak, the first reading of Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an act to amend the *Housing Act, 2022 (No.2)*. And Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this today under Item 17, "First Reading of Bills."

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek,* First Minister Williams. The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 2022-04 today. Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, the Bill will proceed to first reading today at the appropriate time. There are no further notices of motions for the first reading of Bills today. So we will now move on to Item 17. I would like to recognize Mr. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Honourable George Gear, the following: Whereas the *Labrador Inuit* Constitution establishes that the Nunatsiavut Assembly and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act provides for the appointment of a Clerk to serve the Nunatsiavut

Assembly, and whereas it is desirable to name an individual to fill the position of Clerk, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resource Division of the Nunatsiavut Government, to hold open competitions for candidates for the position of Clerk. And whereas, as a result of the completed process, the preferred candidate has been identified. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Honourable George Gear, that Marlene Winters-Wheeler be appointed as Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and that the appointee will hold office years during good behaviour, and at the pleasure of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for a term of three years from the effective date of the appointment, and that the Speaker be authorized to establish the effective date of the appointment and under such terms and conditions as desirable. And that before the expiration of the term, the Nunatsiavut Assembly shall determine in its sole discretion whether the term of the appointment shall be extended beyond three years.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it has been approximately two years since the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly has been vacant, since the retirement of the last clerk, Ms. Mary Sillett. Ms. Sillett filled in the part-time basis for mostly administrative tasks in the interim, but despite a number of job competitions, a candidate could not be secured. The Director of Legal Services has filled in the Clerk's chair out of necessity, but

that is not a permanent or preferred situation as the Director of Legal Services have other functions related to the Assembly and the Nunatsiavut Government. In other words, Mark is busy. This is-, Mr. Speaker, the position of Clerk of the Assembly is a critical position. The Clerk is essential, the main operating office of the Assembly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day operations and administration of the Assembly and the Assembly building. It is also a specialized position, as the Clerk is responsible to provide advice on Parliamentary procedure to the Speaker and to the Members of the Assembly. Because of the special nature of the Clerk as an Officer of the Assembly, and answerable only to the Assembly, only the Assembly appoints a Clerk. This differs from senior staff of the Nunatsiavut Government, the hiring of which is effectively overseen by the Executive Council. As is the case in many other jurisdictions, the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resources Division of the Nunatsiavut Government in advertising for the position of Clerk. Since the retirement of the last Clerk, the committee (inaudible) of the Speaker, of which there have been three since the vacancy occurred, and Deputy Speaker, the Director of Human Resources for the Nunatsiavut Government and the Director of Legal Services for NG has released several competitions for the position. Unfortunately, the process has gone on much longer than anticipated with the competitions having to have been rereleased a number of times. Regrettably, a significant barrier to recruitment was an initial requirement that the position was to be based in Hopedale. After several rounds of competition, a candidate with the



required knowledge and skill for the position could not be obtained to take up residence in Hopedale in the short-term. As a result, after careful consideration, the last round of the competition stipulated that applicants would be based in Nunatsiavut or the Happy Valley - Goose Bay area. Recruitment for a person residing in Hopedale would be for a permanent position while recruitment for a person residing in the Upper Lake Melville would be for a term of three years. While, obviously, the Clerk would have many duties in Hopedale, it would be preferable to have the Clerk reside there, there is no requirement under Inuit Law that the Clerk has to reside in Hopedale. So that makes it much easier. Mr. Speaker, the role of the Clerk requires a particular set of knowledge, aptitude and skills. For this reason, the preferred candidate for the position would have knowledge and familiarity with the Assembly, its processing and its logistics. The candidate should have knowledge of the legislation and rules that govern the Assembly and its processes. The Clerk of the Assembly also serves as the Registrar of Inuit Laws and therefore, the candidate should possess the capacity, understanding and ability to undertake a lead administrator's role, especially in a time where there is greater demand for laws to be more accessible to the population by digital means. Mr. Speaker, over the course of two years, a number of individuals have interviewed for this position, and I thank all of them for putting themselves forward. However, through the competitive process, a preferred candidate has been identified for appointment to the position of the Clerk of the Assembly. That candidate is Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler. I appreciate that the

candidate is known to many of us. The reason why this candidate is preferred, includes the candidate has extensive work experience in and with Inuit Government. The candidate, through previous experience of being a Member of the Assembly has knowledge of the Assembly, its functions, rules and procedures. As former Speaker of the Assembly, she has practical knowledge with Standing Orders and interpretation as well as behind the scenes running of Assembly sittings. In essence, she can hit the ground running as the Clerk. The candidate shows an interest and vision in improving the Assembly in terms of efficiency and operation, as well as interest in sustaining and improving this important building. It is also believed that the candidate has organization and technology skills and background that would be a significant asset in efforts to enhance the Registry of Inuit Laws, to make legislation more accessible to Labrador Inuit. As Ms. Winters-Wheeler resides in Upper Lake Melville area, the proposal for a termed appointment of three years as noted in my motion, Mr. Speaker, before the expiry of the term. The Assembly will determine if any extension should be granted to the terms or if another competition will be held at that time. It is critical that the position of Clerk be filled at this time. We have gone-, the vacancy has resulted in many of the lesser of obvious tasks of the Office to go unattended for too long. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I hope the Assembly will approve this appointment. *Nakummek*.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency and Deputy Speaker, Mr. Roland Saunders. Does anyone else wish to speak to the

motion? I see AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification, then, for myself, personally, with all due respect to Ms. Wheeler, the applicant-, so with the Assembly hiring the Clerk that will be outside of the normal process. So as a former elected official, it wouldn't have any bearing on her candidacy for a Clerk? Am I clear on that?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen. Would the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders like to respond?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

First, could you repeat the question, please, Mr. Andersen?

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it's my understanding that elected officials, once you leave office, you cannot take a position with the Nunatsiavut Government for another-, for 12 months proceeding your departure from the Nunatsiavut Government. I'm just wondering, because the Nunatsiavut Assembly is appointing the Clerk, that stipulation is not in place. Is that any clearer?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen. Would the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency like to respond?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Legal. The answer is, no, there is no legal barrier to this appointment. This has been reviewed. We did speak about that Clause and we did bring it up and Legal came up with the answer that it's outside of Assembly so thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member of the Canadian Constituency. Would AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik like to ask another question?

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:** No, Mr. Speaker and thank you, very much for the clarification.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. Does anyone else around the Table want to speak to it? Yeah? I'm seeing AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question or clarification question is sort of related to my colleague here, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen, and it was my understanding-, I don't know-, I'm not sure if it's in the Constitution or the Standing Orders, or where it's to, but I've also read that once a seat becomes vacant of a Nunatsiavut Executive Council Member, then it's upon 12 months until they can reap any benefit or be awarded any kind of a financial benefit, I guess, in the Nunatsiavut Government. So I'm unclear on the answer that Mr. Saunders gave when he-, on the end of his response to my colleague, AngajukKâk Andersen. No, it's not in the-, I wasn't clear on what he referred to as to what it's clear on or unclear. Was it the Constitution or where does it state that, you know, this can happen? Because what I read-, like I said, in the Constitution or *the Land Claims Agreement*, this-, I read it. So I just need some further clarification. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville. We are kinda bouncing back and forth here with Legal. So you will hopefully you will have some patience. This is something that was reviewed extensively

ahead of time, but we do need, you know, maybe a more specific question of where it's written? Okay, yeah, actually, yeah, it's been suggested that maybe we take a break right now and come back with a more fulsome answer. And I feel like it's a good time for that anyway. So, *Nakummek*, again, for your patience. Yeah, see Roxanne Barbour of Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm hearing that we've had-, the Assembly has had assistance from Civil Service which is the, you know, NCS. But anyways-, so I'm just wondering how-, what does her employment fall under? Is it under the Civil Service or is it under the Assembly?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Nain and Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, Roxanne Barbour. It falls under the Assembly. So we will now take a break for let's say, 15 minutes, get some air. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. Having come back from our break now, I believe Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency has a response ready to the previously asked question.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, I'd like to reiterate that we expected questions to come up with regards to the appointment. We went through the *Code of Conduct*. We spoke of it, we discussed it, and we found that there was no reason to not include the candidate in interviews or anything else. In the meantime, I'll read the section off that we did base our decision on. The provisions of the Membership Members have been speaking about is Section 3.19 of the *Code of Conduct*. The Member can

be assured that any issues with *the Code of Conduct* have been fully considered in relation to this appointment, benefiting former Members of the Executive Council. It is clear from a plain reading of that section that it does not apply to the Assembly, but only to decisions made by the Executive Council, NEC, an individual minister or an employee of the NG. While the Members of the NEC are Assembly Members, the NEC is a separate and distinct decision-making body and authority than that of the Assembly. Further, the NEC comprises of a minority of seats-, seven of the total Members of the assembly, 17. So the NEC does not have the number of votes to pass resolution on its own even if it wanted to do so. The Office of Clerk is established under Part 12 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Part 12 holds that the Clerk is an Officer of the Assembly, responsible to the Assembly through the Speaker. The *Civil Service Act*, Section 10(2) expressly notes that the Clerk is not appointed by the Executive Council. The NEC does not have the authority to suspend, dismiss or demoted the Clerk as it does for the Secretary of the Executive Council or any other senior management of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service, Section 10(4). The salary of the Clerk falls under the Assembly's own budget which is separately approved by the Assembly of the Nunatsiavut General Budget. It is clear from review of not only the legislation, but also by precedent, that the Clerk is appointed by the Assembly itself. The appointment of the last Clerk of the Assembly was accomplished by resolution of the Assembly on June 12th, 2007. Motion 01-05-07. So in summary, the Office of Clerk is separate and apart from any other position in the sphere of the

Nunatsiavut Government structure. The Clerk is appointed by the Assembly under by both law and precedent, paid from a budget exclusively on the authority of the Assembly and can only be dismissed or suspended by the Assembly-, *Assembly Act* Section 92(c). Therefore Section 3.19 of the *Code of Conduct* does not apply with respect to the appointment of a Clerk of the Assembly as a Clerk is not retained by or under the authority of the Executive Council, a Member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, or an employee of the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Yes, recognizing Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek, UKatti*. I was just stating to my colleague here that it would have been nice to be informed beforehand that, you know, something like this-, I know I recognize the need for the Clerk of the Assembly. I'm not trying to dismiss that, but to make a decision, you know, without no former information beforehand, it's-, or information in front of you, is kind of challenging and kind of pressuring, I guess in a sense to speak. So I'm just wondering, can we be provided any other information that you have stated in your speaking notes, I guess? And what lots of other people are wondering too is how this question came to be outside of the fact that we do need a clerk of the Assembly? So I'm just wondering who-, we can be provided that?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain. I'm wondering at this time if it might be valuable for someone to make a motion to move into a Committee of the Whole where we could call on Legal Services as a witness to answer these sorts of questions. I can't speak to this as the Speaker. Would somebody be interested in making that motion? It would require a seconder. I see Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain and Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Corporation. We'll now move into a Committee of the Whole. Would you like to take a chair in one of the vacant places please, Mark Gillette, Director of Legal Services? So maybe Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain would like to reframe part of that, now that we have somebody directly responding to it?

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Chair.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

Okay.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

He's just Chair. He's not the Speaker.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

Still learning. Thank you for teaching me. So, I guess I was concerned that, you know, we weren't provided this information beforehand just so that we can know what we would discuss. It came kind of out of the blue, I guess for a lot of us. And I think can speak on behalf of the other Members. So-, and again, like I truly, I recognize the need for us to have a Clerk of the Assembly. It's much needed and just want to thank you, Mark for, you know, going the extra mile in doing all-, you know, taking on the workload



and you've obviously done a significant job so far. But I would like to see more information in front of me. I guess, I know, you know, Roland's speaking points that he had when he was asked if he wanted to speak further on it, I guess a bit more into detail, I suppose, just because I feel like, again, this kind of came out of the blue and it would be nice to have some information beforehand so that when we come into here and make these types of decisions, you know, we're able to think about it beforehand and understand what type of decision that we're going to make.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Barbour of Nain. Whenever you're ready, Mr. Gillette.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Thanks for-, it's good to be in front of the Committee of the Whole again. I can appreciate where the Member is coming from. I'm trying to think where I'm gonna start. First of all, this is not about me or-, it's-, so first of all, just in case just any references to workload or anything like that is not about me and trying to pawn off responsibilities or anything like that. It's just not the case. The Assembly has-, I'm going to a bit of a preamble here, but the Assembly has been functioning at, I would say an inoptimal(ph) level-, not the level that it should be, without having a full-time Clerk here. The fact that we've gone two years-, it's probably over two years now, actually. 2020 is one of those years where you don't really realize how long it was-, without having a full-time Clerk. There's a lot of things that go on, other than just the preparing for the actual sittings, that are not really being attended to, that need to be attended to. I'm concerned about the Registry of Law piece, but actually, I'm not here to give you my opinion

or anything. So it's paramount that the Assembly have a Clerk in place and have a qualified Clerk in place. So-, but to go to the Member's question. There's a number of factors going on here, one of which is that we've had some adjustments to the Assembly sitting. So under-, up until about three o'clock this afternoon, what was proposed to have done was that the Member would have given his notice of the motion, and that the motion would be debated the next day so that you at least, would've had 24 hours to understand what was going on, understandably. But now with the weather situation and things like that, things have been shifted around. So that's not optimal, and I appreciate that. Second thing is that for privacy reasons and also because, you know-, mostly for privacy reasons, this is not a situation where we would have published the name of the preferred candidate in advance just because, you know, there were other candidates involved and in respect to this particular candidate, or any other candidate to have a name floating around there for a week or more or something like that might not have been necessarily a great thing to have happen. I will say that we are following procedures that are adopted in the vast majority of the Regional Provincial Governments within Canada. So what's happened here is that a subcommittee of people, because the Clerk is responsible through the Speaker's Office, a committee of people put together to establish what the requirements for the Officer of the Clerk would be, to examine the job description and to augment it if necessary, since the last time it was done over 10 years ago. And to conduct interviews and whatnot and to do the competition process. So that's

something in every other jurisdiction is done by a Committee of the Assemblies. And they were all Members. There was just no way you're going to have all Members have an input into that. So that committee goes off and does that work just like any other job competition for other typical government, even senior management appointment. And then the recommendation comes back to the Assembly to make the appointment. So, you know, you have to understand that there's the requisite expertise on the Committee that the reviews of the candidates, the interviews of the candidates were all done, and that there's a legal review if necessary on any questions, just like the questions that have been posed here. And that the requisite work has been done, and really, it's just coming to the Assembly for approval. So we're asking, I guess, the Assembly Members to take into consideration the fact that they-, the work has been done to recommend a qualified candidate. Now I appreciate that, you know, a little more notice on a name would have been beneficial for you. And I appreciate that. Unfortunately it was a little bit of a circumstance issue going on here. But that's, I think about as much as I can say about that at the present time.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mark Gillette. I next saw AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville raise his hand, but before going in that direction, I wanted to see if there was a follow-up question that Ordinary Member Barbour would like to ask of the witness?

**MS. BARBOUR:**

Yes, please. *Nakummek*. What I'm concerned about is not just the name. It's the fact that-, and I recognize, you know, we could've went into this

tomorrow, but as you mentioned, however, you know, weather plays a factor. You know, it-, I guess for future reference, for something in similar nature, what I'm trying to say is a little bit of notice would've been nice, you know? It doesn't have to be a week. Maybe it can be the day of our travel, something that we can look at because, you know, we all have anywhere between 30 minutes to a couple of hours before we actually start at the Assembly. So, you know, it gives us that little bit of time. And sometimes that's all we need is either 30 minutes to a couple of hours to say, "Oh, this is the decision we might make today." It gives us a little bit of time to say-, and give us a little bit of time to think. And it's not just a name but also the reasoning behind it and again, I recognize Mr. Saunders's speaking points afterwards, however, you know, it would've been nice to see that is what I'm trying to say. It feels like kind of pressured to make a decision right then and there because, I do recognize the need for the Clerk of the Assembly and I recognize, you know, that we might not be running as we should to its full potential. So that's what I was concerned about and not being given a chance to be able to see, you know, for example, for AngajukKâk of Postville, his question may have been answered if he had the time to go back to the *Constitution* and the NCS, you know, to be able to figure that out on his own. And he might have had the time to say, "Okay, this is very thoroughly thought through, you know? This is what we need. This is what I'm going to decide. So I guess that's kinda where my concern comes from. It's very out of the blue, very like, you decide this right now because we need the Clerk of the Assembly,

essentially, is what I'm thinking. And again, I do recognize the need and I do thank you, and thank you, Mr. Speaker for, you know, going through this process again, because we need a Clerk. But just having a little bit of something beforehand would've been-, and again, for future reference. So again I'll ask maybe, like, I didn't hear you properly just now when you were saying your speaking notes. So I was like trying really hard to pay attention so I wonder if you can just repeat them for me, just so that, you know?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain. We do have the ability to give you a printed version as well. And beyond that, our headsets have tuned to Channel One now. We'll get you the English on the other side of the room. Would the witness like to respond to any of that question? *Nakummek*.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yeah, I'm not sure if there was a question but in terms of response to the concern. I absolutely appreciate where you're coming from and again it's a little bit of an unusual circumstance. So for an appointment like this we would have normally given a day or two notice. In fact, I think the draft motion should be in your binders and would've been available to you today. Now I appreciate a lot of you didn't see your binders today but they were only-, it was only prepared recently for a number of reasons-, one, the candidate was only identified within the last week, and also a lot of the filing, unfortunately, for this sitting was delayed for a couple of different reasons, and one of which was because we had a number of Members and Ministers who were not available due to the passing that's been alluded to today. So a lot of the orders had to be moved around and re-jigged, like

the documents that a lot of the Members have been referring to and reading from today have been substantially changed even up to this afternoon. So, yeah, and again, the notice of the motion-, the purpose of notice of motion is to say, hey, Members, I'm gonna talk about this on a particular day. And-, which would've been Friday. But with the moving up of things, now things to re-jigged to try to get this done in one day. So there was a number of factors there, and it, like I said, is not optimal. But in, you know, in the grand scheme of things, it would've-, you would've at least had a day or two notice of this in advance. With regards to the Member's speaking notes, I mean, if the Members really want to see them, I'm sure they could be copied for the Members if, you know, but it is what it is at this point, I think.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mark Gillette. Some of you may notice me nodding along, by the way. I was part of the decision to get to this point as the Clerk is directly part of the Speaker's Office. But almost half of the applicants were cousins, so I had to declare an interest. But now, thank you for your patience AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. For those that know me around the Table, and for the record, I've always had a passion for our people and the land of Nunatsiavut. When I talk about a passion for the people of the land and of Nunatsiavut that includes the Land Claims Area, Upper lake Melville, the Canadian Constituency. However, in 2005 when the self- government was ratified, from day one there was a plan to move the departments and employees out into the Land Claims Area. We're here discussing hiring by

the Assembly hiring a Clerk that will reside out of the Land Claims Area. And from the remarks that I've been hearing so far, it sounds like to me, that *the Code of Conduct*, is far outweighing our Constitution, which at the time of my first election in 2006 as AngajukKâk, 2010 as Ordinary Member, it was preached to me and several other individuals that the *Constitution* is your daily Bible above all other pieces of work. This is what I've been basing my go-forward on, the *Constitution*. The Inuit Community Governments that's represented around this table have went years, some of them, without Clerks, without CAO's and pushed their way through with very little support and struggled. And we're here trying to make a decision on the hiring of a Clerk. People, it's up to you and I. It's not up to the Executive Council. It's up to you and I. We vote on the Clerk. And I've heard some good points from Minister Barbour about we should have been notified. We should have been given advanced notice on some information. People, I take this very serious. I don't take this lightly. And I'm here and I'm stuck in a groove that, yeah, should I, or shouldn't I? That's up to you and I. That's not up to Executive Council. We get the advice and we get the responses from Legal. Then, it's up to you and I. But keep in mind, we have a *Land Claims Agreement* that's been ratified in 2005, which states our departments will eventually move out into the Claim Area, bringing along with the employees. Keep that in mind. I just want to make these points there, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Glenn Sheppard, AngajukKâk of Postville.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Mr. Chair. Could I respond here?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Yeah, the witness can respond.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

If I could just make some comments there. First of all, there's no issue here with regards to the *Code of Conduct* or the *Constitution*. The *Constitution* doesn't speak about the Office of Clerk at all, first of all. Second of all, the *Code of Conduct* only talks about what elected, what certain elected officials can or can make decisions about. Okay? So there's no conflict between the *Constitution* or any allegation that the *Constitution* is not being followed or anything like that. I would advise the Members that the Members here, including the Member for Upper Lake Melville and the Speaker, have all taken Oaths to uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and to follow it. And so for them to bring any recommendation to the Assembly that does not do that would violate their Oath of Office, and would be illegal. As a solicitor of, first of all, a lawyer for the Assembly, I have a professional obligation because of my oath as a solicitor and a I promised to Newfoundland and Labrador to never recommend anything to anybody to do something illegal or improper. So I would say that. I don't want to go too far down to rabbit hole. But if the Assembly or the Members would recall the comments made by the Member when he was introducing or speaking to his motion, this position has been vacant for over two years. And it's been vacant for over two years because we have not been able to retain a candidate that would reside in Hopedale. At some point, the position has to be filled. So the decision was made that it would be advertised for either-, if someone from who is prepared to come to Hopedale or anywhere else in Nunatsiavut, it would be a permanent



position, or if there was a candidate identified that was from outside the Area, then it would be a term position. And then within a certain period of time, the Assembly could revisit whether or not that candidate should stay on, like extend that term or whether or not it will be re-advertised for someone else and to retain for something. So it was always the first preference to have somebody reside in the Claims Area and particularly in Hopedale. Unfortunately, that didn't materialize. So that's where we are right now. So I just want to assure the Members that all efforts were made, I would say, to retain within the Land Claims Area.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* I see Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation would like to speak. When you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I know this position was offered to somebody who didn't live in Hopedale, but they were willing to relocate to Hopedale. However, the former Clerk had free housing and free electricity. That was not going to be offered to that person anymore. So it wasn't cost effective for the person to relocate here. So it's not a hundred percent true, because it was offered to someone to come here before. But it wasn't advantageous for the person to come.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Would the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

I can respond to as much as I'm aware. I'm aware, based on being a Member of the committee that was dealing with the hiring process that at one point in the past, there was a candidate identified to come to Hopedale. And that-, so the, before that appointment was made, that

person declined the position. Was it for that reason? I'm not entirely sure it was for that reason. That would've been the first I've heard of it. That's as much as I can say that, you know, there was at one time to past-, I can't identify to come to Hopedale from outside of the Area, but that person subsequently withdrew their application.

**MR. WINTERS:** Does anyone else wish to speak? Yep. Go ahead Chairperson Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** That person was told by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources that the housing option was no longer being offered to that position as it was to the former Clerk.

**MR. GILLETTE:** I can't speak to either what this person told you or to what others, or what the Deputy Minister of Human Resources would've said. All I know is that, to my knowledge, housing was available to whatever candidate would have been coming to Hopedale.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** But not free housing.

**MR. GILLETTE:** That I can't speak to.

**MR. WINTERS:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Yes. Ordinary member, Roxanne Barbour of Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:** I'm just wondering-, and it's an additional comment or question I suppose, to Ms. Kemuksigak's comment. It's been stated that the Clerk of the Assembly falls under the Assembly specifically for the Office of the Speaker so I'm wondering if Patricia's comments are factual, why was the Deputy Minister of the NCS directing a previously eligible candidate about these types of situations when it, you know, I'm assuming it should have come

from the Speaker's Office. And I know this is before our time, but I hope you can answer that question.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yeah. So, yes, the Clerk of the Assembly is appointed by the Assembly, responsible only to the Assembly, and-, but nonetheless is not part of the civil service, but treated kind of the same. Once they're in the position, treated the same as Civil servant, so they would still be subject to, like, the *Civil Service Code of Conduct*, things like that. And they've also been available to have Nunatsiavut Government Housing. Right? So housing provided by the Government because the Nunatsiavut Government is the one that provides housing. Like the Assembly itself doesn't have housing, right? So that would have been-, and, you know, the Deputy Minister of Human Resources would have been the representative from the senior management of the HR division helping to coordinate this process and would have been involved in discussion of the terms of the contract, I guess, per se. Yes.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Yes. I see AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure-, I'd like to make a few comments here. I guess that with the line of questions that I'm hearing here, I'm not sure if some of them are appropriate. If there-, if Members, elected Members have information, and you're putting it out in public here now, then it should be in writing, I think, that if you know that these allegations are true and factual, then you should be able to stand by that. And I just want to make that a point and I understand the sections of the *Nunatsiavut*

*Assemblies Act* and the other sections that my friend there, Ordinary Member Saunders quoted in his additions-, or the additional information that he provided to the Assembly. So as an elected official myself, I'm confident. I have total confidence in yourself, Mr. Speaker, the Ordinary Member for Canada and the Legal counsel in the work that has been done to appoint the new Clerk. The questions I asked at the beginning is questions that-, the question that I asked so that I can go back to my constituents in Makkovik when they ask how you did this and I can quote that and the sections that Ordinary Members Saunders had there, to my constituents, as we go forward after the Assembly resumes hopefully later on this evening to ratify this appointment of the Clerk. So I just wanted to say that-, I'm not sure if it's appropriate to say it or not, but if those accusations are true, then they should be backed up for this Assembly, because there's nothing worse than having hearsay evidence put out in this forum, I think. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. Does any other Member wish to speak? Does anyone else wish to speak? Yes. I see AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I just want-, I have a question. It says that the appointment would be for three years with a possibility of an extension for another three years. Is that correct?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Go ahead, witness.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Not necessarily for three years. It's just that the proposal is there be a appointment for three years. At some time, at the end of three years, the Assembly will then have to consider what it's going to do. Is it going to re-advertise the position all over again? Or perhaps something that the Assembly could consider is whether or not to extend that term for however long the Assembly might consider to extend it. Like, there's no set recommendation there. There's no set recommendation that it should be extended or how long any extension would be. All it says is that at the end of three years, the Assembly has to reconsider what it's going to do with the position of Clerk, basically.

**MR. WINTERS:** Would any other Members like to speak or would AngajukKâk Flowers like to respond?

**MS. FLOWERS:** Yep. Thank you. When you say Assembly, like, is it this this body that's sitting here that would make that decision?

**MR. GILLETTE:** I'm nodding yes, but for purposes of the record, yes, it's this body makes the appointment, so this body would have to determine before the appointment is finished, before the term is over, what happens to it-, if it's going to be re advertised or whatnot, right? Yeah.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** Yeah. Recognizing Chairperson, Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Is there a possibility, 'cause I know we used to do this in the past, when it was LIA, if we could have somebody in a position for three years, but also

have maybe at the last year, have somebody job shadow that position from Hopedale so the position could stay in Hopedale? Because it's a bit hard to supervise people at a distance. And I really believe that one of the position-, this position should be in Hopedale if it could be. I know that you went through several job competitions and was unsuccessful. But is there a possibility looking at that possibility of having someone job shadow from Hopedale so then after the three years, that could be a permanent position here?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

I'm not the decision maker, so I can't say if it is or isn't. It's an interesting idea, and something maybe the Assembly might, at some point in the future, consider. And when it's considering what it's going to do, when that three years is up or before that three years up or something like that, right? The issue at the Table right now is does the Assembly approve this particular appointment or not, right? But that, that's an interesting position. And I think one thing-, I don't want to overstep, but I think one thing Government as a whole can do better, is succession planning for, particularly, it's senior people, senior management people. But again, that's something that the Assembly would have to debate and decide, but it's certainly something that that could be done at some point, yes.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Are there any further questions or statements? Yes. Recognizing AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. My question is if the candidate was she offered to move here, and that housing, was here available?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

The last round of competitions as it was posted, was that the person could reside either in Hopedale or that they could reside in or, well, reside anywhere in the Nunatsiavut, or they could reside in the Upper Lake Melville area. And if the candidate was residing in-, not this particular candidate, but any candidate from outside-, from the Upper Lake Melville area, then that position would only be for a three-year term. So, I mean, if the if the candidate wanted to pick up tomorrow and move to Hopedale, I mean, that would, that would be up to the candidate to do. But as of right now, the candidate understands that residing in Upper Lake Melville that the position is for a three-year term position.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Are there any further questions or statements? I see Ordinary Member, Roxanne Barbour of Nain, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek.* I think it will be good to consider, you know, as AngajukKâk Sheppard had mentioned, we like to try and keep our employment opportunities in our region, you know, and recognizing that ULM is outside of the region. And again, going back to what Ms. Kemuksigak had said, I think it can come with a clause, you know, of job shadowing. Maybe somebody can learn so that you know, even not even specifically in Hopedale. Maybe they can be in Nain or Makkovik or Postville or Rigolet, you know, as long as the employment is in Nunatsiavut. So I guess what I'm trying to say is that was also one of my main concerns, just because we like to see our job opportunities inside of the region, you know? It benefits in all of the aspects. So I wonder, you know, I don't have no doubt that Ms. Winters-Wheeler would be, you know, really good at her job or you

know, might not be unable to provide the functions of her job requirements. I don't doubt it. But, again, my concern is that I feel like we're making a decision too quick, and it's out of the Nunatsiavut region. So maybe we might be able to come to a conclusion to say, you know, there can be job shadowing. Is there a budget for that? You know? And also, if we don't come to a conclusion, what happens? What happens if we don't *[sic]* decide that Ms. Winters-Wheeler is not going to be appointed as the Clerk of the Assembly or-, so I think, I guess moving forward in a sense, to say I would agree if somebody can job shadow just so that we can keep the opportunity in Nunatsiavut.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Barbour. Would the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

I think the only thing I could say about that is it would come to mind-, this is more from HR side as opposed to Legal side so I can't...

**FEMALE:**

(Inaudible.)

**MR. GILLETTE:**

No. But if I can, I mean, it's more of a Human Resources type question as opposed to a legal question. Okay? The only thing that I could add is that the Assembly would have to consider in future budgets whether there were funds available for such a position as a job shadow. Under the current budget, there's not, I don't think a position identified for that right now. So that's all I can say, as far as I know, 'cause I'm also the Finance person, right? But that's, so that's the only thing that comes to mind. Again, if at some point, the Assembly wishes to consider-, and this might



be a consideration for the Member Services Committee, 'cause the Member Services Committee is the Committee of the Assembly that deals with budgeting for the Assembly-, whether or not there could be a budget in the future or there should be a budget in the future for a position to shadow the Clerk, okay? Again, the motion is in front of the table right now is for the appointment of the Clerk, or the candidate has presented.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* I saw First Minister Melva Williams with her hand up. But first, would Ordinary Member Barbour, like respond or Is that-, okay. Seeing the shake of your head. First Minister, Melva Williams, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think we've been going around the Table quite a bit, and there's, there appears to be some concerns from Members present. I'm wondering what would happen if this motion was defeated today? What impacts or what would that mean?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Thank you. I think the other the Minister Barbour also had the same question. That means that the candidate would not be approved, and the Committee would have to go and seek and or find another candidate.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

I'm just wondering, would there be an opportunity, like, does the decision have to be made today, is the question, I guess, to-, or can it wait till either tomorrow or to the next Assembly? Like, do we need to make a decision here now on the spot?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Would the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:** I'd have to refer to the Standing Orders to see whether or not the motion could be deferred, yeah.

**MR. WINTERS:** While the witnesses gathering his response, I ask for patience and not more questions or statements while he's gathering his response.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Under Standing Order 41, when a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except a motion to postpone the question to a specific day or to adjourn the debate. So there could be a motion because you currently have a motion on the Table right now that you're debating. So it it's possible to entertain a motion to adjourn this debate to another day or postpone to another day. So that's possible. That's about as much as I can say.

**MR. WINTERS:** Ordinary Member Gerald Asivak, of the Upper Lake Melville, when you're ready.

**MR. ASIVAK:** Thank you. A lot of good discussion and debate on this motion and I have some questions, as well. Would it have to be a majority consensus for the approval of a candidate? I'll let you answer that one.

**MR. GILLETTE:** It'd just be majority, a simple majority, 50 percent plus one.

**MR. ASIVAK:** And as my colleague also mentioned, even without-, if the candidate's name was vetted, that would have been fine too. You know, we didn't really need the name. But as my colleague mentioned, if we had your written information because it's so detailed that's where it's a very important position. We know that. We know the background 'cause half of us been around there's vacant Clerk position for a long time, and we

know what it entails. So when there was a lot of oral, and where the microphone system is not very good, people's voices low, some people have hearing impairment, some people want to read information before making a solidified answer. So I agree with a lot of the statements that have been made. Also in-, so that's just a statement there. In this voting, can there be an abstention?

**MR. WINTERS:** Would the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Just give me a moment.

**MR. WINTERS:** I'll apologize to the Committee for my note passing. My Acting Clerk is currently a witness. *Nakummek.*

**MR. GILLETTE:** Absent to any authority contrary, I don't see a rule that says that Members are not allowed to abstain. Although, I would say that abstaining has a similar effect to voting, "No", 'cause it's not a vote, "Yes." You understand what I'm saying? All right.

**MR. WINTERS:** Do any other Members have question or comment to make? I see Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain and then ordinary-, sorry, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. When you're ready, Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour.

**MS. BARBOUR:** Thank you. Again, I just wanted to say, thank you, Mark, for being in the role as acting Clerk, you know, a lot of our questions and things that we have convened here so far at the Assembly, since the new Assembly came in, wouldn't have been possible without you. So I just wanted to recognize that as well. And again, I do recognize the need for the Clerk. However, I

do want to advocate that it, you know, with the Member Service Committee coming up with the budgets each year, I think it's possible. And please correct me if I may be wrong-, I do think it's possible to include that in a budget for a job shadow, you know? And again, just really want to highlight that this position shouldn't be anywhere else besides Nunatsiavut. That's my opinion. I don't know how anybody else might feel about it, but I just wanted to make that clear. And including that job shadowing in the budget, it would ensure that it do come back to Nunatsiavut. So, I guess, trying to find a way to move forward, you know, we've been here an hour and a half now and it's a really good discussion, really good questions. And I appreciate that so much. I appreciate being given the opportunity to express my concerns. So I'm *Nakummek*, to that as well. So that's the last thing I wanted to say was I hope, you know, when, whenever you discuss the budget, the Member Service Committee, for this to be considered, then I can agree to it, because it should come back to Nunatsiavut. It should.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain. Would the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

I'm not really sure I can respond because I'm not a member of the Member Services Committee, but, yeah, your comments around the record. Thanks.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, again, Mr. Chairman. The-, again, I'd like to just make a comment. The Nunatsiavut Government is a Government, very modern *Land Claims Agreement* that has representatives from Canada and the Upper Lake Melville area, not just Nunatsiavut. So should we say that there should be no Constituency Offices outside of Nunatsiavut either, in my view, or in Upper Lake Melville area? Should everything-, representatives be just from Nunatsiavut-, to that effect, if that's the notion that's sort of been put forward here, that all the jobs had to be here? I would like to remind the Assembly of Nunavut. When Nunavut was formed in 1999, they had a big office building in Arviat on the other side of Hudson's Bay and there was nobody in it for years and years. A CBC News article, you can Google it if you want to. And one of the stipulations was that they had to have their own beneficiaries in those offices. But you just couldn't fill those positions overnight. And we're here now debating whether we should fill that position by a beneficiary, I might add, that's-, in the job ad, the job advertisement stipulated that it would either be in Nunatsiavut or Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Upper Lake Melville Area. So do we take back that ad and say, "Sorry, the ad was wrong. We should have you in Nunatsiavut"? That's-, I'm not sure if I'm clear or not, but I think that we have to come to terms with the fact that we have no Clerk for two years now, maybe, and we probably won't be for another two or three years if things keep going the way they are. And we're seeing that with a lot of other positions, not just the Clerk's job. People have to come in from outside to fill our positions, social workers, nurses and that kind of thing.

In Makkovik, our clinic, for example, is working on a rotation basis now, similar to Postville. We can't find anybody to come to work in our community, full-time basis. So I just wanted to draw those analogies as well. Should we say nurses should be only beneficiaries to stay in our communities, and that sort of thing? So all I'm asking is my-, asking my fellow colleagues here, to seriously consider our deliberations here tonight and consider the consequences of operating without the Clerk for probably another two or three years. Thank you, very much Mr. Chairman. I'll stop there.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik. I don't know if the witness would like to respond. That seemed more like a comment, and I did see that First Minister Melva Williams would like to speak. When you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We continue to hear more and more thoughts from folks. I think that there's more debate desired, myself, listening to those around the Table. And because it's debated, I think it's an important topic that we need to make a careful decision on because we are Nunatsiavut. We are in Hopedale where the Assembly is housed. It would be unfortunate that we have to have a Clerk that's from outside of our territory, it appears. So I'm wondering-, there's been some creative suggestions brought forward. So if we were to defer the-, to tomorrow, if there was time to add it to the Orders of the Day for Day Two, would it be possible for the Member Services Committee to explore the job shadowing piece and would that give time for sorry, the Canadian Constituency

Member Roland Saunders to get the copies of his written documentation that he provided, so that we could have that to take home to consider for tonight?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Melva Williams. Would either Roland, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency or the witness like to respond?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Again, I'm not a member of the Members Services Committee though I do give them some assistance from time to time. The only thing I can comment is that I don't know if the Members Services Committee is going to be able to meet between now and tomorrow, to be honest with you. And also considering the fact that Mr. Wally Andersen is a member of the Members Services Committee and he's not present here at these meetings. And Ms. Crawford would normally be involved, the Controller of the Government would be normally involved with assistance to discussions of-, with regards to budgeting. The Members Services Committee would be working on its budget over the next couple months, you know? Again, I've stressed to the Members that the consideration at the Table right now is the appointment of the candidate. And we've had some discussion about what other things may be implemented at some point with regards to job shadowing or another position or something like that, that could possibly be implemented at another point. That's something, I think that the Assembly could consider, and the Members Services Committee could consider in due time. If the Member is suggesting moving the matter to continue tomorrow to review the written

comments or some written comments that were presented by the Member for Canada when he made the motion, then that would require a motion and a seconder from the Table to adjourn the debate until tomorrow. But the only other comment, I'll say, I don't think the Members Services-, personally, I don't think the Members Services Committee would have the time or the ability to meet between now and tomorrow.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* As the chair of the Member Services Committee, I can say that we will not meet between today and tomorrow. What I can say is that we will be meeting in October and that we will be having to bring forward a budget for the Assembly for the November sitting. That's additional information. I saw the hand of Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Corporation, when you're ready. Thank you, Chairperson. Is there another option to amend the motion? Is that a possibility? Like, not put in the possibility of extension. It'd be just three years, like it was stated in the job ad, period. And then say in the ad, in the future, there will be an exploration of a job shadowing position, or whatever nice wording you could use-, just my thought.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Amendments to motions are acceptable. I will say-, and I'm sorry, I'm feeling a little hoarse. The motion that's presented doesn't say that there's going to be an extension. It just says that the Assembly some time prior to the expiration of the term has to determine what's going to happen. Could there be an extension? Could there be something else? Right? Now those words could be deleted. That doesn't mean the fact-, that doesn't deter from the fact that some time before the three years is up, the assembly is



going to have to consider what it does with Clerk, right? So the motion could also potentially be amended to say that the Member Services Committee should be directed to consider any job shadowing opportunities that might be available to serve under Clerk. That's a possibility. I could draft an amendment if someone, if the Member would like to see such an amendment, I'd be prepared to assist to draft one.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

I would, witness. Thank you.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

It would take me about five minutes, but we'd have to have an adjournment.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Are there any further questions or comments? Seeing Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

My comment is essentially a reply to AngajukKâk Andersen. I do recognize that sometimes jobs are hard to fill and to say that every job in Nunatsiavut should be held by beneficiaries, no, that's a big overstatement. I recognize that, you know, there are Human Resource complications and, again, in this situation, that's it. That's why I feel that's why they have become creative to allow it to go into Upper Lake Melville. But this position is a position for, you know, us elected officials as leaders and representation of Labrador Inuit. So it should come back to our community. You know, I didn't say it had to be by an Inuk. But it has to come back to our community. We have to recognize the high unemployment rates that we have here in Nunatsiavut, and that's the basis of my suggestion. You know, I agree that, you know, people in Upper Lake Melville and beyond should

be represented and they are, you know? So I just wanted to say that as well. And again, still, it needs to come back to Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member, Roxanne Barbour for Nain. I see AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain would like to speak.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that if I understand correctly, Patricia has agreed to move that the motion be postponed for the Services Committee so that the Service Committee can meet and recommend what we're talking about, job shadowing. And to report back with the detailed information on it for Members for the November sitting. Am I correct, Patricia? Is that what you agreed to after the witness explained what he was saying?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

I think I'm a bit confused, but I just suggested that they could amend motion to take out-, just say, "Three years," period and not say with the possibility of extension, but to add a directive for the Member Services Committee to look for job shadowing. I mean, that might only be me. Nobody else might not even agree to it.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak. I know that Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency who put forward the original motion, wanted to speak, so I want to make sure to give him the opportunity.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you. I'd just like to make a couple of comments. I've been on all of the interviews, every one. Last year was five. The year before it was three, I think. Altogether, we've probably gone 18 interviews. We need a

qualified person in the position. We never found quite a lot. We did have a couple that would have qualified, but they rejected it. With regard to job shadowing, that is possible. But once again, the person has to be qualified, not just in a Nunatsiavut beneficiary living in the Lands Claim, but qualified. That is the biggest deterrent from anyone is being qualified. I'd just like to make that clear.

**MR. WINTERS:**

So I do need a motion to leave the Committee of the Whole. And if Chairperson Kemuksigak would be interested in putting forward a motion with the amendment suggested, like, to suggest that amendment that is something that can happen. But are we at a point in the discussion now where we would like to move from the Committee of the Whole-, let the witness go back to being the Acting Clerk? I see two more people wanting to speak. Go ahead, Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummesuak.* The point of the job shadowing is to ensure that somebody is qualified to fill that position in Nunatsiavut. And again, I say Nunatsiavut because I strongly feel it should come back to Nunatsiavut as a position, you know, for Nunatsiavut Elected Officials to represent the Labrador Inuit, you know? And again, going back for representation of Inuit who decided to move out of the area, we have that in the Assembly. So, you know, the purpose of job shadowing is to ensure that somebody is qualified. And that's why we're-, we've been requesting it because, again, as you've mentioned-, and again, I do recognize the need. However, I feel this needs to be stated, you know? It has to come back to Nunatsiavut.

And that's the point and the purpose of Patricia's suggestion and my suggestion. So, Naku.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain. I saw AngajukKâk Glenn Shepherd of Postville with his hand up. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not going to ramble on. Thank you for the opportunity. But I want to make it clear as a sitting Member of the Assembly, it's not about the person. It's not about the beneficiary. It's not about the non-beneficiary. My beef is that right from day one, the Nunatsiavut Government put out to the public, especially the people of the Land Claims Area, that over a period of time, we're going to move departments and employees back into the Land Claims Area. As it stands right now, I'll practice my democratic right. I cannot support the motion. And the reason I can't support the motion, it defeats the purpose of the beginning of the Nunatsiavut Government's platform to the people of the Land Claims Area. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Does anyone else wish to speak? Yes, AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I know that we've spent a lot of time on this subject. But I think it's a very important subject and it just goes to show that I think that if we had the information beforehand, then it would have been a little bit easier. But I just want to say that this-, Hopedale is the capital of Nunatsiavut. This is where this position was stated to be here. I think it

makes sense for the Clerk to work out of this office. But I understand that it is hard to get that position filled. I think the candidate is a perfect candidate. I've worked with her. I've seen her work. I think it's excellent. But I still believe that it should be here. Maybe she can work and be here several times for those three years and job shadow someone that is going to be here. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale. Yes, President Lampe, when you're ready.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*. [Speaks in Inuttitut] I just want to say that when Minister Barbour was speaking and giving her report to her department she spoke in Inuttitut, and her time was running out. And I know that you showed respect even though you knew that, you know, she didn't have much time. And so if it were for me, I would, you know, like to see a bilingual Clerk who speaks both Inuttitut and in English and understood the Speakers giving their statements either as a Minister or a Member of Nunatsiavut Assembly. And right now, we have two very strong Ministers who are absent from this Assembly. And I believe that we should also give them that opportunity to speak to this issue. And if this were deferred until the October or November sitting, I would much prefer, you know, that we gave them that opportunity. It does not matter, you know, who you are, as long as you're a Member of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. And we are debating an issue which we, as Inuit should come to a conclusion with a consensus, and not force upon each other a decision that is not going to make everybody happy. And I don't usually speak in in debates and-, but I

certainly agree that this debate is important and a motion is important too. But I could feel that the motion would be defeated. And so if an amendment were made, maybe that motion would be given a majority decision. And so I don't think that tonight is the night. *Nakummek*.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. As previously mentioned, I do need a motion to leave the Committee of the Whole and I am also hearing a few different people suggesting that a deferral in order to have time for an amendment would be something that would be valued. However, I do see the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak had his hand up. So I'd like to give him the opportunity to speak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Chairperson. This is complex on a few areas. As elected officials we're told we're arm's length from the hiring policy of NCS. But here we are at the Assembly being requested to appoint an individual. We understand the logic. We get all that perfect background. Excellent. Yes. We're not debating why, but when it's a Civil Service position, we're not involved with the Civil Service. We represent Government. So this appointment piece is very complex, and I think that's why people are divided. And another issue is it don't matter the individual, and I wish we didn't see the individual's name from the beginning. Yes, we would have seen it tomorrow. That would've have changed anything. We would have had this debate tomorrow night, the exact same picture. So-, and, like, you know, when the job ad is coming from NCS, it's an NCS job, but the Members Services Committee is bringing it back to us as a motion to approve this. And we had to be a consensus. And there's not gonna be a

consensus derived tonight, next week, next month, until we can come to more because it's a big-, it's very big-, it's probably the biggest motion we had in years. We've had-, because of a number of things. And that's why I asked for an abstention because my vote, I'm accountable to my vote, and I would feel a conflict because that was my colleague for four years. And, you know, how was that fair for Yay or Nay to vote? But we have to be consensus 50 percent plus one, and I don't even think, like, with that, I didn't see the job ad. I'm not looking for a job. I wouldn't be one to question it in Assembly because I'm told you're an elected official. You have no say in Civil Service matters. So there's black and white and there's confusion. We're doing things that, when it comes to a job, I feel is conflict. Yes, we have the power to appoint, but I don't think we should be appointing. I think it should be left entirely to NCS because I don't think there's going to be-, this is not a good time for elected officials to involve ourselves in the Civil Service. And even though there's going to be people saying, we're not. We are. We're putting someone in that position and I agree with others. I'd like to see what type of education does this person need? Like, you know, there's trainable-, we have 250-plus beneficiaries going to school right now. There's probably a sign in high school waiting to go into a Government job and they're saying, what education do I need? Where do I go? Is there going to be a career fair put off by DEED? Maybe Minister Andersen will convince students in high school at ACMS and say, hey, if you're looking for a Government job, the Assembly is looking for a Clerk in three years. If this Assembly appoints this current position, but,

you know, they could be a ready for it. There could be someone around this Table waiting to go back to cool and say, hey, I know what I'm doing. You don't know. There's-, so I think we'll be another three hours tonight with more debates, questions, comments, and they're all valid. But I just wanted to put that out there. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Asivak. And I'll let the witness respond.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yeah. I won't respond to any comments about, you know, what happens to the motion and whatnot. I just want to clarify a couple of things. The Clerk is not a Member of the Civil Service, period. This Assembly doesn't have any control over the Civil Service. It has control over who the Clerk is. That's clearly stated in Inuit law, okay? It's the same with every other legislature. The Clerk is an officer of the legislature, okay? It's not a Member of the Civil Service, okay? The Nunatsiavut Civil Service, like the NG Department of Human Resources cannot advertise or hire a Clerk 'cause it has no authority to do that. Only this Assembly can hire a Clerk. And there was one other thing I was going to say, and now it's lost. My mind is lost. If the Assembly doesn't appoint a Clerk, there will be no Clerk. If it's this candidate or another candidate-, if you don't want to appoint a Clerk, it will be no Clerk because the Assembly has to appoint a Clerk. The Clerk is kind of like the same situation as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, which is a office of the Assembly. It's not an office of this Civil Service or the Nunatsiavut Government kind of thing. So the Assembly appoints the NEO. Right? Not the member of the Civil Service. So, I just wanted-, that's just a clarification.



**MR. WINTERS:** Would any other Members like to speak? Yes. Ordinary Member, Roxanne Barbour of Nain

**MS. BARBOUR:** *Nakummek.* You mentioned earlier that you can draft up an amendment in approximately five minutes. I'm wondering if, you know, we require that extra five minutes that, you know, it can be re-read that there can be job shadowing? Then maybe-, then we can come to a conclusion.

**MR. WINTERS:** So I wonder if everyone is done speaking on this right now, if it would be valuable to have someone make a motion to leave the Committee of the Whole, which would have to be seconded, and then have a brief break so that the people who are looking to make the amendment can meet with the Acting Clerk and determine what that would look like. Then we can vote on that motion with the amendment or we could also put forward a motion to defer. Motion to defer would, of course, be either tomorrow or the next meeting. But it sounds like there needs to be more discussion and that, as many people have said now, we're not going to finish this tonight. We still need to move from the Committee of the Whole before we get there. But, yeah, would anyone else like to speak or put forward a motion? Yes. AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain.

**MR. DICKER:** I'd like to put to motion to the floor to end debate. You were looking for a motion to end debate on the-, leave the Committee of the Whole I make that motion.

**MR. WINTERS:** And would someone like to second that motion? I see the hand of Gerald Asivak Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville. So we'll take a break.

Let's take a break until, let's say 20 past and hopefully that's enough time for a little bit of discussion and an amendment. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

**MR. WINTERS:** Welcome back, everyone. My apologies. Understanding that there has been an amendment to the motion, I would like to ask AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, if he would be willing to defer the motion he made previously to end debate, to have a motion made with this amendment. Yeah, understanding now that there is an amendment made to the motion that had previously been on the Table, I want to ask if you would be willing to defer your motion to end debate from earlier, in order to have someone move the motion that has now been amended?

**MR. DICKER:** It's my choice of words that was taken wrong. I wanted to get of Committee of the Whole, not end debate.

**MR. WINTERS:** My apologies, AngajukKâk Dicker of Nain. It was my mistake to accept your motion earlier, because we didn't go to a vote. I accepted your motion and then we took a break. We left. So we're actually still in the Committee of the Whole. So I'm asking that you would defer that motion.

**MR. DICKER:** I defer that motion.

**MR. WINTERS:** This isn't easy without a Clerk. All right. So there is now an amendment prepared to a new motion. Can I have a motion to move, to recognize Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member of Nain?

**MS. BARBOUR:** *Nakummek.* I would like to move, seconded by Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Chair of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation to amend the

motion and read that the speaker be authorized to establish the effective date of the appointment and under such terms and conditions as desirable, and that the Assembly directs that the Members Services Committee report back to the Assembly on options for the creation of a Clerk Trainee position for the Nunatsiavut Assembly to be based in Nunatsiavut.

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

**MS. BARBOUR:** No, thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? I recognize First Minister Melva Williams, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. So my understanding is that the Assembly will direct the Member Services Committee to report back to the Assembly on options for the creation of a Clerk trainee position for the Nunatsiavut Assembly to be based in Nunatsiavut? So to me, it's only an option. What if the Member Service Committee explores options and come back and says, we cannot find something that would work? Would we be back to the same place, where we are today-, tonight, in that we would still be looking for somebody that would be based outside of Nunatsiavut?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Melva Williams. As we are, again-, I know it's confusing-, as we are still in the Committee of the Whole, our witness can speak to this.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Oh, yeah, I think the language was chosen just because the Members Services Committee, as we've alluded to before, the Members Services

Committee is responsible for the budget. And so the creation of any position would-, well, first of all, the creation of any position comes under-, of this type, would be made by the Assembly, right? So the Assembly would have to approve the position. The Members Services-, what the motion does is gives the Members Services Committee a mandate to consider how or how a Clerk trainee position-, what it would look like, what the salary would be-, things like that because it would have to consider those things before the Assembly can approve it. So that that's-, I think that's where the language come from there. So they can consider what the Member Services Committee would propose to be the options for the Assembly to consider in creating such position. What the wording does is give a mandate to the Members Services Committee to do that work with respect to creating a Clerk training position for the Nunatsiavut region. Am I making any sense?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Would First Minister Melva Williams like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

I think that you are making sense, however, from my understanding, this isn't a directive to the Member Services Committee. It says you-, he's not saying that they must make a position. This is they're just going to explore-, that-, is that my understanding is correct?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

It's a direction to the Member Services Committee to do the work, to come back to the Assembly with a proposal of how a Clerk training position for the Nunatsiavut Assembly to be based in Nunatsiavut would fit underneath any future proposed budgets. Does that make sense? So the Member Services-, in order to have a position, you have to pay them. And you have

to figure out, you know, what their benefits are going to be and all that kind of stuff. That's what the Member Services Committee does for any position. So this is a directive to the Members Services Committee that you-, we want you to consider a position called Clerk trainee for-, or it could be called something else, but a Clerk trainee position for the Nunatsiavut region. And then-, but that has to come back to the Assembly to be approved, either as part of the next budget or as a separate motion or something like that, that yes, there will be this and it will be, you know, effective on this date or whatever, kind of thing. Right? Am I making any sense? Okay?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Are there any further questions or comments around the Table? Yes. AngajukKâk Joe Dicker, when you're ready.

**MR. DICKER:**

I just found a spelling error in the last word, Nunatisiavut. Just take out the "i" so that language is clear and that we don't create no problems later on.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker. The change will be made. Yes, AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, of Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. Is this motion still to hire the Clerk?

**MALE:**

Yeah, for three years.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Okay. Thank you.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

If I can. Sorry. Yes, the motion well, what your-, the motion that is on the Table is to amend the motion that was made earlier, okay? So what you're going to vote on now, and I'm stepping between my two jobs here, which really isn't optimal-, the motion-, what you're being-, going to be asked to

vote on in a moment is whether or not you agree to this amendment to the larger motion, okay? Then there'll have to be another vote on the larger motion. The larger motion would be to appoint the candidate as Clerk for the three years. And then if this is accepted, part of that motion will be also the direction to the Member Services Committee to explore the Clerk trainee position as well.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Are there any further questions? No comments? Seeing none, can I have a vote on the motion of the amendment as it stands? I'm looking for a show of hands. All the, "Ays"? And the, "Nays"? Okay. The majority passes, and now we'll go to the original motion with its amendments to appoint-, my apologies, point of order. At this point, I would ask for a motion to leave the Committee of the Whole. I'm seeing AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, and there needs to be a seconder. I see Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Can I have a vote on leaving the Committee of the Whole? Show of hands? *Nakummek.* We are now back in the Assembly. So we're now considering the motion as it has been amended. The Member has already spoken to it. I wonder if there is interest in any further comments or questions or should we move on to a show of hands? I see no hand suggesting a question or a comment. So we're now voting on the original motion with the amendment that was just passed. Can I have a show of hands to appoint? All in favour? And the, "Nays"? Seeing two, the motion passes. *Nakummek.* And thank you, all for your patience and contributions on this movement. I would like to

recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams, for the first reading of Bills.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak, that Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the Housing Act 2022 (No.2), be now introduced and read for the first time.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Would you like to introduce the Bill?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Bill number 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No.2)*. Mr. Speaker, my comment will closely follow the explanatory note that accompanies the Bill in the Members' binders. Part Five of the *Housing Act* establishes Inuit Community Housing Committees for each community. When the Bill for the *Housing Act* was debated in the Assembly, it originally proposed that Inuit Community Housing Committees be comprised of three to five members in total. During debate on second reading, the Assembly adopted an amendment to Section 5.1(2) to raise the total number of members of each committee to be five to seven members in total. Of the total number committee members, two members are appointed by the respective Inuit Community Government Council. The remainder of the members of the Community Housing Committee for each community are to be elected by the community. As a result, subsection 5.1.1(2) would allow for three to five members for to be elected to each committee. After the *Housing Act* was passed, it was subsequently determined that subsection 5.1(4)(6) which concern the elected members of the committees, should have been also

amended to correspond to the increase in committee size to a total of five to seven members. Not amending those subsections effectively limits the size of community housing committees to exactly five members, which was not the intention of the Assembly when the Bill was passed and is inconsistent with subsection 5.1(2). The purpose of the Bill is to make small but important technical amendments to subsection 5.1(4)(6) so that they would no longer conflict with the total number of committee members set out in Section 5.1(2). Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Melva Williams. The motion is in order. A reminder to the Assembly that on first reading, the only discussion is about the principal of the Bill and is not a detailed review of the Bill. Does anyone wish to speak to the principal of the Bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does First Minister wish to proceed?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Thank you, First Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act, 2022 (No.2)*, on first reading? All those in favour? And all those opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried and accordingly, Bill 2022-04 has had first reading. I would like again, to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Honourable Speaker, in accordance of Standing Order 54(3) I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly



proceed to second reading of Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No.2)*, tomorrow.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, First Minister Melva Williams. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No.2)*, tomorrow. All those in favour? Any opposed? Seeing none, Minister, you have unanimous consent. So the Bill can proceed to second reading tomorrow, at the appropriate time. Moving on to Item 19, there are no second readings of Bills today. We will move on to Item 20. Item 20 is the Assent to Bills and there are-, are no Bills for assent today. I had that same typo last month. We will now move on to Item 21. Item 21 is "Adjournment." So I would like to thank all Members and Ministers for their work today. I know this has been lengthy and a difficult evening. I would like to thank all members of the public for their interest in listening to this today. And as we stated earlier, this is not always the easiest job. And I'll follow that up by saying we will reconvene at 8:45 tomorrow morning, which will give the Assembly staff time to get in, get the building open and then hopefully, we can beat out this hurricane. *Nakummesuak*, everyone.

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**MR. WINTERS:**

I would like to call the Assembly to order. I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. We will now move on to Item two. Are there any "Minister

Statements"? Seeing one, Minister of Language Culture and Tourism, Roxanne Barbour when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* I'm going to read my colleague Tony's statement and also finish my one from yesterday. For the Department of Education and Economic Development, Economic Development Division, the Rigolet Gas Station-, the business proposal for a private operator, is expected to be completed next week and prepared for NEC review as soon as possible.

Under business support: In the first two weeks of September, the Division had one new business added to the Inuit Business Registry. Regarding procurement, we didn't receive any packages, or they didn't receive any packages from Vale. There are a total of 15 clients, 13 Business Start-up and two Business Growth. They will release their Northern Lights 2023 Business Support Package on September 28. Funding distribution: As of September 7 we have-, they have re-launched Phase Two of the COVID-19 Micro Business end Artist Relief Fund. As part of the Phase Two program, they have released an additional \$107,000 to the 82 artists and 10 businesses, Phase One carryover applicants and \$83,750 has been approved for 10 new artists. And 7 new business Phase Two applicants. All Federal funding for the program is spent. They are assessing the earmarked \$217,975 from their internal FFA funds. Total support provided to businesses and artists affected by COVID-19 since 2021 is \$319,525 for 92 artists and 17 businesses. The program is still open and accepting applications. Self-employment Benefits Program: They are supporting three clients under this program. This program is still open and accepting

applications. We continue-, they continue to prepare for a relaunch of an Expanded Self Employment Benefits Program during the fall of 2022. And under Staff, they warmly welcome their new Business Development Manager, Sandy Michelin, who is off to an excellent start with their Division last week. That was the update for the Department of Education and Economic Development. So yesterday...

**MR. WINTERS:**

Minister Barbour? Before you continue, I just wanted to see if there were any other Ministers Statements, okay? Seeing Gerald Asivak, Honourable Minister for the Department of Health and Social Development, when you're ready.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. COVID-19 boosters for people eligible 18 and older: To date, 1,282 people have received a first booster, also known as dose number three, and 426 people have received a second booster also known as dose number four. So roughly 70.63 percent received booster number one and booster number two, 23.47 percent. We know, Mr. Speaker that COVID is still with us. We strongly encourage those who have not received the booster to strongly consider it. Also, influenza season is fast approaching. Justice Program Area: MMIWG Support Coordinator position filled. The individual starts Tuesday, September 20th. Welcome, Cathy Mitsuk. All the best in your new position. Inuit Cultural Justice Educator position just recently closed. So we will be arranging for interviews soon. Working on a partnership with First Light and Correctional Service Canada for supports for individuals transitioning from Federal parole back to Labrador. Inuit Justice Liaison

position filled in 2022. Welcome, Kevin Pottle of Rigolet, working with ITK on a working group to deliver and develop an Indigenous Justice Strategy. We are continuing to face barriers to work with people and provide service in the Labrador Correctional Centre due to ongoing staff shortages and construction work happening. We are working on seeking a Family Violence type of program to avail of as we have funding for this to get NG DHSD staff trained to be able to offer such programming in communities. We are awaiting funding approval for capacity building funds from Department of Justice, Canada Indigenous Justice Programming, lowering risk by reclaiming cultural connections and pride, which will be to offer many one-time initiative programs and activities in Nain, Hopedale and Happy Valley- Goose Bay for projects like Kamatik making, snow shoe making, drum making, et cetera, as well as training on Lateral Violence, Lateral Kindness, for NG DHSD staff. Mr. Speaker, under Harm Reduction, Harm Reduction specialist, Kristin Eddy had to apply and was approved to be an official partner and trainer with a St. John's Ambulance for the nasal Naloxone Program. The curriculum is trauma informed and focuses on stigma and barriers to care in addition to how to practically use the nasal Naloxone. She is in the process of working with her design team and having Inuit colleagues offer recommendations to ensure the presentation and content are culturally safe and relevant for Inuit. As soon as this curriculum is ready, she'll be making plans to travel to deliver it. While in the communities, she will see people for individual counselling. April Andersen, Trauma and Addiction's Lead, and Kristin Eddy presented to the

Federal Government Public Service. Four hundred-plus folks were online on Inuit Mental Wellness. DHSD applied to Health Canada and funding was granted for a Harm Reduction Hub site in Nain. Hiring will begin soon for that as soon as possible, in collaboration with Labrador Grenfell Health regarding the implementation of a Managed Alcohol Program. Just concluded work on a steering committee for a Provincial Drug Toxicity Action Plan. This will be delivered to Provincial Governments and includes evidence-based recommendations to reduce the amount of drug toxicity related to deaths. Final draft is being edited presently by the project coordinator. On the steering committee from a Harm Reduction lens for the Newfoundland and Labrador Integrated Youth Services, DHSD is consulting from a harm reduction and trauma-informed perspective. This project will be led by an advisory committee of youth from all across the Province, so we'll be forwarding invitations to the Nunatsiavut communities in the coming months. Many staff are offering ongoing counselling clients, sitting at several Provincial and regional committees focusing on harm reduction and offering all the harm reduction supplies to the region as needed. Mr. Speaker, Trauma and Addiction Program schedule from September to April 2023. There was an event held in North West River, September 15h, a Meet and Greet, card-making, Goose Bay, September 20th, Meet and Greet card-making. Residential School supper for Upper Lake Melville was held on September 10th in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. In Makkovik, October 11th to the 13th, "Grief". Nain, November 21st to the 25th, "Grief". Postville, January 23rd to 26th, 2023,

"Grief", Rigolet, February 20th to 24th, "Healing Trauma with Self Compassion", Goose-Bay, March 6th to 8th, 2023, "Grief", Hopedale, "Land-based Healing Lodge", March 20th to 24th, 2023, "Healing Trauma with Self Compassion", Nain, "Land base", April 17th and 21st, "Healing Trauma and Self Compassion." We'll also be delivering, "Healing Power of Grief", programming, and "Healing Trauma with Self Compassion," programming, and there'll be agendas listed. Please reach out to your local DHSD Trauma and Addictions for further information. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Do I have any other Minister Statements? Seeing Minister Barbour, go ahead.

**MS. BARBOUR:** *Nakummek*, *UKatti*. [Statement in Inuttitut]

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Barbour, Language, Culture and Tourism. Are there any more Minister Statements? Seeing none, we will move on to Item Three, "Member Statements." Are there any Member Statements? I see Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes in our communities, we get so caught up in day-to-day living that we forget to see what is actually going on in our communities. This morning, I want to highlight some of the projects HICG have completed on projects over the past four years. The work completed: we've developed 11-lot subdivision on Airstrip Road. All lots are sold. Did a feasibility study to raise a dam on American Pond and Main Line Valve Study and repair-, carefully mapped locations, recorded

operating status, carried out reports, and these are now all in good working order. Purchased new playground equipment. The work is still ongoing, and we had to relocate and complete a second playground on Airstrip Road to make room for a new hockey rink. We also negotiated and signed the new four-year contract with NAPE for town workers. Some changes to contract will save HICG thousands of dollars. And we also completed the final audit for 2021 bringing HICG up-to-date and debt-free. Ongoing work as the new outdoor rink, which I reported yesterday-, the groundwork has started, and the completion date is 2023. Also, rehabilitate the Water Transmission Main. The project is under design and construction is to begin in 2023. Rehabilitate Centre Avenue Sewage Lift Station, that's to be tendered this year and the SCADA system to be tendered this year. This will provide safer working conditions in remote sensing of water flow. Trout Pond subdivision-, engineering this year, Phase One construction road in 29 lots. We will develop up to 72 lots in the following years. Also, clean retention tanks, this will improve taste and water quality. The Municipal Garage Depot extension I reported yesterday. Also, we're doing snow fencing in critical points in town and Storm Water Management Study, upgrade ditching, culverts throughout the town. And I reported yesterday that a water and sewer to the wharf area and Municipal Garage is starting. And this is the last un-serviced area in town. We also will start upgrading the Water Distribution Building and this will make the building more effective and upgrade the building as well as mechanical equipment and pumps. And locate and develop New Gravel

Pit Engineering Contract awarded this year, and the fieldwork is to start this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Other Members who would like to speak? I see George Gear, Ordinary Member for Postville, when you're ready.

**MR. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to send my condolences to the family of the late Aunt Muriel Andersen. She has left us a great legacy for all of us to follow, a great Inuk woman from Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate all the AngajukKâks that were elected and look forward to next four years working with you in the House of Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I would like-, I had the opportunity to listen to most of the recorded sittings of the assembly. A lot of things had happened over the years for the betterment of our people, Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Some elected officials have passed on. Some has went on to other adventures, and I know things will even get better as we move forward. While everyone had to make extreme changes for the Coronavirus pandemic, you all did a great job-, all the way from the top, President Lampe, Members of the Assembly, and all Civil Service people did excellent to keep us all safe. Mr. Speaker, like I've heard since I've been part of the Assembly, which is not long ago, we have to be role models. And somehow, we have to let our people know some of the things being worked on. People that I've spoken to are saying there is not enough information given out to the public. And I believe that is the reason why embers are not coming out and running for elections or even voting at the



elections. This is my Member statement for now. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, George Gear, Ordinary Member for Postville. Are there any further Member Statements? Seeing none, we'll now move on to Item Four. This is the "Returns to Oral Questions," and I've been notified that there's at least one. When you're ready, First Minister Melva Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to the question presented by Chairperson Kemuksigak yesterday in relation to if there's a beneficiary triggers a review of a beneficiary's status. You are correct, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The individual is to be informed of who has requested the review of the status. However, before we get to the stage of informing the individual, the review request has to go to the Registrar's Office who will confirm if there is sufficient information to go forward with a review of that status. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Melva Williams. We're moving on to Item Five, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? *Nakummek*. The first hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning, Mr. Speaker is for the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Minister, Terry Vincent. And my question, Mr. Speaker, is related to the date of September the 20th, when an aircraft flying low-level was spotted by boaters, hunters from Postville, Makkovik and Hopedale on that day. I

would like to ask the Minister of Lands and Resources-, maybe its true exploration. I'm not sure. If he could confirm with the Assembly that that aircraft was related to exploration work in our territory? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Would Minister Terry Vincent of Lands Natural Resources like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you AngajukKâk Sheppard. To my knowledge, I have nothing on this, but I will certainly have my staff look into it. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. The Minister says he will take it under advisement and come back with a response. AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville, would you like to provide a supplementary question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** No, I don't. Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister Vincent.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard, of Postville. The next hand that I saw was Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted the question to be directed to the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. Would your Department be able to provide NunaKatiget with support and resource materials for Inuttitut training? We are going to apply for funds from Heritage Canada once the call for proposals comes out later this fall. But if we could get resource materials that's already developed, it would make our classes run a lot smoother. Thank you for considering my request. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Would Minister Barbour, of Language, Culture and Tourism like to respond?

**MS. BARBOUR:** Yes. *Uhalitik, Nakummek, and Nakummek* for your question, Ms. Kemuksigak. As mentioned in my statement, there are lots of resources that we have within our department. And we've-, the culture, Language and Culture staff have worked with Pirurvik Centre to develop a website for beginner, intermediate, and expert speakers. It's on Tusalanga I'll have to double check if it's dot com or dot ca. But I can definitely reach out to the Culture Division. To let them know that, you know, you guys would like. And we'll see what we can do. *Naku*.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Barbour, Language, Culture and Tourism. Does Chairperson Kemuksigak have a supplementary question?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. The next hand that I saw was the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This question is with the Lands and Natural Resources Minister. It's with regards to the Mealy Mountain, the newly formed Mealy Mountain National Park. Cartwright will be the gateway to that park as has been stated. Can you tell me how high a priority is the Mealy Mountain National Park with regards to the Land Claims Area of Nunatsiavut, please?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Roland Saunders, of the Canadian Constituency. Would Minister Vincent like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Saunders. Once again, something I will have to have my staff look into. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent, would Ordinary Member Saunders like to ask a supplementary question?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Yes, please. The next part is the Land Claims Area, will that also be in the Wonderstrand? There's a section of the land that's closer to Cartwright called the Wonderstrand. That's also included in the park. And will that be included in the National Park or will that just be separate from the National Park?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Minister Vincent, Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you. That will all come with the answer from the first question. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent of Lands and Natural Resources. Would Ordinary Member Saunders like to ask a follow-up question?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Yes. Thank you. It's still with regards to the park and also the area of Cartwright and Paradise and all of that area. Can you tell me the Innu nation and NunaKatiget already have employees down there working? How many workers are being hired from NG to work at that National Park for the exploration and the beginning of the park?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Minister Vincent?

**MR. VINCENT:** Right now, I don't have any numbers. But once again, that will be all the included with the answer of your previous question. Sorry. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent, Lands and Natural Resources. Are there any further Members questions? Yes, I see AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you. My question is for the First Minister, Honourable Melva Williams. I think this is who I direct it to. I usually ask the question every year, but it's getting on fall and weather getting colder, will there be any support this year for wood especially for the communities of Nain and Hopedale for wood for our communities? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. Would the First Minister, Melva Williams like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Flowers for the question. I do not have information today. I can get the information and provide it to you by-, because before the next sitting, so I'll send you an email in relation to the question if that's acceptable to the AngajukKâk?

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

**MS. FLOWERS:** No, I don't. That's just fine, and thank you for your answer.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. Are there any further oral questions? I see the other AngajukKâk Sheppard, of Rigolet, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes, this is for First Minister of Lands and Resources. I'm new, so I'm not really sure, but I thought Rigolet was the gateway for NG to the base of Mealy Mountains.

**MR. WINTERS:** I would ask AngajukKâk Sheppard of Rigolet, to rephrase that as a question, please?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Okay. Is Rigolet, the base, gateway to the Mealy Mountains Park?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet. That question began asked of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, so I will assume that the rephrasing was as well? Minister Vincent.

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Yes, I have also heard that Rigolet has been called the Gateway to Mealy Mountains or the Gateway to Nunatsiavut. But I'm not sure which one it would fall under. Once again, I'll have to get some information from my staff.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent, Lands and Natural Resources. Would AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet like to ask a supplementary question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** No, thanks.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. I also next saw AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville's hand. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable First Minister, Melva Williams. Looks like she was expecting a question there, Mr. Speaker. Anyway, it's more fuel for the fire from my question. I asked the President yesterday, Mr. Speaker, related to the RCMP, the presence for Postville. I would like to ask the First Minister, over the last short while or let's say a number of months, if she had the opportunity to have any communication with the RCMP in relation to the situation we

have in Postville where there's next to zero presence in my community?  
Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Would First Minister Williams like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I too share your concerns over the RCMP lack of service to your community of Postville and the very low number of visits they're providing to that community. I haven't had an opportunity to have conversation with RCMP. However, I've requested a meeting with the Minister of Justice, Minister Hogan, too, and I've had that tabled to be a part of the discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't. And thank you, to the Minister.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. Are there any further oral questions? I see AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe my question is for the First Minister again, Honourable Melva Williams. I noticed that we have new staff and new Ordinary Members and new AngajukKâks here around our table with the new elections. My question is, will there be any training for them in regards to the Assembly Sitting and procedures? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. Would the First Minister Melva Williams, like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the AngajukKâk for the question. At this time, I do not have information on the plan for training for the new Members. As I was recently elected in May, I know that training was provided to those of us that that were elected, so I would expect that there would be training as well, but I can follow through with staff to confirm that there will be training provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. And I can kind of chime in here in that that really would be the responsibility of the Office of the Speaker. So that is something that will be forthcoming. But *Nakummek*, thank you, for the question. Would Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk of Hopedale, like to ask any supplementary questions?

**MS. FLOWERS:** Yes. Thank you. If there is training forthcoming, I'm just wondering, it might be nice for the incoming staff or the staff that's already here just to get a refresher. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers of Hopedale. That is definitely taken under advisement. Are there any further questions? Seeing none, we will be moving on to Item Six, "Written questions." Are there any written questions today? If there are, they should have been passed to the Clerk. I see one. *Nakummek*. We will move on to Item Seven. There are no, "Returns to Written Questions," today, so we will move on to Item Eight. Item Eight is, "Petitions." And there are no petitions today, so we'll move



on to Item Nine. Item Nine is, "Responses to Petitions," and there are no responses today. We'll move on to Item 10. This is the, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees," and there are no reports today. We'll move on to Item 11. There are no further documents to be tabled at this sitting, so we will move on to Item 12, which is "Notices of Motion," and there are no notices of motion today, So we'll move on to Item 13. Item 13 is the, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills," and there are no notices of motions for first reading of Bills today. We will move on to Item 17-, sorry, Item 14. This is, "Motions," and I would like to recognize the President, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* I move, seconded by the First Minister that the Assembly convenes as a Committee of the Whole to receive presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek, President.* The motion is an order. At this time, the motion is to move into the Committee of the Whole. Mr. President, would you like to speak to the motion?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* The purpose of moving into the Committee of the Whole is to allow the witnesses into the Chamber to give their presentation and for the Members of the Assembly to ask questions of the witnesses. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. President. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Member wish to make final comments and close debate?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti.* I wish to close debate.

**MR. WINTERS:** That concludes debate. All those in favor of the motion? All those opposed? Seeing none, the motion carries. We will now be considered in the Committee of the Whole with the witnesses, and we'll take a 10-minute break so that the witnesses can get everything set up.

[Recess]

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* We are now in the Committee of the Whole, and we have Garry Best, the Chair of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, as well as Chris Webb, President and CEO of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, Paul Janes from Deloitte, the auditors, Sarah Leo, Chief Operating Officer of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Isabella Pain, Deputy Minister of the Secretariat and Secretary to the Nunatsiavut Executive Counsel. Witnesses, you may provide your presentation when ready.

**MR. BEST:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and elected officials. Thank you, for having us today. I'm Garry Best, the Chair of the *Trust*. And I should also mention that colleague Board Member, Isabella Pain is with me today as well. Unfortunately, three of my colleague Board Members could not be here today. And I just want to acknowledge, Natan Obed, Kristy Sheppard and Catharyn Andersen. I will lead off the conversation with some strategic remarks and then we'll turn it to Mr. Paul Janes to provide the financials.

And then, Chris, of course, as president will conclude. Maybe just a couple of things-, I've had a couple of occasions-, I've been privileged and honored to report on behalf of the Board over the last couple of years. And of course, we're presenting the 2021 Annual Report and I have to say last year was the 15th anniversary of the *Trust* and coincidentally 10 years, with the NGC. So some very interesting milestones in our very short history. Most of you of you know that the primary mission of the *Trust* is to create wealth and trust for the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries by owning profitable and sustainable businesses. And you'll hear more of how that is operationalized with Chris's remarks and we'll aim continuously to be a strong Inuit-led business leader, grounded in our culture, socially responsible, accountable to the beneficiaries, and also to be good environmental stewards. We met last year in August. We met as well this year up in the Torngats. But last year, we had a significant discussion and developed a Strategic Plan. And the *Trust* is going to focus on five key areas over the next five years, Construction, Real Estate, Medical Housing, our Strategic Partnerships, Transportation and Fisheries. We want to ensure that we provide beneficiary employment, especially in the communities. And we will continue to make best efforts and we've got some, I think, some good news with Chris and his Management Team doing outstanding work in attracting and retaining skilled workforce. As a *Trust*, we want to be profitable going forward because we have to continue and sustain the work and we also want to again, attract and continue to employ beneficiaries to the greatest extent possible. There is good trust and a

solid working relationship between the Board Members and Chris and his team. That's not always the case, but it certainly is the case here. And I have to say that level of respect and understanding is very conducive to making the right decisions. We want to sustain a positive corporate reputation going forward. We've certainly learned lessons over the last 10 years, but we also want to apply those lessons and be even stronger in the years to come. So these are some of the success factors. Obviously, as well over the last year and it's impacted, if you will, the strategic planning a little bit. We're just coming out of a pandemic now, but certainly in 2021 we were in a pandemic. And as most of you know, you know, inflation has hit most sectors across the country and no different than here in the region as well. But also, there are and will remain significant regional challenges with respect to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. But we're here for the long term and we want to do right by the beneficiaries. There's lots of opportunities. I could go on about risks, but I'm going to focus a bit on the opportunities. I'm very proud to say that, you know, we have an experienced and skilled Board as well as Management Team and that strength and leadership allows us to really be strategic and operationally focused in our work. And we will continue to grow and strengthen in all of those areas that I talk about earlier-, and partnerships. Chris may touch on that, but I'm pretty impressed by Chris and his ability to reach out to a number of partners especially with IDLP. I attended a couple of meetings and I heard some really good things. Again, I've been involved in different entities across the country and the kind of relationship that he has fostered

and maintained bodes well for NGC into the future. And we'll also want to make sure that we communicate even more effectively with the beneficiaries and with yourselves as well. That's part of our mandate. I would think that sometime in the next 3 to 6 months, it might be an opportune time as a Board to meet with yourselves or representatives on topics such as Medical Accommodation, the Tendering and Procurement Policy, and perhaps some of the legacy issues. We wish to, and will strive to, maintain a strong relationship with the Nunatsiavut Government going forward. I'll conclude my remarks at this time. Mr. Speaker and perhaps if I can just quickly turn it over to Mr. Janes.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Garry Best. Yes, Paul Janes, when you're ready.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you. So I'm going to walk through the Consolidated Financial Statements of the *Trust*. I believe you all have a copy of the Annual Report with you. So I'll go through that copy. I'll start on page 82. Page 82 is our Auditors Report, so Deloitte's Audit Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the *Trust*. Our opinion is qualified as it has been in the past. The reason for that is the *Trust* decided to, many years ago, consolidate the operations of the companies underneath the *Trust* that that they wholly own. And the accounting standards would technically say that you should equity account for that, which would show you a totally different picture from the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position. And so the decision was made to use the consolidation accounting method instead just to better illustrate the magnitude and the size and the operations of the *Trust* as a whole. And so that that's why our

opinion is qualified just because it is, technically there's a slight offside there with what one of the accounting rules. But it was a decision made for the reason as I stated earlier, and has been the same way for many, many years. So to turn to Page 84 which is the Consolidated Statement of Operations. So Page 84 outlines the revenues and expenditures on the consolidated basis of the *Trust*. And I'll highlight some of the increases and decreases, changes that you would see from 2021 from the 2020 year. You'll note that a lot of my explanations are going to be, as they were last year, when we presented 2020 results, a lot of the decreases were because of the pandemic. And you'll note in 2021 a lot of the increases that you see is because things started to return to a little bit more normalcy than what it would have been in 2020. So there was less of an impact and helped drive better financial results for the *Trust*. So I apologize upfront that may be a little repetitive in some of my explanations. So starting on the left-hand side of the page for the revenues, the sales increase from 18.5 million to 27.1 million in 2021. This increase is due to two reasons. TSI Revenue increased \$6 million, again, because of a little bit more return to normalcy in 2021 from 2020. And Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics, their revenues increase \$2.4 million from 2020. And same reasoning again, but you would have noted that, and it gets back to kind of more normal revenue lines than what you would have saw in 2019 if we would have had that information here. Similar with Marine Operations increasing 3.5 million to 3.7 million. Partnership Income is the income that the *Trust* derives from its partnership with Air Borealis. And again increased from

2.4 million in 2020 to 2.85 almost, in 202. Construction Revenue increased significantly from 855,000 to almost 2.7 million. Again, this is due to the fact that there was quite a slowdown in 2020 due to the pandemic. And 2021 started to return to more normal activities. Similarly, same explanation of Fish Harvesting. This is the revenue derived from the partnership with Pikalujak Fisheries. And it increased 700,000 from 600,000 in 2020 to 1.3 million in 2021. Down a couple of lines to the other line. You'll note a decrease from 2.5 million 2020 to 455,000 dollars in 2021. This revenue is revenue from the Timmiak Construction Partnership that the *Trust* has. And just a reflection of the activity-, there were actually higher activity levels in 2019 and 2020 in that entity, which drove that Revenue Line Item. And that slowed down in 2021 just due to activity within that company. Crushed stone revenue, just a decrease from a million dollars to 300,000, is just reflective of the crushed stone sales during that year-, no real reason for driving that decrease. So you get down to a total. All the other line items are fairly stable year over year. You have Total Revenue of almost 40 million, so \$39.9 million, in Total Revenues compared to 32.5 in 2020. To the top of the next column, on the right-hand side of page 84, I'll just go over some of these other items. And I'll actually ask you to turn to Schedule One which is on page-, bear with me for one second, and 97 which breaks down that Total Expenditures of 35 million in more detail. So page 97. So starting with Wages and Benefits, in 2020 you had Wages and Benefits of 14.3 million and increased to 20.5 million. This is the main driver. This is the activity that I mentioned

increase in TSI. Again, coming back to normal levels, operating levels from the pandemic. And with that, obviously, has an increase in expenditures. And that's the main driver in that increase. Cost of Goods Sold increased from 6.9 million to 8.1-, a little bit of an offset in there. Nunatsiavut Construction where I showed in the Revenue Line, the Crushed Stone revenue number went down. This also decreased the expenditure line by about 600,000 but there's an increase of \$2 million in cost in there for Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics, as I mentioned on the Revenue Line, the revenue from INL went up by 2.4 million. So there was also an increase in cost there as well. On the Miscellaneous Expenditures it had 1.3 million in 2021 compared to 400,000 these are expenditures mainly from the increase in revenues from Pikalujak. So you're picking up the expense side of the Pikalujak operations in that line item. Materials and supplies increased from 600,000 to 1.1 million. Again, this is mainly an increase in the construction activity that we saw on the Statement of Revenues and here driving expenditures up as well. There's a Line Item there Loss on Owner's Contracts of \$347,000 in 2021 and nothing in 2020. This is a little bit of a nuance in the accounting standards where certain contracts that you have, if there's an expected loss on some of the contracts you would need to recognize that immediately when you know that there's a potential loss, even though the contract may be over a couple of years time frame or longer. So in the current year, there was a construction contract that that we believe potentially has a loss and therefore we recognize that loss upfront even though the contract is still not finished yet. So it could



turn around. Getting down to I guess the Total Expenditures of 35.3 million compared to 26.5 million last year. At which time, I'll ask you to flip back to page 84. So looking at the Total Revenues and the Total Expenditures leaves a Total Annual Surplus of 4.6 million in 2021 compared to 5.9 million in 2020. The next Line Item-, sorry, I'm on the right-hand column of page 84, just in case, just help follow along. The Share of Equity Earnings. So the entity owns various partnerships that because of the level of ownership did not get consolidated, fully consolidated. So the earnings in those entities would get picked up on this line. And we had earnings from those partnerships of 1.7 million in the current year compared to 1.5 last year. Again, just an increase in activity in some of those partnerships and mainly those are partnerships that you have that are dealing with activity at the at the Voisey's Bay mine site. Gets you to a Total Annual Surplus of 4.9 million in the current year compared to 6.2 in 2020. The Accumulated Surplus-, so that-, I'll just jump down to the bottom of that, the last three lines of that column on the right-hand side. So the Accumulate Surplus as a beginning of the year for the entity. So that's Accumulative Surplus of the *Trust* from the beginning of the *Trust* to now was 10.9 million at the beginning of the year. The *Trust* share of the Annual Surplus was 4.9 million. There's a Trust Income allocation of 2.8 million. And I'll get to that one in a second, but that's the income allocation to the Nunatsiavut Government, for a Total Accumulated Surplus of just over \$13 million at the end of 2021. Any questions on the Statement of Operations before I move into Statement of Financial Position? Happy to take questions

throughout. So just feel free to stop me. On the next page, on the left-hand column, of page 85 is the Statement of Financial Position. Again, I'll just highlight some of the key changes year over year of the Financial Assets. So starting with Cash. Cash slightly increased from 13.5 million in 2021, increasing from 12.1 million in 2020. Receivables increased to 8.4 million, from 7.2 million last year. And again this is just an increase in the activity on the on the revenue side, which has also driving increase of receivables yet to be collected. The Investments at Equity. So these are, I mentioned a few moments ago, the partnerships that the *Trust* has. And so this is the value of those investments from an accounting perspective at the end of 2021. So those increased by just over 900,000, from 15.4 million to 16.3 million. Further details are in some of the notes that you see noted here as well. Work in Progress is a new balance in the current year of just under 1.3 million. What that represents is construction contracts where work has taken place, but it has not been billed, based on the terms of the contract to the customer yet. So it sits here until that time that work is billed out. So it reflects a future amount to be received. Just moving down onto the liability side, Payables and Accruals from 4.9 million, increased to 6.3. Again, this is an increase in activity in the businesses, which drives the increase in payables year over year and no other reason for that increase. The payable to the Tasiujatsaok *Trust* went down by 1.2 million, just reflecting a repayment of funds that were owed to the *Trust* during the year. Just moving to the right-hand side of the column-, or the page, sorry, Due to the Nunatsiavut Government increased from 11.5 million to 14.4

million. So on the Statement of Operations, I mentioned that there was a Trust Income Allocation of 2.8 million, and that this is reflected in this, the Due to Nunatsiavut Government. So you'll see the increase in that payable from last year, which is the income that was allocated. This balance comes from those who've heard me speak about Trust Financial Statements in the past. This would be a little bit repetitive. But for the new Members, balance comes from the Trust indenture the way it's worded. And it allows for the income of the *Trust* to be allocated to the beneficiaries, one of which is the Nunatsiavut Government. And it helps if you didn't allocate the income out to the beneficiaries, it would end up being taxed under Federal Tax rules, and that money would, part of that money would end up being paid back to the Federal Government under the Tax rules. So this, the way the Trust indenture is worded, it allows for the income to be allocated to the Government instead and therefore not having to pay Federal Income Tax on it. And long-term debt, just a couple of lines lower, decreased by 1.5 million. This is just regular repayment of the debt that is owed and there's a breakdown of that debt in Note Eight. Halfway down that column, the Non-financial Assets, so Capital Assets increased from 5.3 million to 6.2. So there's about 1.5 million in asset purchases that the businesses had as well as then about \$700,000 in amortization, which decreases that balance. So it's a net of those two. And Goodwill and Prepaid is fairly consistent year over year. And that gets you down to a Total Accumulated Surplus and liabilities of 13 million, as I mentioned in

the Statement of Operations. Turning to Page 87 is the Statement of Cash Flows. I won't go through that statement in significant detail. Go ahead.

**MR. WINTERS:** AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you. It's just a comment. Under "Receivables from a Related Party, its due from Philip Earl. There's still 750,000 dollars. Does that mean that that will never be paid back?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The witness?

**MR. JANES:** No. It's-, so the balance is still receivable, but it's still within the terms and the conditions of when that, what that receivable was owed back to the *Trust*. So I know those discussions continue, but there's no, at no point do we feel is not collectible and therefore it still sits there until it will get collected. But the due dates are coming up within, I think the 2022 year.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you.

**MR. JANES:** So on Page 87 is The Statement of Cash Flows. As I mentioned, I won't go through this in detail, but only to note that we-, I mentioned at the beginning of the Statement of Financial Position that the entity had 13.5 million in cash at the end of the year. It started with 12 million. So this statement is meant to reflect all the ins and outs, ups and downs of cash throughout the year and it's all the different Line Items would highlight those, but all within normal operations of the business and nothing overly significant or changes that we haven't already mentioned through the other pages that we discussed. Turning to the next page, starting on Page 88 is the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Again, I won't

go through these in significant detail. Note two are The Accounting Policies followed by the Trust and its related business entities. And none of these have significantly changed from last year. So there's nothing really to highlight there. Starting on Page 90 you start to get into the notes which explain some of the balances in more detail that we've already gone through. I'll highlight some of these but won't get into significant details. I'm happy to answer any questions, should there be any. So Note Three talks about the Net Investment and Finance Lease that the Trust has with Vale, as well as is a loan receivable for 2.5 million. That balance hasn't changed to year over year. Note Five, highlights all the various investments that the Trust has, that are not consolidated in here. So you can see a little more clearly the different partnerships that exist and the accounting values on those. Note Six on Page 92 breaks down the Tangible Capital Assets in categories that the entity holds. Note Seven highlights the line of credit that the *Trust* has and the details and security on the line of credit. Note Eight is, as I mentioned Long-term debt went down 1.4 million in the current year. And it highlights all the different pieces of debt that the entity holds and the balances year over year. But as mentioned, repayment happened as per the terms of the debt. Turning to Page 94 there's some leases on equipment that the entity has and highlighted in Note Nine, you can see in Note 10 the different notes payable to the Tasiujatsaok *Trust*. As I mentioned, there was 1.2 million that was paid back during the current year. Note 11 highlights the Accumulated Surplus of the entity. Note 12 is the Financial Instruments Risk note, which is pretty

standard accounting disclosure for any entity. And the last page, Page 96 highlights the contingency note which is a note related to some guarantees that the entity had outstanding at that point in time related to Universal Helicopters. But I believe those have all been discharged at this point in time. Looking forward into 2022 those have all been discharged now. Page 97, we already went through the Expenditures in detail. And the last page, Page 98 is the consolidated statement of-, or a schedule, I should say, of related party transactions. So just highlights revenues and expenditures that the entity has with related parties of the organization. Any further questions on the Financial Statements of the Trust?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Recognizing AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the *Trust* for showing up. It's all familiar faces. On Page 85 under Income Tax Receivable, I noticed there's 287, 194 for 2020 and just a blank for 2021. Is there an explanation for that, please?

**MR. WINTERS:**

Mr. Janes?

**MR. JANES:**

Sure. So as you mentioned, there's Income Tax Receivable on 2020 of 287,000. And if you just go to the last line on that same column in 2021, you'll note that there's a payable of 102,000. The reason for this is, obviously, in in 2020 there was monies owed back to the *Trust*. So under Federal Income Tax rules, a corporation will need to pay income tax throughout the year based on how much you owed in the previous year.

So you're meant to pay installments. And if you don't pay those installments, there's penalties and interest accrue. So what happened in 2020 is you pay your income tax owing based off of what you owed last year. Turns out that they didn't owe as much in 2020 as what they would have owed in 2019. Therefore, you overpaid in your installments, and then you record a receivable from CRA, and that's what you see in that 287,000. In 2021, again, the entities would have paid installments to CRA based off of what they would have owed in 2020. Turns out they owed more tax than what they had paid, and therefore at December 31st, they still owed \$102,000 to CRA to cover off those tax bills. And that's the difference in those in those two balances.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Would AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard of Postville like to ask a supplementary question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** No, thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, for the explanation.

**MR. WINTERS:** Are there any further questions to this section of the presentation? Seeing none, witnesses you may continue.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just before I get into our presentation on somewhat of the operation side, you know, there's a lot of familiar faces, but there's a lot of new faces. So it's nice to see the dynamic and, you know, the level of maturity, obviously, in the room as well as some of the youth. You know, it's a good mix. On behalf of the LICST and NGC, we'd like to first I guess, send our sincere condolences to the Andersen family. You know, obviously, Tony and Wally and Tom would have been here during this

presentation, so we just wanted to send our condolences to the family and friends of the Andersen family. I'm pleased to sit before you again to present, you know, NGC's operations. Some of it will be repetitive, but I'm going to go back a little bit in time and kind of give you a back around information as well for the new faces around the table and the new Members of the Assembly. So just-, I handed out a slide deck. You can follow along if you wish, but there's no need to if you just want to listen. So on the, you know, next slide, on the corporate structure, you know, I have the Nunatsiavut Government sitting at the top, the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and then the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. So we sit at the top. The Nunatsiavut Group of companies sits at the top. There's-, our Financial Statements are consolidated up but, you know, the Government doesn't see the type of economic development that we engage in. So that's the idea that the *Trust* sits on a Board, and the Government obviously has two Trust Members that sit on the *Trust* and the other three are members at large that are beneficiaries. So we report directly into the Trust. So we hold quarterly meetings. Usually, the fourth quarter meeting we put our budgets and business plans in place so that we can present that for the next following year, all of our-, so we can get our marching orders from the Trust on a go-forward basis. Any Capital Expenditure, Capital asks for some of our business lines and just so that they know what we're doing and it falls in line with our strategy. So we'll present, you know, the opportunities, the risks associated with some of the things and then they'll give us our marching orders on a go-forward



basis. So just moving along, pre LICST, you know, we were the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, you know, reporting into the Labrador Inuit Association. And we had a fairly small corporate structure. You know, we were in the quarry operations. We had the Ten Mile Bay Quarry north and south side. We had the Igiak Quarry, also the Hopedale Stone Plant here, you know, and we still own some of those assets and some of those legacy items. Sorry. I tend to talk fast. So I'll try to slow down. And we had the Post Mill Lumber operation in Postville. We were in the fishing industry. We are -, we were in camp operations with TSI and there were a few others that we were in. But it was a very small corporate structure back pre-LIDC in those days. We know we have some legacy items that we're still cleaning up and that we will be looking at cleaning up. The Ten Mile bay location, for instance, as well as the Post Mill Lumber site. We've done the EA 1 the, Environmental Assessment 1 in Postville, and we were looking at doing the Environmental Assessment 2, just to finalize that cleanup there. And we're, you know, speaking with the Nunatsiavut Government representatives, as well, on the cleanup of Ten Mile Bay, how we could potentially access, you know, maybe there's buckets of money out there from the Federal Government for Legacy Reclamation cleanup and so forth. So, you know, as a Trust, we take-, or as NGC in Trust, we take environmental consideration, and reclamation of our old job sites very seriously. So we're gonna, you know, do our part. And we've had many discussions on this and it's gonna take some time, and there's gonna be a cost associated with that. But rest assured, you know, we'll be looking

at the best way forward for the cleanup of some of those Legacy Items. Pre-LICST Mission, when we were the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, was to build capacity, create employment. It was set up as a not for profit. And there was initially three trustees that were Labrador Inuit Association Officials. And we also had some Community Board Members. I think there was a representative from each community that sat on the Labrador Inuit Development Corporations Board. But, you know, this was some 40 years ago. And now, LIDC's mission was to improve the living conditions of Inuit by providing employment, and to promote education and training. So that Inuit could be active participants in the labour market. And we've seen that in full spades. You know, the Ten Mile Bay Quarry trained, hired a significant number of staff and when the Voisey's Bay Mine Site came on, we lost a lot of our staff to Voisey's Bay. So it was a good news story, bad news story, because know, the quarry was in full operation and then we started to lose a lot of key members to the Voisey's Bay Mine site. And, you know, even to this day, it's, you know, labour is a tough one. It's-, anyone who wants to work right now and we're finding it very difficult-, we're putting a lot of individuals through training, but anyone-, we're having a hard time staffing some positions within all our group of companies as well and our HR manager is quite busy right now trying to do that. So moving along, you can kind of see the transformation of the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation. Then, you know, the new Nunatsiavut Government was formed in 2005 then the Trust quickly after in 2006. And then five years later, the

Nunatsiavut Government-, or Nunatsiavut Group of Companies was formed. And we were-, rebranded ourselves as a for profit entity. So if you have your Annual Reports there, I'd just like to, for you to turn to Page nine for a second and show you, you know, I just kind of went through, you know, some of the business lines that we were when we were LIDC. But if you take a quick look on Page nine now, this is our corporate structure on a go-forward basis. So you can see here starts with Nunatsiavut Government. Obviously, there's a dotted line to that and then the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. And Paul Janes walked through some of our, obviously, our Financial Statements on this. And you can see what reports into the Trust. And if you come down through the centre, you have the Nunatsiavut-, NGC Nunatsiavut INC, which is NGC. So if you turn to Page 10 and 11, this again shows you and depicts a clearer image of, you know, everything that we have under our umbrella. So we are quite extensive, you know, we do community meetings and visits. And, you know, I still think, you know, people don't understand the breadth of, you know, some of our organization and how much we do within the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and the opportunity that exists. You know, we go to the schools, we sit with the students, and, you know, their eyes open up when we start talking about some of our business lines. And we want to be able to have year-round business in our communities as well. We're primarily focused in Nunatsiavut, but we also look at other areas when business is slow in other areas. So we'll be looking at Upper Lake Melville and doing some work as well. And, you know, we've tested

the market a little bit. We've done some work on the Island and in Central and Southern and Western Labrador as well. So we'll monitor how those things go, but, you know, our primary focus is to build infrastructure and do things within Nunatsiavut. So that kind of shows you our current corporate structure. Just next page, obviously, Garry already talked to you guys about our Trust, but I thought it'd be prudent to put, you know, some photos in there. So we've got a rock-solid Board. We've got two Nunatsiavut Government representatives, and that's Isabella Pain, as well as Kristy Sheppard. And then Chair is Garry Best. Natan Obed as well as Catharyn Andersen. I don't know if I need to do any bios on them, but you know, Catharyn Andersen is the VP Indigenous for Memorial University. Garry comes retired Navy into civil servant now and, you know, getting closer and closer to main retirement, I suppose, but, you know, very eager and wanting to be part of, you know, the NGC and LICST go-forward. And then Natan Obed, obviously, with regards to President of ITK, and the seat that he holds. And then Isabella as, you know, Chair spoke earlier, Deputy Minister of Secretariat. And Kristy Shepherd, Director of Economic Development, Education within the Nunatsiavut Government as well. And you know, five of our five trustees are beneficiaries of the Land Claims. So it goes to show you know, the capacity that we've built within Nunatsiavut for this, you know, Board-, level of Board that we do have. And five of our eight Executives on the NGC Team are all beneficiaries as well. The President and CEO, our Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Leo, you know, our HR Manager, our General Manager of TSI as well as our Executive Assistant

are all beneficiaries of the Land Claim. So we're very proud of what we've been able to accomplish over the last, you know, 10 years, transforming ourselves from the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and what the Trust and the leadership that the Trust shows and the confidence that they put into our team on a go-forward. Obviously, I think Garry mentioned earlier that our mission is to own profitable, sustainable businesses, enterprises. We want to be Inuit-led, which we're doing. And we're going to try to build upon that capacity as well on a go-forward. We'd love to have 100 percent beneficiary within our Team, but obviously that's not always possible, but we will strive to do that. And it's to create wealth in Trust. And Paul went through our Financial Statements and discussed some of those things that we're doing. 2021 at a glance, Paul Janes went through this, but, you know, again, I just want to reiterate and show the good that we're doing. Total Revenue, 41.74 million, Expenses 36.8. So you can see here this is about a \$5 million-surplus. So we're doing you know, good things. It's not always been this case and we've sat before you and had losses. And, you know, Paul mentioned the Universal Helicopters piece and-, but, you know, we're in business. We don't always have a crystal ball. And we recognize, you know, when we need to cut our losses and that was a particular point in time that we need to, you know, kind of file for receivership within that business entity. All of the-, primarily, all of the losses were recognized in Universal in 2019. And we just finalized our receivership and the Bank of Montreal kind of released us of any

guarantees that the *Trust* had put up with regards to Universal because it took about a two-year process for them to sell assets and walk through the receivership process. So we didn't have to recognize any more losses within Universal. So that's a very positive note. And I'll talk a little bit later in the Air Borealis piece, that we've added the addition two helicopters within Air Borealis as well through Custom Helicopters. Moving into the next slide, 2021 highlights. Garry touched on some of these key pieces and partnerships being one of them. You know, our partnerships continue to perform well financially, and they perform well from an employment perspective. We have a lot of beneficiaries working for our companies in Voisey's Bay. And our partnerships have made significant investments to improve service and productivity. And we will continue to do that on a go-forward basis. It's always, you know, there's always continuous improvement happening. None of this would be possible without our staff and our leadership. Tremendous efforts by them and we congratulate them all the time, you know, on a go-forward basis. And we make sure and we hold health and safety high, as a high priority when we're doing work. We want our staff, our customers, our clients to all go home safely at the end of the day. So health and safety is a big piece of our commitments and as well as the community contributions. NGC is a for-profit enterprise, but we also believe in giving back to our communities and we do this through our Corporate Social Responsibility Program. You know, we do our community visits, our school visits, and our community engagements. We were just in Rigolet-, when were we in Rigolet? May,

June, and we're gonna go back. We're gonna come back to, you know, some of the other communities maybe this fall, but early, early spring, later part of winter, maybe February time frame. So we'll make sure that there's advanced notice of us coming and, you know, we hope to see a lot of folks out. And we were we were in Nain at the end of August last year as well. So we're gonna make sure that we get to the communities now that COVID is somewhat behind us. It's good to get back out and see people and talk to people and hear what people have to say 'cause there's always-, we always take suggestions for improvement at the utmost importance as well.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chris Webb, President and CEO of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. We have a question from Ordinary Member, Roxanne Barbour of Nain, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. For the Corporate Social Responsibility Program, is this a program that communities or community organizations can apply to receive funds?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Barbour of Nain. President and CEO, Chris Webb, go ahead.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you for the question. And yes, it is. We do have a Sponsorship and Donation Program as well, and that's on our website. So anyone that is looking for funding or sponsorship or donation, they can fill out the form and submit it to our-, we have a committee established that looks at all of that.

**MR. WINTERS:** Would Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain like to ask a follow-up question?

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

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any other questions around the Table at this time? President and CEO, would you like to continue?

**MR. WEBB:** Sure. And I'm recognizing the time. I'm gonna try to not talk as fast but speed up a little bit. But I'll-, I'm going to touch on your question a little bit more later on in the Power Point on Corporate Social Responsibility. So maybe I can add some commentary or some suggestions and some of the examples, thank you, when I come to that. So moving into 2021 Operations, you can see here these are some of the 100 percent wholly owned companies that we own, Nunatsiavut Marine, Nunatsiavut Construction, NGC Solutions. Under NGC solutions, we hold the Base Camp Operations as well as Cafe Illusuk. We have Nunak Land Corp, which is our Property, Land, Owner Development Corporation. Under Nunak is GBCC, which is the town centre site, and GBCR, which is Goose Bay Capital Realty. And then we obviously have our fishery portfolio with Nuluak Fisheries. We have shrimp license, crab license, turbot quotas, as well as some additional shrimp licenses as well as access to Atlantic halibut, turbot and tuna, cod within Dominion Trading License as well. Moving along just to-, I won't touch on every single company, but just thought I'd highlight a couple-, Nunatsiavut Construction, you know, is a vital part of our operation as we build infrastructure within Nunatsiavut. You know, we had in '21, you know, some challenges within Nunatsiavut



Construction. However, you know, we took some-, and made some changes, restructured a little bit and are looking at expanding. Garry talked about, you know, some of the Strategy Items, and construction was one of those strategies. And we heard it loud and clear from the Assembly sitting last year, "Why aren't we doing more?" Well, we just didn't have the gear. We didn't have the capacity to do it at the time, but we're gonna be looking in the near future at building our capacity from an HR perspective as well as an equipment perspective. So, you know, we'll be looking at, you know, expanding that scope and looking at creating different divisions within our construction entity. So we did make some significant investments in construction as well, in 2021 with some rock crushing gear. We're going to need to be looking at some additional crushing gear in the future as well. I know that Stone is a premium in our communities. And, you know, I'd love to, you know, talk to each and every one of you of what your, you know, needs are on a go-forward basis. And I've already spoken to some of you. And all the new Members, my phone line is always open. By all means, give me a call anytime. But you can see, you know, we've done a number of projects within Nunatsiavut, and we're gonna continue to do that. So, you know, hopefully, we're not going anywhere within our construction entity. As well, Nunatsiavut Marine, we've also made some investments there. We've put some freezer capacity on the coast although it is temporary with some freezer units. We built a maintenance shed so that our mechanic can work inside the elements as the warehouse shed in Upper Lake Melville is usually full of product and goods that get delivered.

And we had a big focus on safety and productivity within our group within Nunatsiavut Marine. Obviously, we do all the shore-based operations for the North Coast Ferry contract. We don't own the vessel and the Province sets, you know, the rates as well as the schedule for that. So we are primarily loading the vessel and accepting freight in all of our ports. Some of our 2021 partnerships, Torngat-, TSI, Torngat Services, Air Borealis, Timmiak-, Paul mentioned Timmiak earlier. They are our Heavy Civil Partner within the Voisey's Bay and elsewhere. So that's our partnership with Bird Construction, Integrated Logistics for Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics, and we do all the tug and barge work for Voisey's Bay currently. So we're arranging all of them with our partners, McKeil Marine as well. And then Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics, that's our partnership with the other Dev Corps across the Arctic to look at, you know, most recent-, I'll talk about it a little bit later-, some of the things that are happening in 2021 is the award of the North Warning System contract. And obviously, all of these, you know, companies are doing a, you know, a very good job with hiring beneficiaries-, TSI being one of the highest beneficiary holders, the companies that we have. TSI, just a little bit on TSI-, you know, they've been part of...

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chris Webb. First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams, has a question, when you're ready.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Chair. I'm just wondering if you've had any opportunity to develop relationships with privately owned Inuit businesses? Have you

provided them with subcontracting opportunities for bigger projects that you may be working on and those things?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:**

Yes. That's a big part of our companies as well is that any subcontracting opportunities that come out, we utilize the Inuit business, wherever and whenever possible provided they are qualified. We just assisted Sikiatsuk, with helping them. They weren't-, when Sikumiut didn't do the crossing for the Umiak, they weren't established as a company as of yet, so we, NGC and NGC Solutions were registered on the Nimbi system and the Nimbi system is a Vale portal that's used for procurement through Vale contracts. And we assisted that company with establishing that contract even though-, 'cause they were still working on all the insurance pieces, working on the Nimbi System. So we talked to Vale, as well as the owners of that company and rearranged it so that we would take it on for a six-month period. Everything would flow through them, and that's some of the things that we do to assist as well from a subcontracting or an assistance, per se. So we can assist in those types of arrangements as well.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Does the First Minister have a follow-up question, or no? *Nakummek*.

**MR. WEBB:**

I think I was at TSI. Obviously TSI is, you know, everyone I think around the table knows who TSI is, Site Services Contractor within Voisey's Bay of which we own 51 percent of TSI and ATCO Frontec owns the other 49 percent. You know, and it is the idea over time that maybe we own 100

percent of this company. We've built significant capacity within TSI over the years. So, you know, I think that's a goal of everyone is to potentially walk down that road, eventually. The mine isn't going anywhere. You know, they've announced at Labrador Expo, it's likely another 35-year project. So good news from that perspective. Huge employer within our region as well. So-, but TSI focused, you know, high numbers of employees, beneficiaries. They've really focused on training and development. And right now in this, I have negotiating long-term contract. And right now, they have a preliminary contract signed with Voisey's Bay, so-, for the next five years. So things are looking bright and TSI will be around for some foreseeable future. Also, I just wanted to touch on one of our partnerships on Air Borealis, you know, still recovering from COVID obviously, and Garry touched on, you know, inflation and the rising fuel costs. And we haven't done anything in terms of raising any prices as of yet, but the Board is going to have to look at something 'cause fuel prices almost tripled within the last year. So we're-, the board is, we'll be looking at, you know, the best ways that we can try to not, you know, increase those rates as drastic as, you know, the three times fuel cost. So the Board will be looking at, you know, something in the near future, but, you know, we'll make sure to announce and we'll do our due diligence from that perspective.

**MR. WINTERS:**

We have a question from Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:** You mentioned you would look at the rates for the airline prices. It almost sounds like to me that, you know, we might be looking at an increase in rates. Is that what you're saying?

**MR. WINTERS:** Go ahead, Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you. The Board is looking at, you know, all options right now. Can't say we are, or we aren't, but that's one thing that we're looking at. We're going to make an informed decision on that in the very near future-, the Air Borealis Board, sorry, yes, 'cause they are a separate Board, as we only own one third.

**MR. WINTERS:** Does the Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour have a follow-up question? Seeing no. You may continue, sir. Oh, my apologies. Recognizing the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chris, we own 33 and a third percent of the company. The other 33 and a third is Innu owned. Is there a separate Board that deals with the same problems that you deal with here at upper level? I mean, you know, we only own a third. There's two thirds out there. What's happening to them when you increase prices?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Go ahead, Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:** If I understand the question, yeah, we own one third of Air Borealis. The other two thirds, one third owned by Innu Development Limited Partnership, which is the Innu. And the other one third is owned by PAL Airlines. And they, obviously, we work and operate within Labrador, collectively and nobody wants to raise the prices, obviously, but, you

know, this is something that, you know, we're looking at and we'll make an informed decision on. But, yeah, the same idea for the Innu as well. They don't wanna raise prices either if they can't-, I hope that answered your question.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Does the AngajukKâk have a follow-up question? He's shaking his head, no. You may continue.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you. *Nakummek*. So they made some capital investments as well. They purchased a new Twin Otter or new to them Twin Otter. So we're at a fleet of 10 right now. As well as I mentioned early on, we are now in the helicopter industry with-, we lease helicopters from Custom Helicopters. EIC, which is Exchange Income Corporation, owns Provincial Airlines, and EIC owns Custom Helicopters. So It was a natural fit. We started out with leasing one aircraft, a B2 to now having three aircraft on the ground in Upper Lake Melville. So there was, you know, activity required to see us have three helicopters. So we're not entirely out of the helicopter industry, but the risk is very minimal now as we lease those aircraft and not own them and operate them and wait for work. We lease them as we get work. So it's a less risky operation as to what Universal was back before receivership.

**MR. WINTERS:** Recognizing a question from AngajukKâk Dicker of Nain, when you're ready.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. One last question. New investments, as you know, the airport is gonna come. And I want to know if you, as a company is

investing in something or looking for something for the future like a Dash 8, or whatever. Is that in the works?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:** *Nakummek*, for the question and, yes, the Board of Air Borealis have already had some preliminary discussions on that. I know we're a number of years away, but not that far when you start looking at it and considering how fast this year has gone. But we have talked about some ownership of a Dash 8 capability as well, for if this ever-, once the new airstrip is built in Nain and it has that capability. We've had those discussions as a Board of Air Borealis, yes.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Recognizing the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams, with a question.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm sorry, but I need to go back. I know that you guys have come to our community, for instance, and I am assuming you go to all communities. And previously, in relation to Air Borealis, you talked about that the Board may have to consider price increases to the cost to travel. I feel that I need to, again, at this Table express my concern over the cost of prices of travel on Air Borealis. I think it's prohibitive for our people to be able to travel because of the cost of the prices. And I'm wondering if there are creative ways you can look at offsetting the cost of increase of the fuel as opposed to raising the prices of travel?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Williams of Rigolet. When you're ready, Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, for the question. And yes, we're trying to find every creative way we can to not do that. And as a Board, we will come up with the best possible solution. So-, and we recognize we don't want to increase prices 'cause it's not just the increased price of the airfare. Then it starts increasing prices of other things like the food and goods and services cargo and all that, right? So we understand that, and we're not taking it very lightly at all. We are, you know, we're making sure that we're going to do our best efforts to try to come up with the best possible solution on a go-forward for that. So maybe-, Sarah just pointed out that maybe I should, you know-, and I think maybe this is where Joe's question was coming as well, but our Board for Air Borealis consists of two representatives from Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, myself and Isabella, two representatives from the Innu Nation, and that is Mark Nui and Len Rich, one representative from Sheshatshiu and one from Natuashish, and two representatives from PAL Airlines. And that is-, one is their Chief Financial Officer, and the other is Bob Holiday, which is their-, he's their kinda contracts guy. So that's the six complement of Board for Air Borealis, just to clarify who the Board of Air Borealis is.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Does the Ordinary Member of Rigolet, Melva Williams, have a follow-up question?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. So having heard at this Table that Nunatsiavut Members are concerned about prices, I'm assuming that our representatives on that Board will bring forth those concerns when you have the discussion?



**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member of Rigolet, Melva Williams. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:** Yes, and we just had a recent Board meeting and we have brought those concerns forward. So that's why it's taken a little bit longer. I mean, we're already into almost October, right? So-, but we are taking those suggestions to our Board, 100 percent.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. You may continue, Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:** Okay. I'll try to get through this kinda quickly, 'cause it's-, but some of our mining partnerships that we have-, and you've seen it on Page 10 of our Annual Report, and you can take a quick look at it, but these are all in relation to Voisey's Bay. So we've partnered and primarily, all of these Vale partnerships were partnered with the Innu and we own one third of the company.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. Recognizing a question for the Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:** Thank you, and thank you, Chris. Sorry for the interruption, but before we moved on, I wanted to ask a question while you are here. I guess, as a Board, who has Members on the Air Borealis Board, has it been considered to put any surplus back into Air Borealis as an effort to reduce travel or cargo rates?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member of Nain, Roxanne Barbour. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:** *Nakummek*, for the question. And those are some of the discussions that we're having internally, yes. Okay, *Nakummek*. So just getting back into our mining partnerships for a second. I mentioned that, you know, most

of these mining partnerships were partnered with the Innu, and own one third of these particular contracts. And the strategy around this is that we are able to put forward a name or a company that is an industry expert in the field that Vale are comfortable with maybe, but, you know, at the end of the day, it's a partnership that we feel-, you know, we kinda vet who we wanna be our partners, you know, from an underground mine perspective, from a diesel generation perspective, from a wind energy perspective, from equipment supply. So we've partnered ourselves with, you know, these leading industry experts. One, for instance, I. I MacLean Engineering, a supply of underground mobile gear. They have a fleet of electric vehicle equipment as well. So there's a significant amount of gear that, you know, Voisey's reaches out to them to purchase from. Innu-Inuit Redpath, we did all of the underground mine development. Vale has started to do some of the shaft work as well. We're still looking at another contract with that to extend. We've done all the really technical work when it comes to the underground mine, and Vale has taken over some of the longer straightforward sections. We are partnered with Innu-Inuit Kiewit Constructors-, big, heavy, civil mechanical electrical partner. We've partnered with PDI, Innu-Inuit PDI. We supply all the underground doors-, also a lot of consumables for underground-, cable meshing resin-, Toromont Cat, with regards to the diesel generation and the diesel consumption, as well as some equipment-, Innu-Inuit Foraco for drilling at the mine site as well as ACI Labrador with Howden Ventilation. So all the shaft ventilation and mine ventilation that need to be required to move air

in and out, clean air out of the mine, underground mine. So these are some of our underground mine partners. So internationally renowned companies that, you know, are very capable, qualified. And Vale, obviously, wouldn't accept us getting contracts if they weren't satisfied. When we do some of these, you know, we're able to be a qualified business entity and be QBE'd so the Nunatsiavut Government and Innu Nation, through the Economic Development Division of your Government is able to put forward a name. And if both sides agree, we can be a sole source contract. So that's why our strategy was to partner with the Innu so that we could look at some of these and it would be a sole-source negotiation with Vale. And, you know, Vale wants to always make sure they're getting best value for their dollar. So-, and the way around that is, you know, you always think that best value for your dollar is a competitive approach where you've got five companies bidding to work, and then you take the lowest bid. This allows Vale to look at the qualified business entity, make sure they're qualified, as well as giving a good price. So it's an open-book negotiation-, us, our partner and Vale. So Vale sees all of our financials, what, you know, the return will be, and once they're satisfied, then we-, they will move forward with. We have had occasions where we had a QBE nominated, and it was failed. And we had lessons learned. It was just we-, they had a dollar amount in mind and our partner just couldn't come down to that dollar amount because they knew what was what it was going to take to do that job. So unfortunately, we have had instances where a QBE was disqualified. But lessons learned and we've moved on about from

that. Maybe I'll come back to the corporate social responsibility piece because that was one of Roxanne's questions. So I'll just skip that page and come back. You can see, you know, we value our employees. We have a number of employees here that have reached 5, 10, 15 years. We've got an employee that actually is coming up on 30 years next year. So we've got a pretty-, you know, there's some employees that have been around for quite some time. I'm going on my 11th year now. So still at it, which is good. It's exciting and fun all at the same time. But, you know, we value our employees and, you know, the leadership and making sure that everyone goes home at the end of the day. But you can see here that, you know, folks are coming back every year. And we wanna be that employer of choice. And, you know, I think, you know, we're living up to the reputation now. I don't know for the new Members, you know, we've always put out a quarterly newsletter. I think you all get a chance to see it. We post it on our website. It gives an update of everything that we've got on the go for that quarter. And it's usually a 12, 15-pager, so it just kind of demonstrates all of the activity that NGC and its Group of Companies is doing. And, you know, we try to profile our employees in there and showcase, you know, what their background is and what they can do.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Recognizing the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak, with a question, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is, a lot of the elders that come to our freezer really loves your newsletters and a lot of them don't have

computers. Is there a possibility, like, we could have, like, 50 copies or I don't know how many, but whatever you can afford, 'cause they love them. They find them very interesting and they're very happy that there's a lot of good things happening and in Nunatsiavut as well.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, we can most definitely have something like that. We can print some copies and deliver, absolutely. And the reason why we haven't had them printed is because of COVID. And we used to print them and put them in the seat pockets of the airplanes as well. So once COVID is kinda behind us completely, we will start doing that again as well. But we will make sure that we have copies for your office.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Recognizing a question from AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. Welcome to all the Members, Mr. Best, Mr. Webb, Mr. Janes and Ms. Pain and Ms. Leo. Thank you, very much for showing up here again today. A concern was brought to my attention last summer regarding shipment of dangerous goods from Goose Bay-, car batteries, propane and that kind of thing. Like for the locals here, on the North Coast are gonna ship a car battery up to the North Coast, they went down to ship the battery and they were told they had to go all the way back to the Transmitter Road to get the Dangerous Goods paperwork done, okay? So that causes a little bit of inconvenience, not to mention the trip all the way back, half-way down to Mud Lake. And had to come all

the way back with the battery paperwork and ship it on the ship. Would it be possible to have the people at the dock trained in Dangerous Goods as well, or that office moved down during the summer months for the shipment of dangerous goods? And I also have a letter-, I'll just let you answer that one first and then I have one more comment.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. Recognizing Sarah Leo. Go ahead.

**MS. LEO:**

Barry, that's really unfortunate that they-, sorry, AngajukKâk Andersen, really unfortunate that they had to go do that. But we can't have somebody at the dock fill out the Dangerous Goods forms. As the receiver of the Dangerous Goods, they can't be the ones filling out the forms. It has to be done independently. We do have somebody at NCI that does the forms. So his-, if somebody has dangerous goods to be transported on the coast, they can contact the NCI office and we can make arrangements to have that individual assist with getting those forms filled out and shipped. But they can't do it at the dock because they are the receiver.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ms. Leo and recognizing Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*. Just to add to that, I think that's what you're talking about in terms of Corte rail. So maybe we can do-, we can go back and take that as a suggestion for improvement so that, you know, it isn't-, they don't have to go that far, but maybe our Transportation and Goods qualified individual can maybe go to the dock and fill out the paperwork, if available, and when available. But it would be good to get advance notice of that if

possible. But maybe we can make some arrangements for that, rather than them travel down, we can offer that opportunity.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, very much for that, Ms. Leo and Mr. Webb. Much appreciated. I know like for batteries, especially, car batteries and boat batteries, they die all of a sudden and you had to order it and you want them back-, people want them here now, or yesterday. So I wanted to raise that, just the concern that came to my attention. Also in discussions or just a quick chat with you yesterday there, we were talking about capacity that you talked about here today as well with NGC and I guess with that capacity your organization is able to maybe take on bigger contracts or bigger projects hopefully in the future? I know that there are some projects in Makkovik that's been delayed, like obviously, through procurement issues with the pandemic and you just can't, you can't even procure a skidoo this year without having to go through major delays. But if you keep an eye on our, on the ICG's and the Nunatsiavut Government procurement or the calls for tenders for larger stuff like crushed stone and that kind of thing, just wondering if you guys would be competitive-, I know you guys are in-, like we all mentioned that we are, or you are a for-profit organization, so you just can't crush tone and give it to us. So those types of projects are on the books again, or on sort of the-, able to put into capacity again later?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:** *Nakummek.* Yes, we're gonna be looking at building that capacity in different divisions within our construction that doesn't do home repairs, home building, but look at, you know, water, civil, road work, you know, all of those times of minor to medium-type construction projects, for sure.

**MR. WINTERS:** Recognizing Sarah Leo.

**MS. LEO:** We really understand-, we've gone through an exercise just recently. We've recently hired a Business Development Analyst within NGC and she's been amazing. And one of the exercises we've gone through is look through the tenders that have been put out recently and what kind of bidders were on them, who bid what, or-, and we realized there are so many tenders that hadn't been answered that were left. So we're starting to look at what you're seeing and seeing how we can grow as a company to certainly work more within the communities. But again, having the Business Development analyst on our staff is really helping us move forward.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek,* Ms. Leo. Is there a follow-up question? *AngajukKâk Andersen?*

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:** No, just the reason I'm asking, or I asked the questions about the capacity building is due to the new funding that the Federal Government announced, very recently, the infrastructure money, so it would be nice to see our own companies sort of benefit from that. I don't wanna be seen as any conflict here, but I would like to see our own companies take advantage of some of that funding if possible, competitively, that is.



**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, for that. Thank you. Just getting back to Ordinary Member Roxanne from Nain, I've got a slide on Corporate Social Responsibility. So I wanted-, you were walking out the door so I kinda went ahead of that. But, you know, just wanted to touch base, you know, it's cash and in-kind donations. We support community events, you know, sports teams, you know, band teams-, all of those types of examples. We do investments within Health and Safety, you know, Environmental Stewardship, supporting the Inuit culture and transparency-, and being transparent and accountable. But again, some examples is, you know, that we've done in the past and I'm just trying to think now. We always do our annual-, we used to do the wood program or food bank. So we do a big donation in November and December timeframe for Food Hamper or Wood Box programs to different communities. We do all the, you know, different types of things with sporting events. We do all kinds of things for the youth. We donate to different festivals that happen in each community. So those are all different types of things that we do from a Corporate Social Responsibility. And, you know, a big thing that we do and, you know, our contribution in 2021 was close to-, in-kind and contributions, close to \$700,000. You know, that's including our crab quota that we allow NG to administer and allocate to beneficiary harvesters. So that value of that alone is about half a million dollars. So we don't ask for anything back from an in-kind contribution for that. So that's, you know, administered by NG and they allocate it to harvesters within Nunatsiavut. So and then the

200,000- price tag is other contributions like I had mentioned some of the examples-, scholarships, we also have a Scholarship Program as well. Our collective Group of Companies and some of our partners, it's close to \$8,000 to \$10,000. We've had a number of scholarship recipients and awards presented this year to Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. So, you know, as we're getting into the schools again and highlighting this, we're getting more and more people filling out-, and it's not a cumbersome process to fill out this application. It's very straightforward. We do have some criteria. Some is first-year students, and then some is more specialized, but we look at everything from the construction industry to professional designations-, everything that, you know, would fall within our umbrella of programming. So those were just some examples I wanted to share with you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Recognizing Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Hello, thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm wondering if you ever considered hiring summer students? I think it might be a good opportunity, and then they'll get to see a certain area-, maybe they'll want to do that for postsecondary education.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, for the question. We do hire summer students. We've had a number in our Construction Division this year and we've also talked about, you know, bringing, you know, someone on to kinda shadow, you know,

the lead finance person or the Chief Operating Officer or, you know, shadow myself, you know, go through the life of the summer of those types of positions as well. So we're gonna be looking at, you know, all of those things on a go-forward basis. NGC has been without an HR Manager for quite some time. Everything kinda fell on top of the shoulders of the Executive Group. And we're just very proud to have, you know, an HR Manager in place and a beneficiary of the Land Claim as well, to take on some of those things and look at developing some of those programs. But yes, we do-, just to answer your question, we do have a summer student program and we will look at expanding that to bigger and better things in the future.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Recognizing AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard of Postville.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I don't know who to pose my question, but it's related to accommodation capacity in Goose Bay. And a lot of times I have questions and I either send them to Isabella or Chris. And it could be about freight transportation-, whatever. But my question today is about accommodations in Goose Bay and I don't know if I'm jumping ahead of the game here, and I don't know what I missed for the few minutes I was out of the room. But I would like to ask if it's possible that you would look at constructing a hotel in Goose Bay? The hotel capacity in Goose Bay, I've had the experience myself, going up as a medical patient from the coast. And if I didn't have a relative to run too, I probably would have had to sleep

in the vehicle for the night-, maxed out. So I would just like to ask the question, is that a possibility?

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Mr. Webb. Oh, sorry, recognizing Mr. Best.

**MR. BEST:**

Thank you, very much. An excellent question and also one of the-, as I mentioned earlier, one of the strategic five key areas that we've looked at and have actually made a decision that we're going to study the issue in and around Medical Housing. There's some work in the background right now a fair bit and there have been conversations with officials as well. As I also mentioned at the top, I think it would be opportune as well, maybe in and around the Northern Lights timeframe in February to have a conversation about what are NG's needs? What are the community's needs to right-size a Medical Housing facility? This is-, we've heard it before, and so we're taking action on that one. So absolutely, we're on board with it. We wanna make sure this is done correctly, conceptually. So that's the phase that this work is at just now. But the determination and, frankly, the commitment you don't want to undersized or oversized you want to have it the right size. And we certainly, I think Chris has said in previous presentations that we have an excellent area in Upper Lake Melville possibly, to construct this new facility. And, you know, again, there's homework to be done. I know Mr. Asivak and I just talked briefly about that, and we'll continue to have a conversation. But then I think this is absolutely where we need to go and-, but at the same time, the due diligence, making sure that we understand what the real need is, not just,

you know, what the Non-insured Health Benefits statistics say, but we listen to the community leadership about what you think you need as well, because there are examples across the north. I've had a couple of years experience in Ontario region where I was running things there in terms of their operations and certainly looking at what Ottawa has, Winnipeg has. So there are many different models. We wanna have something unique for this region to best serve the beneficiaries that we serve.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Best. Does the AngajukKâk have a follow-up question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** No, Mr. Chair, and thank you, for the response. Good-, thank you, for clarifying. This is good information

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. Recognizing AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you. I'm very grateful for the donation we get in November for either the Food Pantry or the wood. But I'm wondering Is there a way that if we knew the money was coming, for sure, if it could come earlier because If we had to order wood, we have to make arrangements for shipping and things like that even if we had to order extra groceries. And the shipping season, you know, is shortened. It's always a big rush. So can you keep that in mind if we are going to get donation? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Seeing Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:** *Nakummek*, for the question and, yeah, we can action that as soon as we get back. We can kinda send something out pre- Christmas.

**MR. WINTERS:** Go ahead, AngajukKâk Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I'm very grateful for that. And another question I have, I know there's still ongoing work in in Voisey's and I guess there are trees being cut down, so there's wood there. Is there any way that you could work with the companies to see if-, I know that the wood is, like, people from Nain can get access to it-, but if there was excess wood, is there a way that maybe we could get some of that wood brought up to our community as well? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Mr. Webb?

**MR. WEBB:**

Yeah, we've always heard about the wood at Voisey's Bay where they do their tree-cutting program. And we know that some Nain residents are able to access it. We've always had a challenge trying to do that, as, you know, very, very Health and Safety conscious at the Voisey's Bay mine site. They don't want anyone close or they don't wanna have any incidents or accidents. But that's something, I guess, we could take back to, you know, some of our contacts within Voisey's Bay to see if there's opportunity, you know, that something can be done to share, you know, some of that wood with Hopedale. That'd be the best commitment I could give 'cause it's kind of out of our territory a little bit. But we can talk to the contacts that we have there to see if there's any opportunity that we might be able to assist.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. AngajukKâk Flowers?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I much appreciate that. I understand the safety issues that are there. Thanks.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Are there any further questions at this time, or? Okay, recognizing the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you. As Chairman Best said, we had a brief conversation yesterday and it was very good. The Executive Council have identified the need for accommodations in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for the high number of patients that travel through Goose Bay and beyond. Also, the Executive Council, I'm presuming will have presentation in the near future from NGC and it's a very high-detailed one-, an analysis, and we can go through numbers and budgets because our funding comes from Non-insured Health Benefits, for accommodations and medical transportation. So we've been talking about this for a while, and I'm glad to see that the fruition is coming very, very soon, hopefully, to break ground and solidify a partnership and to grant access in principal, to move forward because we know we'll always need this service. And not only Non-insured Health Benefits, but Government employees traveling for businesses, ICG-, there's a lot of Inuit entities within this that can support a Inuit business. So flowing money back and forth, providing an economic recovery, jobs, training, advancement-, there's so much good that can come out of it. And so the Assembly will keep-, the Executive will keep the Assembly updated once we know more of the presentation from NGC in the near future on moving forward.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Asivak. Would the witnesses like to respond?

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek* for that and that's exactly it. We will keep in contact and share what we have once we get some financial data back. We've already kinda have a design. So we're at that stage. So *Nakummek*. Just continuing along-, I won't talk about our five-year strategy, but Garry kinda highlighted some of the key areas and we've talked about some of them with the Medical Housing real estate, the construction, the aviation, the fishery and new partnerships. So I won't get into a whole lot of that, but, you know, measuring our success, you know, it's not enough just to have a strategy. There has to be a way to measure success as well. So some key indicators of success will be NGC's positive impact in Nunatsiavut and on beneficiaries. How we connect to future growth in Nunatsiavut, and how do we become that employer of choice, as I mentioned earlier, and that our beneficiaries and our staff, employees get to work and live in their own communities. You know, we wanna make sure that we attract qualified staff to seek these business opportunities. So above those indicators, NGC is a profitable business entity, and we will continue to have a strong relationship with the Nunatsiavut Government and our *Trust* and the other Trusts and all of the beneficiaries as we've demonstrated on a go-forward as, you know, we're-, we want to be very transparent. Not all organizations, Ec Dev corporations like ourselves, you know, even release an Annual Report. So we're one of the few that releases an Annual Report like we do, across Canada. We've looked for them and seen what people are sharing and we just can't find it. So we're proud to-, that we can be transparent and open and have this discussion and look at ways that we



can improve. So that kind of concludes 2021 in a nutshell. But, you know, we've talked about, you know, our potentially building construction, looking at, you know, the Medical Housing piece. But some other highlights, you know, for 2022 because it's always difficult presenting 2021 in the fall of 2022 when we've got so much other things on the go right now, right? So-, and we, you know, we'd love to be able to kinda talk about that. And I, you know, I-, we kinda get an hour or two and I can go days talking about NGC and our Group of Companies and glad to field questions. But some of the things that I'd just like to hit as a high point is NGC and our partners in PAIL were recently awarded the North Warning System contract again. So we took full care custody and control of the North Warning System August the 1st. So we have that contract back in our hands and rightfully so. And thank you to the Nunatsiavut Government for their full support and acknowledging to the Federal Government that, you know, it needs to be in the hands of the Inuit. And Natan and ITK and all the lobbying efforts that were done from the other Inuit regions across Canada. We've got some, you know, very positive irons in the fire with the Goose Bay Town Centre site with lot sales and some potential businesses going in there. Can't really share some details right yet but look for that coming. Great, that we were able to open Base Camp again this year. COVID's behind us. We recognize this as the first year back from COVID really, accepting the number of guests that we have had. You know, it was a successful year. However, we know we have some work to do. We, I think, some members of the NEC were there. Our *Trust* was there, and we

witnessed and learned, and we will be taking back a pretty long list of improvements that, you know, needs to happen come 2023. As well, one of our partners I didn't talk about because this just really formed in 2022, was our partnership with Innu-Inuit Invest. And we will be looking at owning, operating, financing, the Wind Energy Farm at Voisey's Bay. It's going to be a five-turbine wind farm. It will be is. Invest, and IDLP. And that will help offset some of the diesel consumption in there, as we know diesel consumption, you know, we want to reduce some of the carbon emissions. And the price of fuel just is crazy right now. So it's going to generate as much power as the six-diesel generators are-, currently have at site. So hoping to start construction late 2023, potentially. We're still working some of the PPA. So the idea is that we will have a *Power Purchase Agreement* set up with Voisey's Bay, and they will buy power back from us. So long-term investment, good from a renewable energy perspective and environmentally conscious. So, you know, there's gonna be a significant amount of work there for beneficiaries, and then we'll have some folks that we're going to need trained within that Wind Energy piece as well. So-, and love seeing everything that our communities are doing right now with renewables, with the solar in Makkovik, and, you know, the microgrid that's going to happen in Nain, and all the other, you know, items that are starting to take place. And I, you know, work with, you know, the Energy Team in Nunatsiavut as well and talk to them from time-to-time. So-, but that essentially concludes our presentation. And I'd just like to say thank you to AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers and Hopedale for hosting us, and the

Assembly for allowing us to present. I know we always take a little bit more time probably than you want, but we love the questions that we get and the feedback we get from you. So, *nakummek*. And like I said earlier, my phone line is always open. People, I think, know how to reach me, but I'll be glad to share contact details if, you know, those folks that are new around the Table don't have it. So I'm always there and willing to talk and share ideas and improvements. *Nakummek*.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Do any Members around the Table have any further questions of our witnesses? Seeing none. *Nakummek*, thank you all for being here. This has been dearly appreciated and detailed where necessary and the brevity is appreciated elsewhere. We will now take a 15-minute break, resuming at five minutes to the hour, to determine our travel plans. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

**MR. WINTERS:**

As a reminder from where we left off everyone, we are now back into the Assembly and that concludes our motions for the day. So we're moving on to Item 15 which is the, "First Reading of Bills," and there are no Bills for first reading today. We will move on to Item 16 Item 16 is the, "Second Reading of Bills." And I would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Honourable Speaker, I would like to make a motion in accordance with the Standing Order 42, to allow for consideration of Bill 2022-04, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No. 2)*, in Committee of the Whole. I

move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak, that Bill 2022-04 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with Mr. Mark Gillette, Director of Legal Services, as a witness, and that the Bill be now read for the second time.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion, all those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried. We'll now move into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 2022-04, an Act to amend the *Housing Act, 2022 (No. 2)*. And I invite Mr. Gillette to join us as a witness in the Committee of the Whole. As the Members are aware, the procedure for second reading, debate, will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. We will start with the substantive clauses of the Bill and then once done, we will go back to consider any preamble to the Bill and finally, the long title of the Bill. If Members have comments or questions on any page of the Bill, you each have up to 10 minutes at a time. If you still have questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you will be given another opportunity to speak. Before proceeding, I will ask the witness if he has any introductory remarks. Mr. Gillette?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Thank you, Chair. And I'm happy to be before the Committee of the Whole again. So I'll do two things. First is I'll address the Bills shortly, and then I also know that we have a number of Members here who haven't done a Bill reading before. So I'll go through a little bit of procedure, okay? With regards to the Bill itself, this is a relatively-, with regards to the Bill itself, as the First Minister related in her introduction of the Bill yesterday, this

Bill is a Bill to amend an existing Inuit Law, which is called the *Housing Act*. And the purpose of these amendments is really to pick up a couple of things that weren't amended previously. So in the original *Housing Act*, or the *Housing Act*, when it was passed by the Assembly a couple of years ago, stipulates that there'll be *Housing Committees* for each Inuit community and that they would be between five and seven members. There was some debate when the Bill was being brought through the Assembly because it was originally proposed that they would be three to five members. But the Assembly decided at the time they wanted some larger committees or the ability to have larger committees. So there was an amendment made to increase the maximum number. However, it was only found out after that there should have been a couple extra amendments to change some of the other numbers to make sure that they all jived together because right now there's a bit of a disconnect there. So, really, these are small-. they're important amendments, but there are small technical amendments that just get the numbers that are in the Act to where they were supposed to be if we had caught them the first time around. So that's just the comments I'll make on the Bill. The-, with regards to process, so as the Speaker has mentioned, so when we're reviewing a Bill, there's two stages to reviewing a Bill. The one that happened yesterday was called First Reading. That's where a Member who's proposing a particular proposed law called a Bill comes to the Assembly and tells what the Bill is about. And then there was a vote yesterday as to whether or not people generally agreed that the Bill was a

good idea, okay? But it doesn't talk about the actual wording of the Bill. So what we're talking about now is the actual wording of the Bill, okay? And we're going to go through it section-by-section or as we say clause-by-clause. If there were more pages than one-, there's only one page here-, if we were doing more pages, we would go page-by-page and clause-by-clause. Okay? But what we're going to do now is to go through each of these sections in turn, and there'll be questions about whether or not the Assembly accepts the wording of those particular clauses. Okay? And the way it works is that we start with the-, we don't start right at the top of the page. We start with number one or section-, clause one, and then move down. And then at the end, you-, the last thing you would do would be to agree on the title of the Bill. And we do-, that might seem strange to you, but we do that for a reason. The reason is because when legislation is drafted, the content of the document has to be reflected in the title of the Bill. The Bill-, the title of the Bill has to encompass everything that the document talks about. So in this particular instance, I don't think there's going to be much of an issue here. But if there was a substantive amendment or change or something like that to a larger piece of legislation, that would change what the document talks about, then there will have to be a change in the title of the Bill as well. But I don't think we're going to get there-, I'm not going to prejudge anything, but I'm not really sure we're going to get to anything like that in this particular instance, 'cause as I said, this is a relatively minor-, it's important, but it's a relatively minor Bill, okay? So if I can lead the Chair, I'll discuss first, the

first section. So that's under the words Short Title, number one. So most legislation has a Long Title, which is the title at the top of the page. And in this case, the Long Title is called an Act to amend *Housing Act*, number 2022 (No. 2). The Short Title, which is the title that most people will use and that would be used-, I should slow down for the interpreter too, and I apologize that. The Short Title is the title in which it would normally show up in a list of legislation or what, if you talked about particular Act you've used a Short Title. So the Short Title for this particular Act will be called the *Housing Amendment Act 2022 (No. 2)*. And it's called Number Two because previously, earlier this year, there was another Act that amended the *Housing Act*. So that was the *Housing Amendment Act 2022*. So, yeah. So at this point, Mr. Chair, I would invite any questions about Section number one, or if there were no you could ask whether there's agreement on Section number one. Are there any questions of the witness? Seeing none, Mr. Gillette, you may continue.

**MR. GILLETTE**

Well, at this point, Mr. Chair, you would ask if there was agreement of the Assembly to Section one, or Clause One.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Is there agreement to Page two, Clause One? Are there any "Nays?" Seeing none.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Thank you. The second Section is, so this-, the explanatory note that's on the first page, which is not actually part of the law, but it gives you an understanding of what the basis for the law is, outlines what the previous section or the existing section of the law reads and how it's proposed to be changed. So really, all this does is to change the numbers of Inuit that

would serve on, or that would be elected members of the committees, from one to three, to three to five. So that's the only substantial change that's being proposed by that clause.

**MR. WINTERS:** Are there any questions of the witness? So, yeah. Go ahead. Ordinary Member Roxanne Barbour of Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:** When we were discussing this, said on the first page, it says the Assembly, and if I recall correctly, the Assembly wanted to agree to five to seven members. This one is saying three to five.

**MR. WINTERS:** Would the witness like to respond? Were you able to hear that?

**MR. GILLETTE:** I can. Yes. As noted in the paragraphs, there are both the Section there on page one, so the committees are supposed to be five to seven members. There are two components of the committees. There are two members of the committees that are appointed by the Community Council. And then there are-, the rest of the committee then is made up of individuals elected by the residents of the community. So this section is only talking about those number of committee members that are elected by-, he is not talking about the full seven. So that's why it's three to five.

**MR. WINTERS:** Ordinary Member Barbour of Nain.

**MS. BARBOUR:** I forgot that there were going to be additional two members that reflects the number seven. My apologies for that.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Are there any further questions regarding Clause Two? Yes. Recognizing AngajukKâk Barry Andersen of Makkovik.



**MR. B. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman. Just for my clarification, again, I spoke with the witness this morning, I think it was regarding the second paragraph about the Inuit Community Government Council would be appointing the members to the committee-, Housing Committee or local Housing Committees, I should say. But with my talks and my discussions with our meeting with the Chairperson of the Housing Commission, it was my understanding that the AngajukKâk would appoint two members from the Inuit Community Government to the committee, and the rest would be elected. Is that correct?

**MR. WINTERS:** Mr. Gillette.

**MR. GILLETTE:** I can't speak to conversation you might have with the Director. I can speak to what the legislation says. And what the legislation says is that two of the members of the committees are appointed by the Community Councils. So AngajukKâk is a member of the Community Council, but that's what the legislation says. And there's no proposal to change that here.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:** Sorry. Thank you, very much.

**MR. WINTERS:** Are there any other questions or comments regarding Clause Two? Seeing none, are we agreed? Can I see a show of hands? Any opposed? Seeing none. Mr. Gillette, Page Two, Clause Three, go ahead.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Similarly, the Clause Three just changes the numbers previously, the existing clause of the *Housing Act* in the case that-, yeah, this talks about where there's vacancies or with-, if you had vacancies as a result of not enough people coming forward or not being elected for whatever reason.

Then the Minister, which will be the First Minister, has the authority to appoint people on recommendations of a list of those made by the AngajukKâk. So again, this is just changing the numbers, not changing the process or anything that was previously approved by the Assembly. So this changes the number of people who are supposed to be on the list from three to five, to make sure that there'll be the full complement of members for the committee.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Regarding Page Two, Clause Three, are there any questions or comments about this section? Seeing none, are we agreed? And any opposed? Seeing none, Mr. Gillette?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yeah, so the final section is-, oh, thank you, Mr. Chair. The final section talks about when this amendment comes into effect. And so this-, it's proposed that this amendment will come into effect on the same day that the *Housing Act* comes into force. So the *Housing Act* was passed a number of years ago, but it hasn't been proclaimed in force yet because there had to be-, *the Housing Act* talks about the Housing Commission and setting up the Housing Commission. So some time had to-, a large amount of work had to go into getting the Housing Commission set up. I understand that we're almost there. So-, and it will likely come some time this fall, but-, so the wording here is that the Act-, this particular amendment will come into force the same day as the larger piece of legislation comes in force, so they coincide at the same time.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Gillette. Are there any questions around the Table for the witness regarding Page Two, Clause Four? Seeing none, are we agreed?

And any opposed? Seeing none, we're returning to the top of Page Two and considering the Long Title. Any questions or an explanation from Mr. Gillette?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I see no reason to make any changes to the title. The title is-, the Act concerns amendments to the *Housing Act* and so does the title reflect that there-, what the Bill-, the contents of the Bill are amendments to the *Housing Act*.

**MR. WINTERS:** So considering the Long Title, are there any questions of the witness? Seeing none, are we agreed? And any opposed? Seeing none, that concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill on our second reading. I thank the witness. And that concludes the Committee of the Whole. So we are now back into the Assembly. All those in favour of the second reading of Bill 2022-04 please, a show of hands? And none opposed. The motion is carried. We will now move on to Item 17, the "Assent to Bills." Honourable President, the Assembly has given the second reading to Bill 2022-04, an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No.2)* and wish to present it for assent.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti.* Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to Bill 2022-04, an Act to amend the *Housing Act 2022 (No.2)* and hereby sign it into Law. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Thank you, Mr. President. We will now move on to Item 18. Item 18 is, "Adjournment" and I would like to thank all of the Members and the Ministers for their ongoing contributions and the commitment to

this marathon 24-hour sitting. I would also like to thank all of the staff for a job well-done, specifically, Sarah Abel of the OKalaKatiget Society, the interpreter, Gus Semigak, our IT staff, Damien Pottle and Harry Dicker, as well as the pages, Hilary Merkeratsuk, and Aidan Wheeler. I know that there are gonna be questions about travel and logistics, so please bear with us and please speak with the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. This concludes this Assembly Sitting. The Assembly is adjourned until the week of November 15th, 2022. *Nakummesuak.*