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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**October 26, 2020**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski**

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

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

**First Minister and Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds**

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

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

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

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

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

**Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen**

**Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mrs. Marlene Winters-Wheeler**

**Absent:**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfrey**

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

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

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

**Legal Counsel, Ms. Annike Flomen**

**Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett**

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome, everybody. This is obviously, a very unique circumstance, and we're dealing with a lot of issues we normally wouldn't have to deal with. First of all, I just wanna say a sincere thank you to all Assembly Members. There's been a lot of discussion and a lot of modifications to our procedures to be able to make this Assembly sitting happen, and I appreciate everyone's flexibility to accommodate the changes that have been required to get us to this point today. And with that, I'd like to call to order the 8th Session of the 4th Nunatsiavut Assembly. I'm gonna call upon the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Anderson, to give us the opening prayer.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

[Recites prayer.]

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. And with that, we'll move on to Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*, to the "Opening address from our President". It's nice to see a familiar face sitting in the President's chair. Congratulations again, Johannes on your electoral win. And just, maybe just more importantly even, and congratulations again, on the recent health milestone I understand that you achieved. And best wishes to you in the term that lies ahead of you. And with that, we'll turn it over to Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

[Speaks in Inuttitut.] Mr. Speaker, thank you, very much for making this Assembly happen today. First of all, I just want to say that it's good to be back. I only wish it was under better circumstances, and that the whole Assembly and staff were here with us today. But much of that is out of our hands as we continue to do whatever we can, no matter what the risk is, to keep Covid from entering our communities. As you know, I took my Oath of Office last Wednesday. It was a nice ceremony presided over by our respected elder, Joan Dicker. I want to thank her once again. And thanks also to AngajukKâk Julius Joe Dicker for acting as MC. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to stand here today to give my first official address as I begin my second term of office as President. I am deeply gratified to be afforded this opportunity knowing that beneficiaries have faith in me to lead this Government for another four years. As you all know, it hasn't been an easy couple of years for me. And there were times I wondered whether or not I would ever have the opportunity to stand in this great Assembly again. But deep inside I knew I couldn't just give up-, that I had to push forward with a positive outlook on life. And here I am today, and happy to report that I am now cancer-free. [Applause] I want to thank all of you, and indeed, many beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, for the words of encouragement while I was undergoing treatment. I can't say enough about the support I received from my wife Ruthie, and my family for everything they've done. I am so blessed. When I was elected President four years ago, I made a pledge to work as hard as I could to place the needs of Labrador InnuIt first and foremost. I am even more

committed today to continue on with that commitment. I believe, as a Government we have made tremendous progress on many fronts, from securing Federal Housing dollars to improving infrastructure in our communities, from raising concerns over food security and Inuit health, to ensuring our rights and Titles are protected and honoured-, and, as I said during my swearing in on Wednesday, I will continue to push these priorities and others, wherever and whenever possible. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Secretariat took the lead on implementing a number of emergency response initiatives to help deal with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. All of our programs were geared towards assisting seniors, 60 years and older, on fixed incomes, persons with disabilities, single parents, low-income families and individuals and families who have had their employment hours cut or have been laid off because of the pandemic. These programs, Mr. Speaker, have been a tremendous help, and we will continue providing support in the month ahead, as we brace ourselves for the second wave of Covid. We suspended all programming at the end of September. We did this so that staff could do a thorough evaluation with the goal of making improvements to ensure efficient and effective delivery of future emergency relieve initiatives, to eligible beneficiaries. Some of the existing programs may be either revamped or discontinued, while others may be developed. The review is nearing completion and we expect to be in a position soon to announce future initiatives. We have been very fortunate, Mr. Speaker, to not have had any cases of Covid in our communities. While geography is on our side, I would

like to think our success can also be attributed to the work we have done as a Government, and by working with the Inuit Community Governments, to encouraging and promoting public health protocols and discouraging non-essential travel to, from and between our communities. Mr. Speaker, on another note, as the Assembly is aware, on September 24, the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador decided in favour of the Nunatsiavut Government following a legal dispute with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador over royalties from the Voisey's Bay Nickel Project. We filed a statement of claim with the Supreme Court in May 2016, arguing against the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador that expenses incurred by Vale related to the Long Harbour Processing Plant on the island of Newfoundland should not be taken into account in the calculation of revenue paid to the Nunatsiavut Government under *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. We also argued that Inuit should be entitled to five percent of payments Vale made to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, in exchange for amendments to the Voisey's Bay Development Agreement which permitted the company to export nickel concentrate outside of the province for processing in order to allow it to fully commission its Long Harbour facility. As well, we argued that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador failed to discharge its duty to consult and its fiduciary duty in relation to payments from Vale, on the terms of our *Land Claims Agreement*, and in accordance with the common law principals developed by the Supreme Court of Canada in Haida Nation. The case was tried at St. John's in May of last year and final

arguments were presented about a year ago. In his decision, Justice Vikas Khaladkar granted the following declarations: The Nunatsiavut Government's share of mineral taxation revenues is to be calculated without reference to any costs incurred by the developer outside of the Labrador Inuit Settlement area. In particular, the costs of construction depreciation and operation of the refining facility in Long Harbour on the Island of Newfoundland shall not be used in calculating the five percent share payable to the Inuit on account of processed ore shipped from Voisey's Bay. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is entitled to receive 85 percent share of the amount received by the Province as a result of the Fifth and *Sixth Amending Agreements* entered into with the developer in 2013 and 2014. He also ruled that the Nunatsiavut Government is entitled to receive a five percent share of the \$30 million Community Investment Fund that was negotiated in the *Sixth Amending Agreement*. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Finally, the judge ruled that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador breached its fiduciary duty by failing to advise Inuit of a decline in mineral taxation revenues, as a result of the Province's insistence that the refining plant be located on the Island of Newfoundland, and further more had breached its fiduciary and contractual duty by failing to consult with the Nunatsiavut Government in advance, of negotiating the Fifth and *Sixth Amending Agreements*. The decision, Mr. Speaker reaffirmed what we've always maintained. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador willfully violated our Land Claims. They tried to cheat us out of millions of dollars and strained our

relationship between our respective Governments. At this point, Mr. Speaker, we have not heard if the Province will appeal the decision. If so, then we will cross that bridge when we get there. With respect to energy security, Mr. Speaker, as you know, a 50-kilowatt solar PV system was installed on the roof of the Makkovik Arena last year. This project was the first integration of renewable resources in the electricity grid in any of our communities. It utilizes Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's net metering policy and so far, has been able to save over 22 tonnes of carbon from being released into the atmosphere. It has also saved the Makkovik Inuit Community Government more than \$10,000. Through funding from Natural Resources Canada's Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative, the Policy and Planning Division is investigating the installation of solar panels on the pump houses and recreation centres in all of our communities. Currently, Mr. Speaker, all net metering projects in the provinces are credited based on whichever rate class they are currently billed under. This can be financially challenging for remote projects. For example, a 10-kilowatt solar installation may take upwards of 25 years to recoup the initial investment and projects only have 25-year life span. To contrast, policy makers in the Yukon for example, offer a preferred rate to diesel communities, versus interconnected communities, making them much more financially viable. Diesel displacement records a more generous metering policy to reflect additional costs. For example, shipping, logistics, et cetera. As well, Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government was awarded \$1.3 million for the clean energy for Rural and Remote Communities



Initiative for Natural Resource Canada to complete a front-end engineering design study to assess the feasibility of installing 1.5 megawatts of wind energy along with an energy storage system and microgrid controller that would feed into the Nain electricity grid. This feed study is well underway however, continued support is required from multiple parties. We signed a collaboration agreement with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro toward cooperation on a Nain wind microgrid project. Hydro helped us to make the selection of our project development partner, Natural Forces, an independent power developer based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Speaker, collaboration between the province, Hydro and Nunatsiavut Government is necessary to successfully develop this project which will be of mutual benefit to all parties, as it will contribute to the province in reaching its goal of finding renewable energy solutions for communities that operate with isolated diesel powered electricity systems, as well as improving the resiliency of the electrical grid in Nain. Completing this project within a reasonable time frame and cost requires a practical approach that is in line with a specific project size. Mr. Speaker, ITK will hold its annual general meeting this week by way of video conference. Some of the agenda items include discussions on an Act respecting First nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families, as well as on the ongoing food security strategy. The board will also be voting on ITK election procedures and bylaws and updates will be provided on the ArcticNet Inuit Nunangat Research Program, as well as the response to Covid-19. First Minister Edmunds, Minister Asivak will join me as delegates and Deputy Minister

Pain will participate as an observer. We will also participate in the Inuit Circumpolar council Canada AGM before the ITK meeting begins. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I want to once again, thank all Assembly Members for your continued commitment and dedication. While we all encounter many challenges along the way, we all strive for improvements. I look forward to working with all of you in the months and years ahead as we work to advance concerns and issues on behalf of all beneficiaries.

*Nakummek UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. Before we carry on to the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, I just want to spend a couple of minutes talking about the circumstances which we find ourselves in today. Now obviously, if you look around the chambers, there's quite a few people missing and also you will also note the presence of laptops in the Assembly chambers. And by way of explanation, at the time this Assembly was being planned, there had just been a reported case of Covid-19 in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Also, at that time, there was alarming rising in the cases of Covid-19 witnessed in Alberta as well as the Province of Ontario. The decisions that were made to help this Assembly happen, were made in the best interests of our beneficiary population on the North Coast. We were walking through-, sailing through, I should say, unchartered waters, and if there were errors made in judgement, the decision was made to err on the side of caution. As a result of that, I kindly asked our AngajukKâks and Community Chairs to step aside for this one Assembly sitting. And they graciously, agreed to do so. I also am permitting-, with the consent of this Assembly which I'll

ask for shortly, the use of electronic devices to allow those not physically present to have their voices heard. What we see here today is in no means a template for the way we will conduct ourselves on a go forward basis. One of the take-aways from my recent experience with planning this Assembly was that there is indeed a way to hold these proceedings, and to accommodate all Members of this Assembly without risking the safety of any of our beneficiary populations, any part of Labrador or elsewhere, for that matter. We would not be here unless I had absolute confidence that we could meet in a way which was entirely safe. I asked, and the two Members from Upper Lake Melville consented to Covid tests, which they both came back negative, as well as myself and Ordinary Member Saunders did the same. So I just wanted to provide some context to this and to record, for the purposes of Hansard, how we arrived where we are sitting today. If indeed we're in a similar situation come January, and of course, we have no way of knowing that, we will-, I would like for us to proceed in a normal Assembly sitting, and this sitting will be an anomaly. With that, we'll move on to Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Covid-19 updates. The Department of Health and Social Development Covid-19 Pandemic plan nearly complete. The outstanding piece is a community alternate site plans which are currently being developed. On Friday October 9th, the Director of Health Services, Labrador Grenfell Health, Medical Officer of Health and myself, facilitated

a OKâlaKatiget Radio Live show in response to positive Covid-19 case in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, this was our second OKâlaKatiget Radio call-in show. New health promotion material is being reviewed and updated, and new resources are soon to role out. An example is Mask Wear and Care, and Covid and stigma. Influenza clinics rolling out in all five communities, the week of the 19th, so last week, Mr. Speaker. Dental: Dr. Power is currently providing service to all communities while travel restrictions remain due to Covid-19 and the regular dentist for Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet living outside the Atlantic bubble. Wendy Wells, dental hygienist resumed services, August 2020, has been in all communities with clinics booked in October. She is currently in Nain. Cowan's Optical recently in Rigolet providing vision services. And their next clinic is being planned for Hopedale. Mr. Speaker, our Trauma and Addictions Mobile Treatment Team has been providing educational pieces throughout DHSD and are working on both in person and virtual programming to include holding virtual relapse prevention groups in collaboration with Mental Health and Addictions Community staff. Trauma and addictions also has been developing resources and share point for internal staff to use. Mental health and addiction workers in each community continue to focus on health promotion, supportive work and holding mental health wellness programming. Some of this work involves parenting programs, programing around physical activity, traditional crafts, et cetera. Information can be found on community and DHSD social media pages. Mr. Speaker, the Youth Services Division continues with

SHED programming, youth center, shelter work and youth outreach. The youth case manager has returned to regular community visits in the past two months and is offering assist training upcoming, the end of the fall, early winter. Mr. Speaker, Daycares: in Hopedale, Makkovik, and Rigolet, opened August 29th. Makkovik has 13 children registered, Hopedale has 10, and Rigolet, 10 as well. Nain staff were invited-, sorry, Nain staff were involved with the Early Childhood Educator training and finished exams on October 9th. The daycares reopened on October 13th with 26 children registered with a waitlist of five. In Postville, we presently are advertising for a third time for a daycare operator and childcare worker. Myself and Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney met with Minister Warr, Minister of Children, Senior and Social Development, Province and Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Commission Deputy Minister and CEO of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing on October 14th, to discuss issues related to Inuit Child Welfare and housing and homelessness. Mr. Speaker, some staffing updates: We are pleased to announce that the new team leader in Hopedale is Tabea Jararuse. Food Worker position in Nain was awarded and due to start October 26th, 2020. The Inuit Health Survey Manager has resigned but will provide support until a new manager is hired. Mr. Speaker, the Child First initiative has rolled out in Nain with the hiring of a Manager, Dawn Michelin, that oversees the program and the Child Service workers in each community. The new Child Youth and Mental Health specialist, Jessica Lyall was hired July 12th and is holding clinics in Hopedale October 18th to the 22nd, Makkovik, October 26th to the 30th. The focus

has been on building therapeutic rapport with children, youth and families, offering individual sessions in the form of play therapy or other chronological developmental age stage-specific approaches. If hired, Kristin Eddy as a Harm Reduction Specialist, that began with us on September 14th. This position will be looking at unique and innovative ways to address the harms related to substance use in the region with a specific focus on reducing harms of historical impacts of trauma as it relates to problematic substance use and then incorporating culture into healing and harm reduction work and approaches. There has been significant collaboration already with the Province under Towards Recovery in Labrador Grenfell Health. Under Justice, we are currently working to recruit a Justice Service Manager and a Sexual Violence Prevention and Outreach Counsellor. These positions aren't new, but we have secured additional funding to carry out this work over the next three years. We are currently in the midst of recruiting a Residential School Survivor Support Coordinator, Peer Support Worker and Programming, Planning and Support Coordinator under Trauma and Addictions to assist with the expanding on this program and service within the region. Finally, Mr. Speaker, FASD coordinator role: We are in the midst of recruiting for this permanent full-time position as well. Though the role is vacant, we are continuing a virtual training options for DHSD staff in partnership with Assets Canada 28 taking place in November and January. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our Renewable Resources, the Fishery. As most people are aware that this year was, to say the least, was a very poor year in the fishery, from marketing to processing. Mr. Speaker, the crab fishery performed very poorly this year, I guess due to the lack of crabs and also the late start in the Covid. August the 13th was the last load of crab that came into the community with only 40 percent of the quota landed this year. The shrimp fishery, Mr. Speaker, also started later than normal and the prices were down also, in the shrimp fishery with only to date, about 50 percent of the quota landed in Charlottetown. Between the commercial and competitive, turbot quota, landings were a bit down from last year with 428,000 pound of turbot landed compared to last year with almost 500,000 pound. In Nain, Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Co-op processed 33,000 pound of char, 18,000 pound of green scallop and almost 8,000 pound of scallop meat. The English River counting fence closed on October 10th and exceeded 100 percent conservation for 2020. Mr. Speaker, the Wildlife Division: Mr. Speaker, 39 licence from the province, we had this year. But based on traditional knowledge and studies of past hunting successes, the NG decided to issue 23 of the 39 licences and move the season for an earlier closure. Mr. Speaker, staff in my department are planning to take part again in the moose hunt in Gross Morne. Actually, Mr. Speaker, they'll be traveling there this week and I'd like to thank Parks Canada and other partners for their ongoing support in Nunatsiavut. Mr.

Speaker, the George River caribou herds, as most people are aware, is on the rebound. In 2018 we were down to just 5,500 animals. The last census we have an increase of approximately 2,600 caribou which is a percentage of 35 percent growth. Mr. Speaker that was great news when we heard this from the province because we are always looking close at the caribou, and people are really in-tuned on what's happening. So that was great news, Mr. Speaker. But we still encourage all Indigenous groups in Labrador and I'm gonna say in Quebec also, Mr. Speaker, to refrain from harvesting the George River caribou, so that some day we can have a successful hunt again. The Lands Division, Mr. Speaker: Mr. Speaker, the lands division reported that 31 land applications has been submitted to date and are at various stages of processing. Three of the applications are for quarries, Postville, Rigolet and Nain from the ICGs and one for our winter trail emergency shelter from Nain ICG and the remainder for cabins in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, the Lands Division is working with NG Conservation Office to identify unregistered cabins on Labrador Inuit Lands with an object of adding them to the application registrar. Mr. Speaker the GIS specialist continues to support the work of the Division in processing applications for land use, including 16 maps for applications and three for quarry leases and as well as numerous others for ad hoc requests. *Impacts and Benefit Agreements*: Mr. Speaker, Voisey's Bay mine, mill and mining expansion is fully ramped up with approximately 800 employees on site. A lot of work schedules for the summer months is starting to happen now and there are numerous construction jobs, ads, coming out. Vale will be



also, Mr. Speaker setting up a testing lab coming up very shortly so employees on site will be tested for the Covid-10 on arrival and departure. Our IV coordinator and Vale Inuit Employment Coordinator, Trent Pottle has resumed their community visits which came to a halt in March due to Covid-19. They have completed visits in Postville and Makkovik in September. They're scheduling a visit to Rigolet on November the 9th and 10th, and at this time, Mr. Speaker, Nain and Hopedale is not schedule. Mr. Speaker, Vale has 62 cords of wood brought down to the Old Fort site for the use of residents of our communities and anticipates another 10 cords that will be added in the near future. Mr. Speaker, Torngat Mountain National Park CMB-, co-management board met by teleconference on September 28th. There was discussions on Economic Summits, staff budgets and the annual audit. Hopefully the CMB will be able to meet face to face in the spring. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Mealy Mountain National Park CMB met virtually on August 26th to the 27th. There were discussions on park staffing, management planning priorities. The Mealy Mountain National Park is scheduled to meet in Rigolet. I think this is a little outdated, 'cause we were supposed to meet on the 22nd, Mr. Speaker. I think they've already met. As far as I met on the 21st to the 23rd. Non-renewable Resource Division: On the exploration front, the company Commander Fjordlands has been approved to construct two fly camps, prospecting, line-cutting and ground geophysics on their South Voisey's Bay property. Their approval is valid until August 24th 2021. Mr. Speaker Aurora Energy did not do any exploration this summer, however they did

complete a six-day maintenance and rehabilitation program from September 14th to the 19th. Mr. Speaker, the Division has received interest from Newfoundland based quarry company, Ocean Floor Granite, to acquire and re-open 10-Mile Bay Quarry. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources is currently in discussions and investigating the interest from Ocean Floor granite. Mr. Speaker, on the oil and gas front, petroleum geo survey completed a three-day seismic survey off of Labrador on August 28th. The survey is located 140 nautical miles east of Makkovik. It is well outside of our zone. But they kept in contact with the division by sending their coordinates every 12 hours. Also, Mr. Speaker, for the third consecutive year, the division has partnered with the Lands Division to conduct inspections on the fishing camps located on Labrador Inuit land. The purpose of the inspection is to make sure that the camp owners are abiding with their lease conditions. This year the majority of the camps were closed, due to the global pandemic. A report has been written with the findings. Mr. Speaker, for the second consecutive year, the Division partnered with the Lands Division to conduct inspections on the Torngat Mountain Base Camp Research station in Hebron within the Labrador Inuit Lands on July 22nd 2020. Both camps were closed due to Covid-19.

Environment Division: Since the last Assembly, Mr. Speaker, the response to Covid-19, the Environment Division has been working with multiple groups and organizations in partnership with our NG departments to ensure the continued availability of food at the Nain Community Freezer. Through the great efforts of Susan and Alec and the support of Air Borealis,

a big amount of frozen foods were delivered from Dominion in St. John's to the Nain Community Freezer. Environment Division staff bagged the food along with wild meats and delivered to elders in Nain, while also making the rest available to the community, at the Community Freezer. The Environment Division, through partnerships with Language, Culture and Tourism, Parks Canada, Air Borealis, NGC, and Oceans North, opened the Torngat Mountain Base Camp and Research Centre to conduct a clean-up of the camp, including fuel drums, garbage materials and testing of the soil and water for contaminants. Quotas and measurements were taken for future lands to ensure future operations are environmentally sustainable and following all proper regulations and laws. Additional work was completed by NGC, Air Borealis, Parks Canada, including roof repairs, repairs to tent platforms and the movement of domes into the Torngat Mountain National Park. The entire operation was a great success, Mr. Speaker. Following the Environment Division-, finally-, sorry, Mr. Speaker-, finally, the Environment Division has worked with research partners to ensure the continued success of research programs throughout Nunatsiavut. This was done through training that has been built in Nunatsiavut communities, allowing communities to conduct the research themselves, through the support of NG staff external partners. Additional sea bird and marine mammal identification training workshops were run in Nain during September, resulting in more NG staff and community members trained in those important skills. Additional training

opportunities will take place in the coming year in a different Nunatsiavut community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek UKatti*. The following very, very brief overview of what the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism has been working on. First of all, I would like to welcome Joan Dicker to our team as the Illusuak Manager and to welcome back Sophie Tuglavina as one of our interpreter translators. Now very briefly, as I said, some of the programs that we're working on and continue to work on, the Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program. The Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program is beginning its annual six-month programming beginning in October of 2020 for five of our Nunatsiavut communities, with one master and one apprentice from each community. The program is developed to immerse participants in the Inuttitut language for 10 to 20 hours a week on the 31st of March 2021. There are currently two Language Nests in the communities of Hopedale and Nain that accommodates infants age zero to two. Children are fully immersed in an Inuttitut setting. This program is funded, excuse me, and supported by our Department of Culture, Language and Tourism. IlinniaKatigennik Radio Program. OK Society runs an all Inuttitut Radio Program with the support and funds from our department. The program airs every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This program aims to promote the Inuttitut language. The program contains material such as Inuttitut singers and songs, children reading Inuttitut stories, people telling stories

or memories in Inuttitut, recipes, trivia or guessing contest based on Inuttitut words, and voice guessing, weather, et cetera. Prizes from the games include Inuttitut promotional items. Terminology workshop: A terminology workshop was planned for March 10th to 12th this year in Hopedale, but due to Covid-19, it had been canceled. Staff are not working, looking to holding a workshop online and to teleconference for 2021. This workshop involves fluent Inuttitut speakers that help determine a standardized list of Inuttitut terms to use within the region. A Nunatsiavut Inuit Language survey was launched in August of 2020. This survey will help to determine how many Inuttitut speakers are in the Nunatsiavut region which will help determine our next steps. Again, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the survey has only been launched online. Steps are now being followed to be able to do the survey in person and in homes of NG beneficiaries. The Language and Culture Division has partnered with the Department of Health and Social Development staff to incorporating language and culture items into the care packages that are given out to infants during their first vaccinations. The existing package given provincially, contains a small toy and a book. We are adding a small sealskin Upik toy and an Inuttitut children's book, a ring of flip cards with Inuttitut colours and numbers and a magnet containing baby's first words in Inuttitut. This resource will help to incorporate Inuttitut and cultural resources into the day-to-day lives of our-, of the babies. Those packages were launching July 2020 and staff are now working on the 2021 package. We are creating cultural items to incorporate into our Language Nests,

Daycares, schools, family resource centres and the Illusuak. Cultural items would include mini kamutik, toy seal skin seals, mini taluit, ulus, traditional clothing, et cetera, for children to play in, learn from, to see, and be surrounded by culturally relevant items in their learning, play and social spaces. This will help children to be more confident in recognizing cultural items, knowing what these significant items are for, and how to use and play with them. These items are to be launched in each Nunatsiavut community each fall. Language resources: In 2020, our department had printed a large number of language resources to have in each Nunatsiavut community. This includes children's books, posters containing cultural information for children, youth and adult learning settings, to have it in different programming-, giveaways and prizes, as well as the Inuttitut signs to have in public settings, encouraging people to speak Inuttitut. Resources have been sent to each community for free distribution. In 2020, our department plans to launch two recognition awards-, one Inuttitut language recognition award, and one culture recognition award. These separate awards are designed to recognize individuals for safe keepers as our language and our culture who promote, protect or enhance our language and culture in a significant way. More details of these awards will be announced in the coming months. Kayak Revival Project: The Kayak revival Project is led by Noah Nochasak in Nain. This project was initially under the archeology team and is now under Culture. This project aims to revive the valuable traditional skill of the kayak with projects such as building kayaks from scratch, kayak lessons to community members of all

ages, interviews from elders on traditional knowledge of kayak use in Labrador, as well as information sharing on kayak knowledge. Plans for 2020 include ways to work with other communities to spread awareness of the traditional knowledge of kayak. Tourism: In March of this year, we lost one of our staff members, Anita Rich, Tourism Development officer in Rigolet. We ask that everyone continue to keep Anita's family, coworkers and the community of Rigolet in their thoughts. In March we also welcomed Jillian Edmunds as Youth Leadership Program coordinator. We are thrilled to have her on our team. We currently have two vacant positions with the Division of Tourism that we are looking to fill; Tourism Development Officer and Base Camp Coordinator. Our Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy: We've released a request for proposal for the development of a refreshed Tourism Strategy in September. We are currently working through the process and hope to have a consultant hired soon to work with us and develop a refreshed five-year Tourism Strategy. We want to ensure we are working towards tourism initiatives with our communities in a safe and respectful manner and the expression of interest for a steering committee to help direct the strategy was also released last month. The steering committee will consist of five community stake holders and five partner organizations. We didn't operate the Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Program this year, however, we do have a Hebron researcher hired on contract. Inez Shiwak is working to develop a Hebron Ambassador guidebook through funding received from the Indigenous Guardian Pilot Program. Inez had been

conducting research and will conduct interviews with relocatees and their families to develop the guidebook. Green's Construction has been hired to build a cabin in Hebron for our staff. The Nunatsiavut Art Strategy is finalized and will soon be bringing it to the objective council for approval. The jewelry studio in Nain was closed for a few months due to Covid-19 but it now open again with shortened hours to allow for cleaning. We are also allowing three people in the building at a time to ensure social distancing. National Indigenous Peoples Day online auction. Normally there are numerous opportunities throughout the year to have artists attend trade shows to sell their product. Due to Covid-19, all these shows have been canceled. We felt it was still important to provide an opportunity for craftspeople to sell their products. We organized an online auction to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day where all money went directly back to the artist who made the products. \$23,754 worth of product was sold, and all went directly back to the artists. We are currently organizing a Christmas auction that will take place in November. Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station: The Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station didn't open for the season, also due to Covid-19. Although camp wasn't open for visitors, our Deputy Minister allowed staff under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, NGC, Oceans North and Parks Canada were able to a general clean-up at the camp. We are currently working with Canadian Echo-Tourism Services to develop a plan that will identify experience and product development needs for the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve. Archaeology in this season has



been very different for our department. Due to the restrictions put in place for research because of the Covid-19 pandemic, archaeologists were not permitted to come to the region to conduct research this summer. Only one archaeological research permit was issued from within the department to conduct archaeological monitoring of the postholes for the foundation of the new NG Cabin in Hebron. Twenty-one land use applications were reviewed and approved. The Uncommon Bonds partnership continues to work on the digitization of the archival materials that are housed in Bethlehem Pennsylvania. Over 39,000 documents have been digitized to date. This content will be made available to our beneficiaries in the future. And Mr. Speaker, a lot of work continues in the department and we will have a great group of people work in my staff in all the departments. As I mentioned in the beginning, this is a very brief summary of some of the things my department is doing. We do very much more but for the sake of time, I will now close and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. Is there any water in the Chamber? Our interpreter is motioning for a bottle of water. Is there any water? Minister Asivak, if you could be so kind? The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thankyou, Mr. Speaker. And it's a good thing my friend was brief. He called it brief, anyway. I'm gonna give lessons on how to be brief today, Mr. Speaker. I have a short update on some important items for the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, there have been many concerns raised about the amount of bandwidth available in Nunatsiavut. This is an issue that our

Government takes very serious. Members in my department have been in discussions with Bell Aliant, on solutions to increase the amount of bandwidth available. Currently, Bell Aliant is working on an upgrade to three megabytes download. We have 0.5-megabyte upload to offer customers in Nunatsiavut. This upgrade is coming from the remaining bandwidth that was created in the radio tower overhaul performed from the Connect to Innovate Project. There's been no date communicated for this upgrade. It could be, uh, Mr. Speaker, one month, two months, six months. But as soon as that information becomes available, certainly, we will share it with all Assembly Members. This is, Mr. Speaker, an upgrade, and it will double the bandwidth in Nunatsiavut, but it's still a far cry from what our Government needs to be acceptable internet service to our Nunatsiavut communities. And to this end, Mr. Speaker, my department has been exploring ways to meet the Government of Canada's targets of a minimum speed of 15 megabytes download and 10 megabytes upload. Potential solutions include submarine fibreoptic cables, satellites, digital microwave towers, just to name a few. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government held discussions with Bell Aliant and Telesat. All three parties show a high level of interest in working on the low solution, low earth orbit satellite technology to bring to-, to bring Nunatsiavut into the 15-megabyte upload, 10 megabyte download level bandwidth. This will not be a reality until 2023 with the full scope of Telesat's low earth orbit project in full production. And Mr. Speaker, Assembly Members may have seen on Here and Now last week-, an update on Telesat's project. From

our Human Resources Division, Mr. Speaker, the Division has been exceptionally busy since the last sitting. They were instrumental in providing advice and policy interpretation during the first wave of the pandemic and establishing office protocols for re-opening of the offices in June. Even with only critical positions being recruited in first quarter of this year, there were still 96 job competitions, with 52 successfully filled in the past six months. As of June, July 2020, the Government employed 315 permanent and temporary individuals. Mr. Speaker, 81 percent of our total workforce is composed of Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries-, down by two percent since February 2018. There are a considerable number of employees working for the Upper Lake Melville supported living program. If those employees were removed from circulation, 87 percent of its total workforce is composed of beneficiaries. We're pleased to announce that our Government has added an additional Statutory holiday-, National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day where we will celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of Inuit, First Nations and Metis people. Covid-19 pandemic has delayed the finalizations of the audit of the Government's financial statements. The expectation is to complete this by mid-November and a presentation will be made by auditor at the January sitting. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* was approved at the March sitting and was formally executed at the end of March 2020 for these three parties. There's still some components of the renewal still under negotiation, Mr. Speaker. The adjusters on the Non-insured Benefits Program, requests for additional education and fishery

funding, as well as funds for operation of the Inuit Community Governments. Meetings continue to occur on these items with a hope that a resolution will be found in a timely manner. On a final note, I'm pleased to announce, that with the renewal of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, we were able to increase Government allocations to the Inuit Community Governments. The allocations have been communicated to each of the ICG's and will be built into the *Budget Act 2021*. And that, Mr. Speaker is how to be brief.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Anderson, and let the length of time we're taking to get through our Ministers Statements, serve as a warning that perhaps we shouldn't extend so long in between Assembly sittings, going forward. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and it would be extremely difficult for us to articulate all the different meetings that we have been participating in, but we know it's been busy times for sure, and that's been reflected in the statements. Mr. Speaker, with respect to housing updates, there's final preparations underway for the establishment of a plan for the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. Some of our AngajukKâk have been consulted and engaged in this process over the last few months, as BDO, our consultants were looking to key stakeholders, Governments and organizations and we anticipate that, that report and the plan around the establishment of the Housing Commission will be developed within the coming weeks. Mr. Speaker, in February, the steering committee was struck between Torngat

Regional Housing Association and officials from the Nunatsiavut Government to talk about common issues and to begin the process of fulfilling NG's obligations under Section 7.2 of the *Housing Act*. Mr. Speaker, we've spoken to media about our disappointment around the recent decision that was made around Torngat to dispose of homes and to transfer those to individuals, while the steering committee should have been used as that, a forum to make us updated on that issue. Mr. Speaker, the steering committee met last week, and we hope that this forum will be used to facilitate further discussions around significant decisions between the NG and the TRHA. Mr. Speaker, the construction phase of the 2019 Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program has begun to wind down in all communities, with 35 homes having repairs conducted this year. The inspector has visited some communities already and is in process of finishing these inspections within the next two weeks with Hopedale, Makkovik and Rigolet left to visit. Mr. Speaker, expectation around the Home Repair Program is that all items captured in the scope of work will be completed by the contractor. And we look forward to seeing the reports from this third-party inspector. While inspecting the work that is being completed this season is important, the inspector is also looking at the applications for the 2020 program when 23 homes are scheduled for inspection, and the applications for next year's program will be available between November 12th and January 12th 2021. Mr. Speaker, the construction of the seven-unit multiplex in Nain is finally complete with tenants moved in. The booster pump, as we've updated the Assembly

previously, has been installed to ensure that the water pressure is maintained at the multi-plex at all times. *Uhalatik*, as part of the NG Infrastructure Plan Design and Engineering for DHSD Building office in Rigolet has been underway and a new storage building in Hopedale is being looked at as well, with construction slated to begin in 2021. The new DHSD building in Hopedale is also nearing its final stages of completion towards the end of this month and we hope to have staff in that building in December, Mr. Speaker. With respect to membership and enrollments, the Membership Committees have been meeting face to face, where possible, as well as the Appeal Board. The Registrar is reminding beneficiaries at this time, the importance of keeping their information up to date with the Registrar to talk about the - sorry, to ensure the importance of getting ballots out to individuals during elections, coordinating NHIB and travel. As of today, there are 7,408 beneficiaries in our registrar. With respect to transportation, Mr. Speaker, we continue to pursue funding to undertake feasibility studies for a new airstrip in Nain. The location of the existing airstrip, as the Assembly is aware, is not equipped to accommodate night landings, and raises major safety concerns. The town of Nain continues to expand and future growth will result in increased traffic, further compounding the problems that we see exist. The rehabilitation of the current airstrip is an important project that the Provincial Government has finally undertook this year, but the lifespan of that airstrip is just a few years. The next stage is to begin the feasibility studies for the airstrip and is critical that the Newfoundland and Labrador

Governments make the construction of a new airstrip in Nain a priority. And we are requesting that they cost share the feasibility studies identified in the Octant Report with the Federal Government to keep the project moving forward on a timely schedule. Mr. Speaker, last week, October 14th, Minister Asivak did allude to some issues he had discussed with Minister Dempster, but Minister Dempster and Minister Warr had travelled to Nain as well to meet with several ministers from NG. While it was a short meeting, there were a number of transportation and housing issues discussed from affairs and our officials at that table. As most are aware, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced a pre-feasibility study for a road to the North Coast. While we asked about timelines for this study, and if the province was in a position to commit to the next phases, the messaging has been that the terms of reference for the pre-feasibility study has yet to be developed and that they could not speak to these specifics. Though we understand that an initial fly over for one small section of the road has already taken place. The discussions around the road, Mr. Speaker, has been an issue that has been identified by our Government, our MHA and other officials around this table for some time. It's promising to see some progress in this area, however, we know that there is a lot of work that is necessary, including financing and consultations within our communities as we discuss this important piece of infrastructure. We also took that opportunity, *Uhalittik*, to speak to issues that we've heard around the state housing stock of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Commission. We know, Mr.

Speaker, that there have been issues around disrepair of NLHC units and sought information around GNL's commitments to these priorities. We look forward to more engagement with NLHC regarding these repairs and renovations and the role that this organization will have as we talk about the Housing Commission. Request for a meeting with the new Minister of Transportation has been sent as well, so we can talk about priorities for NG and the path forward with respect to the Nain Airstrip, and we'd like to continue discussions around green transportation and keep updated again, Mr. Speaker around discussions around the road. The Nunatsiavut Government also took the opportunity to speak with both MHA Evans and MP Jones the next day on October 15th where we discussed shared issues and priorities. Mr. Speaker again, some key areas of these discussions were around the road, marine transportation and finding a path forward on the Nain airstrip. We know that improving the quality of lives of our communities hinge strongly on reliable transportation services, and hope to continue working with our Federal and Provincial partners in this area.

*Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek, Minister Edmunds.* The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a report from our Economic Development Division. As with other departments, we have been significantly impacted by Covid-19. We have adjusted various services to continue to implement programming and policies. Policy Development: We are near the completion process of our research and recommendations for policy



options related to our procurement process. With an investment of 80,000, we are in final review stages of the consultant's report. The policy recommendations will formalize our Inuit Business Registry processes and support our procurement developments. These recommendations will be complete later this fall and brought to the NEC in coming months for review and approval. Economic assessments. We have signed a contract with MUN Harris Centre to complete economic assessment templates for our five communities, and Nunatsiavut as a region. The final stages of this work were completed with the cooperation with ICG, AngajukKâk. Thank you for your support. All five economic assessments will be completed by late November 2020 and shared with all ICG departments and the public.

Rigolet Gas Station: The interim operating contract was completed by NSI as of September 30th, resulting in the closure of the gas station. The Nunatsiavut Government maintains the facilitator role in getting this essential service operational. To date, the RICG has confirmed it will take over interim operations while a long-term option continues to be sought. RICG has submitted a proposal to NG seeking financial assistance to operate the gas station. The proposal requests that RICG will not incur a negative financial impact due to operating the gas station. This proposal will be brought to NEC for review and approval later this week. Required documentation, approvals and financial supports are required prior to RICG confirming the reopening date of the gas station. We continue to facilitate the conditions for private owners of the gas station and are dealing with multiple private sector inquiries. We hope these will develop

into a viable long-term option. Business Support: Between March and October, the division had two new businesses added to the Inuit Business Register. Regarding procurement, 17 underground and 27 regular site operations packages were received from Vale with our division submitting 93 Inuit Business nominations and seven QBE nominations. Mealy Mountains Entrepreneurship Program. We awarded the contract, valued at 88,000 for the Entrepreneurship Support Program to Bernacove Consulting. This contract will produce recommendations on a two-year entrepreneurship program that will assist current and possible business owners to overcome start-up and diversification barriers and to provide continued support services for their success. Due to Covid-19, this contribution agreement has been extended by one year. The program is expected to be implemented in 2021 to 2023 fiscal years. Community Economic Development Program: Today we are finalizing support for the CDO position at the Nain Inuit Community Government. We currently have funds available with our CEDP Program. Funding is available for continuation of ICG development officer positions for this current fiscal year. We encourage ICG's to apply. Applications are available and funding proposals are reviewed on a case by case basis. Submit your community development project to take advantage of this opportunity. Infrastructure: We have received and reviewed two applications for Slipway Development and improvements from the Rigolet and Hopedale Inuit Community Governments. Support has been confirmed for the Rigolet Inuit Community Government, valued at 113,000. And our

finalized support for the Hopedale Inuit Community Government valued at 55,000. Covid Research and Relief Programming: We completed Covid Impact Business Research in May. The results state an impact on business revenue, staffing, contracts and sustainability. The results are finalized and will be available shortly in infographic document. We continue monitoring of business impacts and needs while also participating in Inuit-wide and Newfoundland-specific planning, advocating for increased, and, or relevant services to meet our business community demands. We have received Federal Covid Relief funding, in the amount of 117,000 for Indigenous Business Funding Program. This fund targets small businesses impacted by the pandemic. We are drafting the program guidelines and application and seek to implement quickly. Once complete, this program will be publicly promoted through a call for applications. The Department of Education and Economic Development and Education Department: Division Restructure: The second Assistant Director position for the division has been filled. Tracy Anne Evans Rice started as Assistant Director of Training and Employment on August 3rd. She has been very busy learning about the funding programs and administration of supports to students. We are excited to have her as part of our team. Inuit Post Secondary Education Funding Program: New federal monies have been received for the new Inuit Post Secondary Education Funding Program. The draft policy and procedures manual will soon be reviewed by the NEC and once approved, the program can open up to accept applications. We are looking to a January 2021 start-up which may consist of extra supports

for existing students and full support of new students in the fall 2021 semester. In the 2019 Federal Budget, 125.1 million over 10 years with 21.8 million ongoing was announced for post secondary education. These funds are to be spent each year on four components: Direct student support which is 75 percent, indirect student support, 15 percent; community engagement, 5 percent and national coordination, 5 percent. The Nunatsiavut Government has confirmed that we will be the recipient in administrator of these funds and we will be able to set out the policies and procedures for support. Fall 2020 applications and online learning: To date there are 45 students funded by Inuit Pathways and 194 funded by PSSP. Post secondary institutions had offered the majority of their programs online. And we have been providing full-time support for online learning for fall 2020 semester. As more and more institutions are announcing their delivery for winter 2021 semester will remain online. Our support for online learning will be as well. Due to Covid-19, the public health measure that will be in effect, will impact the way in which post secondary institutions will offer their programs this fall, and possibly into the winter semester. Many students will be doing their full course load online. Some may wish to study from home, while others may opt to still travel to their school's location in order to have better internet service. Traditionally, full-time funding supports is not provided for online learning, but in this case, an exception has been made. For the fall 2020 semester, both the Inuit Pathways and PSSP funding programs will provide living allowances and travel, to students enrolled in full-time studies with the

definition of full-time studies being determined by the individual institution. K to 12 Inuttitut evaluation: K to 12 Inuttitut evaluation is in the final stages, as translation has recently been received. The full report, along with the executive summary and recommendations will be presented to NEC and circulated to the Assembly once accepted. The Summer Literacy Camps: Summer literacy camps were presented virtually this summer in four Nunatsiavut communities. Despite numerous efforts, we could not secure any local counsellors in Hopedale, so the program was not offered there. For the communities that did have virtual camps, many creative programs were offered to the children and community members. A full report is expected in the coming days and will be circulated when received. Due to the savings of online delivery, funds were available to continue to offer community-based virtual programming. Contract extensions were offered to local counsellors and two in Nain, one in Makkovik and one in Rigolet accepted the offer. Extra training has been completed, and programming is expected to launch by the end of the month. The Summer Literacy camps continued, as in previous years, but we have been more stringent with numbers, physical distancing measures, sanitizing and the types of activities they allow. Postville was included in the communities that offer the camps, which now brings the Summer Literacy Camp to all Nunatsiavut communities. Chrome book purchase for k to 12 students: The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved the purchase of Chromebooks for all beneficiary students in grades kindergarten to 12 in both Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville Area. The

option to purchase Chromebooks in the Canadian constituency is still under review. Chromebooks have been ordered, but due to the high demand have not yet been delivered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Palliser. Are there any other Minister Statements today? Hearing none, we'll take a quick recess for lunch. I'm hoping that the food from the hotel has arrived. Um, in respect-, out of respect for our reasonably tight timelines today, I'm gonna ask that people try to be back in the Assembly chamber around 12:30. I'll ring the bell around that time and we'll reconvene at 12:30.

**[Recess.]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And we're back in session. Welcome back, everybody. We finished Item Four of our *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements." And with that, we'll move onto Item Five of the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements." Are there any Members wishing to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes The Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

I'll try this one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, all and congratulations again, Mr. President and welcome back to Assembly. It's good to see you. I also, on a note that's coming from the Canadian Constituency. It's going towards Mary Sillett. She's going to be retiring in three to four days.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Actually, I believe two days.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

At the end of the month, she's retiring.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Okay. This one work better?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

No, you just have one. I think they're about the same.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Oh, okay.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** You had two on the go, so...

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Did I? Anyway, it's-, yeah, and everyone I'm sure is gonna wish Ms. Mary-, I don't know how long it's gonna take to fill that position, but all the best to everyone else. It's been almost seven months since our last sitting of this Assembly back in March. Since that time, the entire world have changed because of this mostly Covid-19 and it's been 102 years, just about since the Spanish Influenza which devastated Labrador and killed between 20 million to 50 million people. We're not sure how many people are gonna die over the world from this Covid-19. We have an advantage during this time though, not like the Spanish Influenza. We have modern technology and almost instant communication. While the Government's spending funds to keep the people to ensure all are cared for. At this time, I would like to thank the Members of the Government that work so hard at everything to ensure that the Labrador-, Inuit of Labrador are cared for all across Canada, not just on the coast of Labrador, but everywhere. And especially acknowledgement for the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and the Deputy Minister, Finance Department and especially Darryl Shiwak, Brent Dennison and Todd Sheppard. And during this time as well, there was only one person that I can remember that did most of the financing and I know a lot of other people helped too but Sherry Ahkamet did a tremendous amount of work, as did our speaker, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski, to make sure that everyone within the Canadian constituency was taken care of. I know that, 'cause I was part of it. We didn't get to

satisfy every Member because we couldn't. There were some Members that we couldn't reach for different reasons. Some Members that didn't apply because they didn't feel like they justified it and then even as it is right now, the uncertainty of where we're going with this Covid is still up in the air. We can't tell. Across Canada, I've talked to quite a few people, same as Edward did and a lot of businesses have gone out of business. A lot of people have lost their homes, lost their businesses and it's all because of this Covid, and it's not gonna help. But continuing on with that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention that there were two communities-, not two communities, two groups that continued to keep in contact with the Inuit across Atlantic Canada, in particular, and they are First Light St. John's. And they were holding courses. They were talking to people. They had people registered and seating was a premium because of Covid-19. But some of the courses that they did were seal skin crafting, drum making, painting, caribou tufting,, wisdom circle and mini Mother Goose and yoga classes. They even held outdoor events. They had a-, recently, they had a group of seniors that went on horseback rides. Good idea. Get people out. They even did cod fishing trips in Conception Bay South, in that area. And all fall, they were doing berry picking. It's a wonderful thing that they did. And the other group, Mr. Speaker is Atelihai in Halifax. They had a lot of virtual classes plus lots of hands-on training and courses. They did kayak and paddle boat class in August, Inuit Art drawing, soap stone carving, caribou tufting, Inuit YOYO making, Inuit speaking classes and they all did quite well. Mr. Speaker, at this time, we would like to recognize the work



of a Member living in St. John's. She took it upon herself to secure approximately 2000 pounds of frozen food from Dominion stores, which Minister Flowers mentioned. She is Susan Onalik. But since then she's also gotten, I don't know, maybe 300 or 400 pounds of clothing from St. John's and she's shipped that to the coast of Labrador as well. So that's a kudos to Susan Onalik. And Mr. Speaker, it seems like the women are the ones that are doing all the work, getting all the acknowledgements. This year is no exception because Emma Reelis has received the Award of Distinction, same as Ellen Ford did a little while ago and Sarah Anala as well. So, congratulations to all of those. And on a sad note, Mr. Speaker, we have lost several Members of our group again this year. Rosalie Turnbull of Port Hope Simpson, Julie Shugalo of Sept Isle, and Frank Clark of Caithness New Brunswick. Condolences to all the family members. Mr. Speaker, this is my closing request for this speech. I would like it that the Nunatsiavut Government recognize the second Sunday after Labour Day as Terry Fox Day, not an official holiday, just a day of recognition. And it be so noted that each year, Terry Fox stopped his Marathon of Hope on September 1st, 1980. This year would've been the 40th anniversary of that run. The foundation has funded many research projects to put an end to cancer, and we have all seen people that have experienced cancer through our life, I'm sure, particular, Mr. President. And that's about it for now, Mr. Speaker, but thank you and thank you Assembly staff for being so generous and so kind and, I just wonder now what's gonna happen as the second

wave continues. Will we get more funding from the Federal Government, and how is this gonna work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes - I'll - actually, Honourable Minister Flowers, I'll let the Ordinary Member speak first and I'll come - I'll circle back to you, if that's okay? The Speaker recognizes Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll first present my Member's Statement.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Congratulations to President Lampe on his recent re-election as Nunatsiavut President for another term. It's nice seeing you back in the Assembly chamber, and I look forward to working with you again. I would also like to congratulate Andrea Webb on her run for the President's Office, and I wish her well in her future endeavours. We are now into our seventh month-, excuse me-, and it has been a challenging time for everyone. For us and our families, as we juggled working at home, and sometimes of them getting used to us being at home so often and trying to keep a balanced and healthy lifestyle. For our staff, especially, the DHSD staff who continued to provide services to our communities and beneficiaries during this time. Please know your efforts did not go unnoticed. We thank you for all your hard work and we appreciate your extra time and effort. To our beneficiaries, I hope our programs helped you during this time and that you continue to use the services NG offers and to stay safe by following public health guidelines. Since we have been able to attend meetings, and gatherings, we have

attended various walks, community events and meetings, all while following public health protocols. We should be especially proud of our two Inuit Community Corporations and their boards, who did an amazing job offering extra food and supplies to our beneficiaries during Covid. They accessed additional funds to offer much needed supplies to their clients during this difficult time. Excuse me. I would also like to send well wishes to one of our former pages, Grace Voisey, who was with us earlier this year. She is currently at the Janeway with her family, battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia. We wish her good health and well wishes and know she will back at this Assembly chamber some day as she is a fighter. In closing, I would like to wish our clerk, Mary Sillett, who I wish she was here, a very happy and well-deserved retirement. I've enjoyed working with Mary over the years, both as an employee and as an Ordinary Member. So, I wish Mary luck. *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. Any other Members wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to pay tribute to a gentleman from Makkovik who sadly passed away last weekend. George Wolfrey was born in Happy Valley but has been living in Makkovik since he partnered with Karen Andersen. They had three boys, and he also fathered three stepchildren. He worked in Voisey's Bay as a mechanic and on his two weeks off, he was Makkovik's mechanic. You might say everyone with a truck or a boat or a skidoo had gone to him at some time or another. If

you wanted something repaired, you knew who to call. He helped out so many people with machines problem. Mr. Speaker, George was a family man. His eldest son has been quite a good mechanic himself, just from working with his dad. George is rather a quiet man with a sense of humour and a ready smile. The community of Makkovik send condolences to George's family. On a lighter note, Mr. Speaker, it's only fitting that we mention a remarkable milestone reached on September 2nd by Aunt Muriel Andersen, when she turned 103. She was born in 1917 at Makkovik Island which is now Dunne's Island, but a lot of changes she has lived through, while the spirit she had to endure what life threw at her. And she always rose up to it. She was widowed when her husband died at an early age, and she had at least four of her six children still living with her. She can be proud of the job she has done as a single parent and I'm sure her son Tony, our Minister of Finance is living proof. Mr. Speaker, reaching 103 is remarkable, but having an alert mind at her age is also remarkable. She's a real treasure. Makkovik is proud of Aunt Mu and we wish her much joy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I was gonna say you've done a well-deserved good job, but I won't say that now. I think there is something wrong. Mr. Speaker, I think it's just that one. I had trouble with that one this morning. But anyway, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to congratulate Johannes on his re-election. Well-deserved. I hope that the next four

years is a good four years for all of us. Also Mr. Speaker, I'd like to-, from the staff of Hopedale, thank Mary for her last 12 years with us. Mary has been an inspiration to us at this Assembly building. We see her every day and she's a hard working woman that I think that we all got to know and got to know her as a-, sometime her comic and her wit that she sometimes showed on rare occasions which made us laugh and things that she would say. So, we're certainly gonna miss her. And also, Mr. Speaker I'd like to thank you and the Assembly for-, and I jokingly said out there at lunch that I was gonna say something about the people outside the bubble, but I think that, you know, you've done an awesome job by first of all, you know, self-isolating and doing everything possible to make this Assembly happen. So, I'd just like to thank the Assembly and I know I put the people in Hopedale at ease that we, you know, we didn't take this lightly and we were, you know, we were concerned as of all of the community of Hopedale. And I'll just say I think that we done, and you've done whatever possible. So, I just wanted to say to the people that I, I, I, I certainly think that we've done, as people the best we can do. So, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Flowers. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the other Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Congrats to President Lampe on his re-election of President. Your commitment to our beneficiaries is to be commended, as you take on another four-year term. Also, thank you to Andrea Webb Tuglavina for running in a president election. Well wishes and happy

retirement to our own Mary Sillett. I wish you many happy adventures and a big welcome to Upper Lake Melville when you move. You know where to find us. I want to thank all NG civil service, management and executive, who worked tirelessly during the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a lot of hard work, long days, meetings and teleconferences. Great job by everyone who helped. My colleague, Ms. Wheeler and I have been holding off on community open houses since Covid-19, however, we have been busy with phone calls and emails, helping people access Covid-19 programs, general support services, non-insured health benefit matters and others. We are finalizing our newsletter, as we had been delayed due to high workload needs of Covid-19 and hope to have this out very soon.

*Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak.* Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the late Wilson Williams' family, his wife Clara, their children Peter, Blanche, Elsie, Wilson Junior and their families. While spending summers at the cabin with my grandparents, I always knew when we were going to Rigolet, when my grandfather said the Inuttitut word, Tikigiaksaugusik which in my grandfather's dialect meant the meeting place. When we arrived in the community, you would understand why he called it that. Many times fishermen would stop to chat with him. Next to the fish plant is store area, and Wilson was one of those that he often met. Wilson was

a salmon fisherman who provided well for his family and will be missed in our community for his brief, friendly chats and hard work ethic. I hope you are chatting with the other fishermen, and salmon are plentiful. Rest well, Wilson. I would like to extend my many thanks to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for their service to the community of Rigolet in providing us with gasoline for 14 months. Your kind service to the community has taken the stress off of the residents in the most uncertain times. Even though there has not been a long-term solution found in the duration of your delivery, I'm very grateful for your company for giving those who are in the best positions, time to figure out the best way forward in finding a permanent resolution for the essential service. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Nunatsiavut Government and staff, as well as the Rigolet Inuit Community Government for working diligently on this situation to find an end to our gas station crisis. The pandemic has changed the world, and our communities have been learning to adjust also. Through the changes, residents cooperated and learned to live a new way of life in the last few months. Northern Lights Academy's graduation was no exception. Congratulations to Megan Allen, to Nathan Jacque, Zoe Shiwak and Andrew Tuglavina on successfully graduating from Northern Lights Academy in June. I know that it wasn't the ideal ceremony, but it was a nice social distancing celebration outside all the same. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours. Ocean Pottle-Shiwak has ran the literacy program this summer. Congratulations, Ocean, on a job well done, while following rules during a pandemic and delivering a successful

program. As mentioned in my Member's statement, the position continues, and I wish Ocean much more success with it. Thank you to residents in our community for following the rules set out by public health department in Newfoundland and Labrador and doing their part for keeping Covid out of the community. Let us try to continue this trend to keep Covid out during the second wave. Congratulations to President Lampe on his re-election. I look forward to continue working with you. I would like to wish Mary Sillett well on her retirement and wish her much joy with her retirement as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? I'll just canvas the room for a second before I move on to seconds. Seeing none, The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Wheeler.

**MS. WHEELER:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I present this Member's Statement on behalf of the Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Maxine Winters.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. What a curveball that has been thrown at the world this year. During Covid, Sivunivut had to suspend all programs with the exception of the Senior's Community Freezer. We are happy to be able to say that we continue to provide that service to our clients. They would call and place their order and we would deliver their meals to their door each week, keeping everybody safe. The fact that we were still able to provide seniors with some food security was a blessing, and we were so happy that we could provide this much needed service during the challenging time. Our officers are now open by appointment only. Seniors



are now able to call in their order of freezer items. We schedule a pick-up time and they drop by and pick up their order from a bin outside the door. We always make sure social distancing rules are being followed and that times are scheduled so there is no overlap for the next pick-up time. Also, we were able to provide various crafts for kids and their families, such as wool, paint, birdhouses and we were lucky enough to have five members of our small community volunteer their time to make cloth masks for Sivunivut to hand out to our seniors. We would like to thank Carol Matthews, Carol Michelin, Liz Michelin, Barb Goudy, and Carolyn Turnbull for their skills, hard work and dedication to this project. We are hoping to run two projects this year: Snowshoe making and kamik making or mukluk making. With the pandemic still having a presence in our province, we are trying to get people out safely to learn a new skill, all while trying to have a normal life as possible during this pandemic. I would also like to congratulate Johannes Lampe on his re-election as President. I hope that you have a speedy recovery and look forward to working with you again over the next few years. I would like to send condolences to the family of the late Judy Blake. We are thinking of her family during this difficult time. I would like to welcome Shirley Montague as the new Program Coordinator for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. You may recognize her as a former DHSD employee within the NIHB branch. We're excited to have her working in our office and I look forward to working with her. In closing, I would like to pass along our thanks to Mary Sillett, her knowledge and professionalism during my term as Chair has been very helpful and

inspiring. I hope that you enjoy retirement as it is well deserved. We will surely miss you at future Assemblies and also get your flu shot.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler on behalf of Maxine Winters of Sivunivut. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

This statement's from my AngajukKâk Barry Andersen. "I would like to congratulate President Lampe on his re-election on the 6th of October 2020. I would like to state that on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, join me in recognizing that Muriel Andersen on her 103rd birthday. Makkovik Inuit Community Government also would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for the shipment of frozen char for Makkovik Inuit Community Government community freezer this fall. Makkovik Inuit Community Government would also like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for administering the Covid-19 Assistant approved and Home Heating Program. On behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I would like to pass on condolences to the family of George Wolfrey." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen as was read on behalf of the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen. Are there any other Member's statements? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This statement is on behalf of AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers here in Hopedale. "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. My Members statement will be very brief today. First, I want to extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends, and town of Makkovik on the passing of George Wolfrey. George was admired by many people for his wonderful mechanical knowledge and skills, always ready to lend a hand and help others. He will be sorely missed by the whole town and his Voisey's Bay family. May God bless you and lift your spirit up in our sorrow. Since our last Assembly sitting, Mr. Speaker, Hopedale has lost five of our residents. I extend deepest condolences to the families of Andrew Piercy, Jim Flowers, Rosa Tuglavina, Dina Onalik and Johnny Onalik. All five were buried during the Covid-19 lockdown, causing this to be very emotional and stressful time for all the families and the community. I acknowledge Mr. Piercy's hard work and dedication as an LIA board member, lands claims negotiator. His wisdom and insight to land ownership and land claims was invaluable. Mr. Piercy was also a chapel servant in the Hopedale Moravian Church and an invaluable member of the Moravian Church choir. He is sorely missed in our community. School has reopened after a long closure due to Covid-19 pandemic. I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication all staff put in to make this transition to operate the schools while in a pandemic. I have heard students are settling in well, and this is due to the time and hard work that the staff have done to make the transition easier. Thank you, ACMS Staff. We wish you the great school year. A brief summary of Capital Works Projects for the summer:

New 11-lot subdivision is near completion. Leak repair in one hose station. Mainline water valve reconciliation, repair lift station on Central Avenue. We are pleased to announce that our launch-way is now being completed. Thank you to the NG Economic Development to make this project possible. It will certainly be a great addition to all boat owners. We were sad to receive a resignation from the Town Clerk. Thank you, David Igloliorte for your hard work and dedication to HICG. This position has been advertised, however, to date we do not have this position filled. Kamutik W, it appears had a better year this year. There were a few delays and freight was regular. It may be that we had an exceptional summer with little and awesome sailing conditions. I acknowledge everyone who worked so hard during the Covid-19 pandemic. It certainly is very challenging times and will continue to be for a while. Thank you to our HICG staff for your hard work and dedication to keep our town running during these difficult times. Finally, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I thank Mary Sillett for her hard work and dedication as the Clerk of the Assembly. Mary also sang in the Moravian Church choir, and her beautiful voice will be sorely missed. *Nakummek*, Mary. We wish you all the best in your retirement. Your presence and help will be greatly missed in Hopedale." *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders, as read, on the behalf on the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers. Are there any other Member's statements? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation Assembly Report, October 2020. We received 20 cases of arctic char from NG to which we are very grateful. We purchased 3000 pounds of corned fish and 2000 pounds of fresh, frozen cod. We received a moose licence from the Province this year. As in other years, we wanna thank the IK board for their generous donation to NunaKatiget. We received \$27,700 in 2019 for Community Freezer items. Inuttitut lessons, trips to Mud Lake and other items. Without the funds from IK board, we would not be able to provide very much of the Community Freezer as our funds are very low. We received 7,000 from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, for traditional cooking classes and other courses for the youth. We would like to thank NG Department of Lands and Natural Resources for granting us 200 salmon tags this year for the freezer. The elders really appreciated being able to get more than one meal of salmon. Courses: We were going to start a Kamutik course on March 18th. We held traditional cooking classes at the Labrador Society and Culture course at Mealy Mountain School that went over really well. They learned to clean and make partridge soup, make red berry and bake apple jam, red berry muffins and other items. Cooking classes were taught by Doug Saunders. We partnered with Kelly Jacobs of DHSD to hold Inuttitut classes with her youth group and they loved it. Selma Jararuse taught the course. Once Covid-19 hit, all the courses scheduled were canceled. We were approved to hold a computer internet course entitled, "Navigating the Digital World - Technology Life Skills for Seniors" from Employment and Social Development Canada, Seniors

Horizon Program. The course would give skills such as how to use Facebook, internet, et cetera, to help with social isolation and help prevent financial abuse such as telephone scams and internet scams. We have not started this yet due to Covid-19. We were given permission to use some of the funds for items for Covid-19. We hired our Community Freezer Coordinator full-time from this fund and used funds for food and cleaning materials. NunaKatiget received funds from Heritage Canada to deliver a Master Apprentice program in Inuttitut classes. I wanna thank Shirley Jararuse for her help. Covid-19: Debbie Hines Community Freezer Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and I continued to work through Covid-19 providing food for elders and people with disabilities. We delivered the food to people's doors, knocked and left, always maintaining social distancing. When restrictions lessened, some people came to get food and we would leave it at the back step for them to pick up, maintaining social distancing or we continued to deliver. We applaud the various non-profit groups that received \$25 million from the Government of Canada to help with the food banks and food security. We were able to access several funding sources to provide additional food staples, meats, fish and cleaning materials to the elders and people with disabilities. This has really helped people to manage as food prices have risen since Covid-19. NunaKatiget received funds from NG, Community Food Centres of Canada, Food First, Newfoundland and Labrador, United Way, Service Canada and The Red Cross. We wanna thank the various organizations for funding us. We have received \$85,885.25 in funds for Covid-19 relief. It

has been additional work to get hampers ready, but it is really rewarding as people really appreciated the additional food. Debbie also contacted our clients to help with social isolation, have a chat and let them know they are not alone. Many elders really appreciated the phone calls to connect. I wanna thank Debbie for all her hard work and dedication during Covid-19 and all year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Asivak. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, *Uhalitik* and Mr. Speaker, is it okay if I deliver a statement and then follow up with one on behalf of the AngajukKâk for my community?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I see. Just to make sure you delineate between the two, that's fine.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, we're meeting today in a very unusual fashion and under circumstances that very few of us could have predicted last year. Since we've met here in March, we've had to see our communities locked down from each other and many families separated from celebrating important occasions together or even being able to grief the passing of loved ones as AngajukKâk Flowers had mentioned. For all our grandparents who regretfully could not see their children throughout the spring or the parents who are raising their children with little to no support, all are integral in ensuring that Nunatsiavut protected itself from Covid-19 and these sacrifices have not gone unnoticed, and each member of our community needs to be commended for their diligence. To those around the table, there have been many long days, tough decisions and

tough conversations that we've had to have. And it's clear that leadership has stepped up to the plate as well. There are still many challenges that we'll have to endure together as leaders and communities as we navigate this pandemic. I hope and I pray, Mr. Speaker that we can continue to find strength in each other and do what is necessary to support our people and that Nunatsiavut is shielded, and all our beneficiaries are shielded from the effects of this pandemic as much as possible. Mr. Speaker, the oil spill that took place this summer in my community was an event that no community should have to endure. The uncertainty and the fear that our residents have faced cannot be overstated, as they thought about food security, and that our way of life and connection to the water and wildlife was in jeopardy. Our community is still wanting answers, Mr. Speaker. While nothing can change what has happened, someone needs to be held to account. We eagerly await the results from testing that's taking place within Transport Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Mr. Speaker you'll indulge me. I will recognize the passing of Tom Edmunds as well, who was 91 years old. He was my grandfather and obviously, an important part of my community and an important part of who I am as well and I'm sure that anybody who knew him, could've spoken to his light-heartedness and humour that were so important, I think to have. And to all his children, my uncles and aunts, obviously, we're all thinking of them as they deal with his passing. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'll move on to the statement from AngajukKâk Sheppard. "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning to everyone. It is certainly different way of



doing business in these trying and challenging times. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate President Lampe on his success during the October 6th Presidential election and I'd like to thank Andrea Webb for entering her name as one of the competitors. Mr. Speaker, since we last met face to face, we have a lot to share, although I understand my time is limited and will be taken up with some important projects going on in the community. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say that our Interpretation Centre is not going as planned, meaning we were hoping to have this building officially opened in the middle of summer this year. This never happened for several reasons, the most being the delays in getting freight into town and we are aiming for maybe early 2021 for the official opening. Mr. Speaker, the Postville Inuit Community Government has a new piece of equipment in operation as of the week of October 12th. Our equipment operators got to use the mulcher which we'll see a real benefit in getting rid of alders and willows in our community. It was used for approximately three days with great results clearing a road distance of approximately three to five kilometres. This was the first-time operators used this equipment and did a great job. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to add that the Postville Inuit Community Government has started to construct a storage shed approximately 30 by 40 in size and all were employees who were hired locally. Hopefully this project will be complete this fall or early 2021. And Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a minute to say farewell to the Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett who has provided professional support for the Assembly and to me more than once. So Mary whatever you plan from here, or whatever your plan from

here, may it be for your benefit and God bless you in the future and job well-done. And Mr. Speaker, I'd like to send along a heart-felt sympathy message to the Community of Makkovik as they experienced tragedy last weekend. Hats off to the local ground search and rescue team of Makkovik on a job well-done. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Edmunds and again, we recognize that your initial statement was on behalf of yourself. Your secondary statement was read on behalf of Glenn Andersen, the AngajukKâk for Postville. Are there any other Members Statements today? I'll call again, any other Members statements? At this time, I'm gonna beg the indulgence of the Assembly. It's not typical that I make a Member's Statement but for me-, but I think in these very unusual and uncertain times, I would prefer to do so. That I can only do at the pleasure of this Assembly. So, at this point, I'm asking for unanimous consent from this Assembly to temporarily step aside from the Chair's position so that I may make a brief Member's statement. Do I have any dissenters to me doing that? Seeing none, I'm gonna call up on the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Roland Saunders, to temporarily assume the Chair so that I can make a Members statement. Deputy Speaker Saunders?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You're more than welcome to begin your statement.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm not the Speaker at the moment but thank you anyway. "This has caught me at a right time." "My husband just got laid off." "My hours just got cut back." "I don't know how I would make it without it." And these are just a very small sample size of some of the many comments we've

heard from the constituents and the-, from our beneficiary and the constituency of Canada. We have had such an outpouring of support and an outpouring of thankfulness from the beneficiaries that we represent, that I want to make sure that everyone in this chamber and everyone from our own Government recognizes how appreciative people in the constituency of Canada of the support that they were given during these recent pandemic times. The food supplement program is, as far as I know, without precedent, certainly within the constituency of Canada. When I look at the numbers, and I'm gonna quote off the top of my head, so I stand to be corrected on some of the numbers, but they should be fairly representative of the situation that we found ourselves in. We entertained over 600 applications for assistance under the Canadian Constituency Food Supplement Program. Of those over 600 applications, the last number I heard was around 625. It could be a little bit higher now. I haven't checked in a few weeks. Of the 625 or so applications we received, approximately 80 percent of those were approved. That means we're funding roughly 550 files. The 550 files represent over 1000 of our beneficiaries. That means the Canadian Constituency food Supplement Program is helping approximately 50 percent of our beneficiary population. This program clearly met a need. This program clearly came at the right time. So in recognition of that, I wanna pass on some very sincere thank yous. Number one, a sincere thank you to my co-worker, Mr. Roland Saunders who I know, from first-hand experience has worked extremely diligently and worked tirelessly to help support the beneficiaries he was elected to

represent, and he's done a fantastic job of it. And my thank you to you, Roland. A secondary thank you is to many Members around this table, to members of our Executive Council. I can't understate how excited and happy I was that the Canadian Constituency was included in the benefit package that were rolled out to our beneficiary population. Moreover, I was also doubly pleased when it was agreed that the benefit package would be made retroactive to the start of the program. Even today we're getting comments from people saying, I just heard-, just found out about it, just heard about it. And your foresight in recognizing the absolute necessity of making it retroactive is very much appreciated. Roland mentioned a few names before and again, they say, don't mention particular names, but I'm gonna do so anyway, at the risk of missing someone. And if I miss someone I apologize in advance. To finance, people like Dotty Ford. I don't know how many payments they've processed. It's endless. People-, Mary Dicker, how many payments they processed-, endless. People like Cherie Auchinleck in our office, in DHSD office in Goose Bay. I can't even imagine how many phone calls she fielded-, "Where's my cheque?" "How come my address is wrong?" And she worked tirelessly and without complaint to resolve those situations. We had people in our St. John's office fielding applications. We had people in our Nain office fielding applications. We had people in Makkovik office fielding applications. This truly was a Government-wide effort to support the beneficiaries in the Constituency of Canada. Rexanne Crawford, over and above. Isabella Pain, over and above. So many over and above and I

just wanted to say with all my heart-felt gratitude, how happy I am and how thankful I am to Members of this Government who supported the Canadian Constituency beneficiaries. Our beneficiaries in Canada wanna be engaged. They wanna be a part of our beneficiary population. The most recent example of that is in our Presidential election. Over 40 percent of the votes cast came from the Constituency of Canada. Clearly, our beneficiaries in Canada are paying attention. So, again, thank you for all that. How could I not say thank you to Mary Sillett and she has been a tremendous service to this Government. She has been even a more tremendous service to myself as Speaker and held my hand through the very early days and perhaps even to this day, where assistance is required, advice is rendered, and her counsel has been absolutely invaluable. I've had the opportunity of working with all kinds of individuals, literally, in all corners of the world. And I've worked with good ones and I've worked with bad ones. I've worked with lazy ones and after this experience, I can say I've worked with exceptional ones. And Mary has been an exceptional help to me, an exceptional employee of this Government and an exceptional servant to Labrador Inuit. So, I wanna say thank you to Mary on behalf of that-, for all those things. President Lampe, welcome back. Good to have you for another four years. My sincere congratulations to you on your election victory. Thank you.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Rudkowski. I give the Chair back to you. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any-, last call for Members Statements? Hearing none, we'll move onto Item Six of the

*Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." There are no returns to oral questions today, so we'll continue...

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Hi, I apologize. I just received a brief statement. Can I...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I will-, kindly disregard the movement onto Item Seven given our fluid nature of our proceedings these days, I'll revert and I'll allow you to make that statement on behalf of-, The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Hi, thank you, *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I present this statement on behalf of AngajukKâk Wolfrey of Rigolet: "In the essence of saving time, my statement will be very brief. I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of Wilson Williams. I would also like to express condolences to the family of Sandra Flowers. I would also like to thank the staff of Rigolet Inuit Community Government for their dedication and hard work throughout the pandemic. Congratulations to President Lampe on his re-election, and I also wish Mary Sillett all the best in her retirement." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. I'll ask again, are there any further other Members Statements? Seeing none, we'll resume onto Item Six, "Returns to Oral Questions". There are no Returns to Oral Questions, I should say, so we'll move onto Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*. Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*, are "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is from the AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Julius Joe Dicker. I'm not gonna even pretend I can speak like him. This question is for Honourable Minister Mr. Tyler Edmunds. "Honourable Minister, the feasibility study has been done for the new airstrip for Nain now for over a year, and all level of Governments have had a chance to read it, but to this date, it seems to be just back and forth as to who is going to take responsibility on how the financing the next stage is going-, next phase is going to happen, which is environmental assessment, to start turning the ground to get the strip started. Can you tell this Assembly as to where you understand the NG is with this, and what role it is, if any, the NG is playing to get the project finally moving forward?" Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek* Ordinary Member Saunders on behalf of AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders for delivering that question on behalf of AngajukKâk Dicker. The actual report from Octant, the pre-feasibility study, I think as I reported earlier, that was only finalized earlier this year, but the AngajukKâk is correct in that we have been using that report as a way to lobby Federal Government and Provincial Government over the last year. I do share in AngajukKâk's frustration. I would love to be able to move forward on the Nain airstrip as much as anybody around this table. It has been a top priority for this Government for many years, before I was in this portfolio and it will still be a priority for our Government. We have been meeting with different Federal agencies over

the last year, talking about the Octant report, talking about the pre-feasibility study and trying to find a way to secure that \$6.5 million that we need to fund the next stage of those feasibility studies that will eventually lead, we hope, to the Nain airstrip. We have met with Minister McKenna this year. We've raised this issue with former premier, Dwight Ball with former Minister of Transportation, Steve Crocker. I understand as recently as last week even, the President has sent a letter to Premier Furey, stating that the Province needs to step up and reaffirm its commitment to the Nain airstrip and needs to be equal partner, cost-share this as we go forward. One important thing that I think needs to be mentioned here today is, as we talk about funding and moving the Nain airstrip forward, is that we have identified it as a top priority within the ICPC and Inuit Nunangat infrastructure priorities. So, we do hope that through that mechanism, we can find some way to identify some additional funding to move this forward. Again, I'll stress that I am as frustrated as AngajukKâk Dicker may be on this issue and it is an important issue and it is an important piece of infrastructure that our Government will continue to seek funding for. *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question from AngajukKâk Dicker?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

I know Joe would and Mr. Speaker, so I'm gonna ask if you can please send him a briefing note on the history of the file when the Assembly adjourns, with regards to this airstrip?



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. Honourable Minister?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik. Nakummek*, Ordinary Member and AngajukKâk. If the AngajukKâk wants detailed information as to the sort of meetings that we undertook and lobbied on, on this issue, I can certainly try to capture some of those meetings. But again, in my recollection of being in the NEC as being a Minister over the last couple of years, there hasn't been a single meeting with either the Feds or the Province where we didn't raise the Nain airstrip as a priority. But we can try to pull together a list of some meetings, as to where this issue was talked about. *Nakummek*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a second and final supplementary question?

**MR. SAUNDER:** No, I don't Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other oral questions this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Member from Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Carlene Palliser. As a way to address problems of employment to our communities I would like to point out the need for infrastructure. As I always say, there seems to be no shortage of work. There are job ads coming up almost every day, but there's a lack of skilled workforce. The Students Benefits and Opportunities Program is great, but there's some-, there are still some of our labour force that fall through the cracks. Mr. Speaker, they don't take advantage of the student opportunities. Maybe they never finished high

school. Maybe they scraped past, but from one reason to another, choose not to go outside the community to further education. Mr. Speaker, I think one solution to this problem would be to bring the trades...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Andersen, I have to interrupt you, but this is Oral Questions and you have to frame-, if you have a question, I prefer that you get to it sooner, rather than later.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I'm trying to do is just tell why we're doing this. The Honourable Minister has my pre-amble, so I'll ask the question. My question is this. Will the Nunatsiavut Department of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Carlene Palliser, make this a priority for a facility for training? I know this has been brought up before but there is a need to revisit this program. We need to get our work field back into the workforce.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

There's a question on the floor. I'll let the Honourable Minister answer your question. Thank you, AngajukKâk-, thank you Ordinary Member. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Carlene Palliser.

**MS. PALLISER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member, Mr. John Andersen for your question. I appreciate the question and will take advice from the staff and respond later in writing. Since infrastructure is under Nunatsiavut Affairs, we need to discuss with that department. I very much appreciate your question.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Minister for your answer. In order to get projects started and done, we need the HR Minister to give plans that extra push while asking all the Ministers to do that on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just for clarifications in Oral Questions, any question that is asked by anybody in the Assembly has to be directed at a particular Minister. So, just as an advisor. Are there any other oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is asked on behalf of NunaKatiget Inuit Community Chair, Patricia Kemuksigak. It's to the Minister of HR, Finance and IT. "The Provincial Government employees get roughly 49 cents per kilometre and Federal Government employees get 59 cents per kilometre. With the rising price of gas and wear and tear on vehicles, can the Nunatsiavut Government seriously review the mileage rate which is currently 35 cents a kilometre? To my knowledge, it has not been raised in 25 years."

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I can-, thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the Member for the question. I think the question was, "Can the Nunatsiavut Government seriously consider a review of that", and I'm certain that we can certainly, seriously consider. I know the Speaker is shaking his head at me and perhaps as a Member of the what is...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Members Services Committee.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** ...Members Services Committee, may be in a better position to answer that than the Minister of Finance.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** If I may, I'm just gonna shed just a very little light on this. This was an issue that was identified and examined by the Members Services Committee. There was a report from Honourable Minister Andersen's department and I'm happy to share the results of that report. That was done maybe a year and a half or so ago. Do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions? Before you proceed, Honourable Minister Andersen, I'm gonna canvas the floor to give other people an opportunity, then I'm happy to circle back to you. Are there any other oral questions? Ordinary Members, is there any oral questions on your computers? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance, Mr. Andersen. "My question for the Minister is this, can the Nunatsiavut Government find funding for community council, in order for the councils to match the workers that are getting paid in Voisey's Bay or at least bring the wages up to the municipal workers closer to what the workers are getting in Voisey's Bay mine operations? I am sure workers would rather work from home, if they could get the higher wages."

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just to clarify, Ordinary Member was that question asked on behalf of yourself or on behalf of the AngajukKâk? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable-, *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, very much for your question Member from Makkovik. And it's not an easy question to answer, Mr. Speaker. A number of reasons, a number of factors, I think why sometimes our communities are unable to keep workers from moving away. The substantial wage difference with Vale is one of them, but it certainly isn't the only thing. People move to larger centers once receiving an education. I know that the education people, maybe before Carlene's time, I know that the First Minister is well aware and I've had a short conversation with him about trying to get people to stay home and have that, you know, no more brain drain from our communities. Another big thing, Mr. Speaker, is housing. And we hear it time and time again from our students who are graduating. There's no private market available. There's no staff housing available-, these kind of things. So, a number of things. I-, and I certainly, understand the concern of the member from Makkovik, Mr. Speaker, and I share his concern. As having served as an AngajukKâk for four years, and watched people move away because we weren't able to match the wage, it's certainly something that I will bring to the management table for discussion between my department and the five Inuit Community Governments. I think that might be a starting place. As well, I wish to inform the Assembly that with respect to staff housing in our communities, we have never had quite a plan in place, but my department is very close to tabling and putting in place a plan for a multi-year plan so that we can have staff housing. At least a start, but a plan to start to provide staff housing so that students who are graduating from

universities or programs, you know, can take advantage of those staff housing and employment within our communities. It is long overdue start, I recognize, Mr. Speaker, but I assure the Member that it is a concern, and I will bring it forward to the joint management as well for conversation on how we might deal with the question that you asked. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Member.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I think just quickly, just to add, like we're happy that our young people can go off and get high-paying jobs. When Covid was on and Voisey's Bay was sort of closed down for a bit, we had a worker that was home getting 70 percent of his wages. He was making double of what he made...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Ordinary Member Andersen, I hate to interrupt you again, but this is a question period, so if you have question, I prefer that you get to it.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I was referring back to the Minister as a (inaudible), Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I ask this question on behalf of NunaKatiget Inuit Community Chair, Patricia Kemuksigak. It's-, I'm thinking it's for the President. The question is, "Why were the Canadian Constituency Beneficiaries retroactive for the Covid-19 Emergency Food Supplement

Program, and that did not happen for Nunatsiavut or Upper Lake Melville communities. *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. President Lampe would you want to field that question or does another Member of NEC-, would you prefer to give that to somebody else?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti*, I did not fully understand the question. Could the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville repeat the question?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Please, if you could?

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Sure. My apologies. It's on behalf of Patricia Kemuksigak for NunaKatiget. "Why were the Canadian Constituency beneficiaries Emergency Food Supplement Program food cards retroactive for the Covid-19 program, when they were not for Nunatsiavut communities or the Upper Lake Melville area?" *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, for the clarification, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. President Lampe or First Minister Edmunds? Who wants to field it?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKattik*, and thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for asking for the AngajukKâk for NunaKatiget, Ms. Kemuksigak. I believe that First Minister could better answer that question. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. President, *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker and thank you to the Chairperson for NunaKatiget for the question. With respect to

the retroactivity payments for the Canadian Constituency, that came to the NEC, initially, as a very specific request given that we had rolled out the Covid-19 programming Emergency Food Supplement programming in our Nunatsiavut communities first, and shortly, Upper Lake Melville right after. There was a lot of publicity through OKâlaKatiget and word of mouth, that some of Upper Lake Melville and Nunatsiavut was able to benefit from. There was a request that came to us from the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, given the expansive geography of the Canadian Constituency, and not particularly benefiting from word of mouth, if retroactivity payments could take effect in that constituency. And that's how that request came to the NEC, and that's the basis upon which it was approved. *Nakummek*, Uhalitik.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question on behalf of the Chairperson? Are there any other oral questions this morning-, or this afternoon, I should say? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen, who I believe is going to ask a question on behalf of the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

This is for AngajukKâk from Postville and his question is to President Johannes Lampe. And he asks, "What is the position of the Nunatsiavut Government in relation to a recent announcement made by the Provincial Minister Lisa Dempster on including money to Provincial Budget for pre-feasibility study for the road linked to the North Coast?" Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen on behalf of AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik and Nakummek*, to Ordinary Member for Makkovik on behalf of the AngajukKâk. Again, my hearing isn't so good this morning- , this afternoon, sorry. If the Ordinary Member on behalf of AngajukKâk Barry Andersen would repeat that question? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Could you please repeat the question, Ordinary Member Andersen and just, let's be cognizant of the fact that President Lampe, his hearing is not what it could be at the moment.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** The question comes from AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard in Postville. And he asks, "What is the position of the Nunatsiavut Government in relation to a recent announcement made by the Provincial Minister, Lisa Dempster, on including money into Provincial Budget for a pre-feasibility study for the road linked to the North Coast?" Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti*, and than you Ordinary Member for Makkovik for asking the question for the AngajukKâk for Postville, Glenn Sheppard. A couple of weeks ago the newly appointed Provincial Minister of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lisa Dempster came to Nain with a couple more Ministers to speak to issues that the Nunatsiavut Executive Council were hoping to discuss. The road to the North Coast that you mention was

one of the agenda items and most certainly, many issues were mentioned and so the pre-feasibility study was discussed and also a feasibility study. We still have a lot to talk about in terms of a road to the North Coast and due to time constraints, the Ministers were not able to give to us a clear answer on what it is that still needs to be discussed on the pre-feasibility study on road to the North Coast. But in saying that, those discussions are not over. We will continue to discuss with the Minister Lisa Dempster the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Labrador Affairs will continue to come to Nunatsiavut and not just discuss with the Executive Council but to consult with the Nunatsiavut communities. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Ordinary Member Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the essence of the fluidity of today, would it be possible to ask a supplementary question to my question regarding the Covid-19 Emergency Food Program cards-, to ask on behalf of Patricia Kemuksigak?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Given the fact that we are dealing with a delay between the Chairperson and the current session, I will allow it. So, we'll pick up with this is a

supplementary question from the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. Please go ahead.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Thank you for the allowance. The question would-, is-, the supplementary question First Minister Edmunds is, "Why did the retroactive card go for months instead of a two-week period for the Canadian Constituency?"  
*Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler on behalf of the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. The Speaker recognizes the-, that's a bit wordy-, The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik* and thank you to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for presenting the supplementary on behalf of the Chairperson for NunaKatiget. With respect to the time for which the retroactivity was in effect, there was an NEC decision around retroactivity when it was made. Again, we talk about the lack of word of mouth and other mechanisms that the Canadian Constituency would've had to have been aware of the program. We'd been seeing a very big delay from when the program was first announced in Canada and when there was a big uptake the Ordinary Member for Canada had sent out some mail announcing the program and we know that there were some significant delays within Canada Post. And again there was a steady uptake within the program for Canadian Constituency. So, again there was many applications spread throughout the middle of the Covid-19 program and the retroactivity payments were again recognizing the difficulties in

Members for the constituency becoming aware of the program.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Are there any other oral questions today? Sticking with the theme I'll remain with the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville and recognize the Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm starting to feel a little bit like First Minister Edmunds today, asking questions and answering. This question is asked on behalf of myself, one of the Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville to the Minister of Human Resources, Finance and IT, Mr. Tony Andersen. We have home support workers that are employed as casual call-in workers, but many days work side-by-side with our full-time permanent home support workers who receive benefits. Are we as a Government, able to provide benefits to these casual call-in workers? *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Member for your question. I won't be able to answer your question today, okay? It's not something that I have ever reviewed in my short term as a Minister responsible for Human Resources to really look in depth as casual call-ins and different positions and I'm not sure, but I don't know-, another Minister, maybe the Minister from DHSD or maybe the First Minister who served as a Finance and Human Resource Minister before, may be able to help because I do-, it is

such an important question and if they're not in a position to, then, you know, don't get up. But if you can, get up. But certainly, for myself, I expect to come back with an answer for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is the Honourable First Minister, or the Honourable Minister Asivak wish to provide a supplementary response? Seeing none, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The second question from AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard in Postville and it's going to Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Greg Flowers. "My question for Mr. Flowers, is related to the moose survey that was done some time ago. I'm not exactly sure of the date. However, from what I hear, the results have been very disturbing with just a few moose spotted. Based on this information, what is your department doing with respect to trying to protect the moose stocks in our region?" Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen on behalf of AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk Glenn Sheppard for your question. When I was doing my Members Statements-, my Ministers Statements, sorry, this morning, Mr. Speaker, I alluded to that we had 39 moose licences from the Province which this year we're only gonna use 23

of the 39 licences because of exactly what the AngajukKâk from Makkovik-  
, from Postville, sorry, has alluded to. There's a-, we've seen, in the last  
number of years, the decline of moose in Nunatsiavut and I think there's a  
lot of contributing factors to that and probably the biggest one is the over-  
hunting of moose in Nunatsiavut where moose has I guess numbers has  
been dropping rapidly over the years. So, what we've done, Mr. Speaker,  
like I said, we've dropped from 39 licences to 23 and we're also this coming  
year we will be only having more of a limited hunt which will close the  
season much earlier than usual. I think that the season used to close the  
end of March. We're looking at the first week of March of closing it this  
year, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

No, thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other oral questions this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes  
the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-  
Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I ask this question on behalf of AngajukKâk  
Wolfrey for Rigolet. This question is to the First Minister. "There is a job  
ad for a Regional Justice Coordinator for the Department of Health and  
Social Development. Has the Nunatsiavut Government negotiated for the  
devolution of justice to our jurisdiction?" *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister, Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, *Uhalitik*, and *Nakummek* AngajukKâk Wolfrey for the question. I know the specific job ad that the AngajukKâk is referencing. It is coordinated under DHSD currently. The Minister might be able to speak to some of the specifics, but as far as I understand, it is primarily a liaison role between our beneficiaries and the legal system and coordinating legal services. I can't entirely remember all the things that were outlined within that job ad but the question is, are we talking about the devolution of legal services? I think that this job is one thing I think the devolution of legal services is another thing. Since I've been in this portfolio, we haven't really talked too much about that issue, but it is something that we need to look at into the future. It is something that we need to continue to be focused on in implementation. So, *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question?

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Yes. The supplementary question for-, on behalf of AngajukKâk Wolfrey is, "Has there been consultation with Women's Advocate or organizations to ensure their rights and safety and concerns are addressed, or to ensure that this won't further silence the issue of violence in the communities?"

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I don't-, very rarely say this but I think it would be more appropriate if I took this question under notice. It is an important question. I know that DHSD has been responsible for women's affairs and sort of justice issues related to that. They've taken that under their wing over the last number of years. And I know that AngajukKâk Wolfrey was deeply involved in this file over the years. Again, respectfully, I'll take the question under notice and I'll provide a proper response that is more appropriate. Again, I feel it deserves a good response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister. The First Minister makes a good point. Any questions-, any oral questions that cannot be responded to immediately, it's incumbent upon the respondent, whether that be the President or the Minister to provide a written response within seven calendar days. So, thank you for that reminder. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Asking a question on behalf of my AngajukKâk, Barry Andersen, and it's going out to the Minister of Health. "Will the Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development consider an overall Covid-19 plan for the region so that all communities are on the same page when following the Chief Medical Officer of Health guidelines? As of now, it seems each community is interpreting the guidelines differently. This will reduce the



spread of the virus should it appear in our region." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen on behalf of AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ordinary Member and on behalf of your AngajukKâk. The Department of Health and Social Development is regularly communicating with Labrador Grenfell Health and the Provincial Government around health and community services around communication of Covid-19. As I noted earlier in my Ministers Statement, we are planning more events and updates around this. If there are any particular issues or concerns directly related to Covid-19 in a community, we can work with the ICG's to improve on anything that needs to be done. So, please reach out directly to my department if there is a key area that you feel is missing or needs improvement, and we as a Government will improve to communicate that not only through DHSD but as a Government as a whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question?

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

No, thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I ask this question on behalf of Maxene Winters, Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Chair. This question is for the President. "There was a recent court ruling in favour of the Nunatsiavut Government regarding the royalties from Voisey's Bay. Are you able to share what the plans are for that money?" *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler on behalf of the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable President of Nunatsiavut, Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, *Ukatti* and thank you, Ordinary Member for the question on behalf of Chairperson for Sivunivut. Yes, the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador has concluded its investigation and most certainly at this time the Executive Council is still discussing of how to proceed with lawyers that we have hired on what it is that we as the Executive Council want to see come out of the court ruling and most certainly to make sure that the outcome of the court ruling will benefit Labrador Inuit. And also, where the NEC would most certainly not just be looking for any royalties or any monies coming out of this court ruling, but also where respect and also honour come before any financial outcome. So, our lawyers are still discussing this issue with our staff on how or what outcome the NEC would like to see best come out of this. *Nakummek*, *UKatti*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question on behalf of the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit

Community Corporation? Are there any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

The question's coming from AngajukKâk Barry Andersen in Makkovik. And it's going to Minister of Lands and Resources, Greg Flowers. I also-, Mr. Speaker, I also send a question to Greg and both of them can be answered in combination. The question from AngajukKâk Andersen is, "Can you update the Assembly on any or all meetings with the Federal Minister at the Department of Fisheries, Ocean, scheduled to discuss the serious matters of fishery resources adjacent and equability access to resource by our fisheries?" Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen on behalf of AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen for your question. And I'll certainly-, I think this kinda rolls into the same question that John-, Ordinary Member for Makkovik has asked me recently. Mr. Speaker, I did meet with the Federal Minister of Fisheries-, I'm trying to think of her name-, Minister Jordan, on the 29th of September regarding shrimp allocations for Davis Straight Eastern Zone, for people who don't-, couldn't understand that, it's the tip of Labrador, basically. The quota that was allocated: There was a 4.5 million pounds of new shrimp added to the existing quotas that's already up there and Minister Jordan made a decision before we actually had our meeting on September 29th, my department and myself and my Deputy Minister had been reaching out to

the Minister prior to that to try and-, and also to our MHA Yvonne Jones-, prior to knowing what the decision was going to be, because we wanted to make sure that we could lobby for Nunatsiavut to get some of this quota. The answer, I guess, what we got, was blatantly, "No." We-, you did not get any quota. It went to Nunavut and Nunavik. So, with hearing that, she still wanted to go ahead with the meeting, so I questioned, "Why would you wanna meet with us and tell me what you already told everybody else we weren't getting any fish?" So, we did take the call with Minister Jordan and she basically said that we weren't entitled to the fish, so-, to the shrimp. So, I'd like to move back a little bit Minister if I don't wanna take up too much time but I know previous Ministers in the past also went out lobbying very hard on this same subject, Mr. Speaker, and with basically, the same results. So, we-, so what we-, the Department and also the NEC, we've brought this to the NEC and we said that we-, the only thing that we need to discuss now is if we're gonna take legal action. I guess if the Feds. And right now, Mr. Speaker our staff-, my staff is looking at all the documents from previous meetings in-house legal is looking at-, our team is looking at if we have a case. We are also looking at the outside our legal team for legal advice, Mr. Speaker. So, I think the Federal Minister blatantly neglected Nunatsiavut again and we feel that we need to step it up. And the only way we can see to step this up Mr. Speaker is to take legal action if that's required. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Andersen, do you have a supplementary question on behalf of AngajukKâk Andersen?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** No, I don't. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other-, The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I ask this question on behalf of myself. So, this question is for Minister of HR, Finance and IT. The Nunatsiavut Government just received over \$5 million from the Federal Government during the Covid-19 pandemic. Can you please update us on the expenditures of these money? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Member for the question. Somebody earlier today, I think it was the First Minister that announced that in September all Covid program was suspended and that a review was being done of the programs that we've provided during the last round. We've had with our staff who were directly involved in delivering-, we wanted to hear from all of them, as well to get the response from our Deputy Ministers as well and to do a thorough review to ensure that with this next round of funding we can improve, and only improve on what I would have to say if already, (inaudible) was most of the job fairly well done. And we want to have a very well-done job for the next round. So, to date, there's no-, been no announcement or any money spent from that next round of money except that-, for the cleaning supplies have been ordered for Nunatsiavut communities because we wanna get that out of

the way because of shipping and the shipping by marine is still open. But I'm certain that you can expect within the next weeks-, within the coming weeks, we will have put our plan in place and announcements are coming. And I just wanna say that beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, from wherever they are should expect that their Government is going to be fair and generous as we have tried with the last round, okay? And I want to let Members know that there will be another round of funding available for people who need it, okay, wherever they may be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen for your well-done response. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member, right, a supplementary question? Are there any other-, The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Okay, this comes from myself and it's going to Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Department of Health and Social Development. My question is this. Are there plans to put community sheds in Makkovik and Postville? And if so when can we expect to see this happen?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Ordinary Member Andersen. Under the Mental Health and Wellness and Healing Division ,we are actually working on securing funds for Community Shed space for all communities, in collaboration with our Youth Services Manager who currently overseas this

program in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet. We recently submitted a proposal for funding to extend to Postville and Makkovik through a community-based mental wellness funding initiative and we are expecting to hear back some time in October. We are also having internal discussions on how we might expand with regards to the necessary infrastructural piece is essential to this type of programming. Each community has a Mental Health and Addictions worker who carries out programming and has capacity to oversee some of this work. And part of their position involves developing programs and groups that meet the mental wellness needs of all community members across the entire lifespan. We recognize that Community Shed space would provide opportunity for building of skills as well as preparing individuals for potential educational opportunities such as trades and receiving mentoring from those with such skills. We recognize that such programming would also provide community members a space to maintain and assist others in maintaining their snowmobiles, quads, and building of kumatiks and flats which are essential tools for general transportation and hunting, fishing, gathering and carrying out other land-based activities.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Asivak. Minister-, Ordinary Member Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Thankyou, Mr. Speaker. This is my last question. I'm asking this question on behalf of Maxene Winters, Sivunivut Inuit Community Chair. This question is for our Honourable First Minister, Mr. Edmunds. Recently, the Nunatsiavut Government purchased reusable masks for residents of Nunatsiavut communities. In Upper Lake Melville we have over 2,100 beneficiaries. We received 200 masks-, 150 for Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Mud Lake and 50 for North West River. Would it be possible to please receive more masks? *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik and Nakummek* to the Chair for Sivunivut for the question. With respect to the masks that were provided to the Nunatsiavut communities, if we look back at the history of when that decision was made, it was that there were no masks whatsoever to buy in the communities. There was obviously a need before the Province announced this new order to try to get these masks in our communities as quickly as possible. The rationale again for targeting Nunatsiavut was that those weren't available and we know that in other areas, masks could be a lot more accessible. The allocations that the Chairperson spoke of for Sivunivut and NunaKatiget were taken out of the initial allocation, initial order for the Nunatsiavut after we ensured that as many as possible were distributed. Those were done through the Community Freezer Networks again, with the understanding that these target more vulnerable populations and individuals who may have more difficulty acquiring the



masks. It is a fair question, a fair consideration as to whether or not masks could be distributed to Upper Lake Melville but again, we did look at those offices. We did look at the Community Freezers and again, at the history of it there were simply none to purchase in Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions today? Seeing none, we'll call for a short recess until 2:30. I'll ring the bell shortly thereafter.

**[Recess]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And we're back from recess. Over the course of our short break, it came to my attention that there was a few oral questions that had been missed in our first go-around so I'm gonna ask that we revert to Item seven of the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions", and I'll do a final call for questions. Are there any more oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member from Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This question is for the Honourable Minister Asivak. Minister Asivak, regarding the number of children in foster care from Labrador, has there been any improvement or change with the Federal and Provincial Governments to have shelters or homes built and staffed within the coastal communities and to have the children returned to Labrador?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes-, and that was on behalf of yourself, Ordinary Member Saunders?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** On behalf of myself, yes, thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Saunders-, Gerald Asivak. That's Roland's Cousin, sorry.

**MR. ASIVAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ordinary Member Saunders for your very good and important question around children in foster care. In the past year only one child has been placed in Roddickton area and this child had previously been placed there and had a connection with the foster family. Rarely placing children outside of Nunatsiavut is a goal of CSSD. DHSD works closely with CSSD. There have been fewer children removed than in previous years. More children are being returned to parents or at least in placement in their own community. We have four Key Assets homes in Hopedale and one in Nain, allowing children to remain in their communities. Nain Group Home is working on a level four designation for which they will be a facility to provide care for children in care. Pride training is being delivered to foster parents in Nunatsiavut jointly by CSSD and DHSD. More foster homes are being recruited in Nunatsiavut. Another program within DHSD is Family Connections program, is key to children being returned and fewer children leaving community. Another example, Mr. Speaker is also of our apartment complex in Nain and Hopedale that are working very well for our families who have any intervention with CSSD. These are for families who are at risk of children being removed from their families. As we know a housing shortage in our

communities is very big and severe so this is very promising and is a program that's working as some families are getting their children back because of the important housing infrastructure that we have as invested in the Government and we plan to hopefully continue in the near future. Some of the numbers that I'd like just to highlight to you Ordinary Member Saunders, like in addition, Roddickton area connection as I noted. There was an out-of-province placement meaning outside of Newfoundland and Labrador but that was only for a short-term measure with a very high needs for a child in care so specialized services that are not available in our province. And also, something very promising is we're keeping as much as we can with our foster home recruitment, children in their home communities. If not in their own home communities, within Nunatsiavut, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, very much.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Asivak. Ordinary Member Saunders do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This question is from AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers and is directed towards the First Minister, Tyler Edmunds. "Inuit Community Government struggles with the high cost of land development. Will NG help and support secure funding to land development in our communities?"

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders on behalf of AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for forwarding that question on behalf of AngajukKâk Flowers and thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know that land security is a really big issue within our Nunatsiavut communities and it is an important part of when we consider our housing crisis. I did meet with all the ICG's just a couple weeks ago to talk to this issue, to connect with them, to see where they have been heading with their subdivision developments and Minister Andersen is very well-intuned with what is happening in that area as well through the JMC. We know that there have been specific allocations directly to ICG's for land development to try to tackle one part of this housing crisis. I think it is something that we will need to consider again, as we move forward. We were talking about the Housing Commission coming online in the next two years. It'll be extremely important for us to continue working with the ICG's either directly or through the JMC to ensure that we have sufficient plots of land to build on. So, I can state that, you know, we will be looking at that and we want to work with the ICG's to ensure that plots are built in our communities. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

No, sir.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other oral questions? Hearing none, we'll move on to the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Thank you, *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I have two written questions to submit. Would you like me to read them?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** You could read them, and we'll file them with the Clerk.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Okay.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** But as you understand, there'll be no responses provided today.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Yeah. First written question is to the First Minister Tyler Edmunds on behalf of myself, Ordinary Member Marlene Winters-Wheeler. We have heard from many constituents during the presidential election asking about online voting option during the Covid-19 pandemic. Can our Government please look into this option for future elections? May I do my other questions? Yes?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Proceed.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Thank you. The other written question I have is we-, on behalf of Patricia Kemuksigak, NunaKatiget Inuit Community Chair, also to the First Minister. With the Emergency Food Supplement Program during the Covid-19 pandemic, there were reports of some elders receiving food vouchers and other elders were declined. There were beneficiaries who were disabled who were declined from the program. Can you please explain the eligibility criteria for the Nunatsiavut Emergency Food Supplement Program and what was the cut-off for the household income? *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** And as it stands with written questions, these will be filed with the Clerk of the Assembly for proper response upon the next Assembly sitting. On to Item-, are there any other written questions? Seeing none, on to Item

Nine of the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to written questions", and at the last Assembly sitting Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen asked the Minister of Education, the Honourable Carlene Palliser, if financial resources could be found to fund a full-time music teacher for Makkovik school. Also, at the same time the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak asked the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, about the possibility of having the lighting reinstalled on Mulligan Hill Tower for snowmobiler travellers. The Speaker's reviewed these questions and determined that these do not fit the criteria for written questions. Written questions, as a reminder to everyone, are questions that require very complex answers and would require some careful thought and some research to be able to provide a response. And in my view, neither of these questions met that criteria. I will admit one failing on my part. A response from the Speaker is typically required when written questions are submitted and unfortunately, the hullabaloo of Covid-19 hit and I neglected to respond, so that I'm responding at this forum. But just so you know, both Ordinary Member Andersen and Chairperson Kemuksigak, you were due a response in a more timely fashion and to that I do apologize to you both for that. On to Item 10, "Petitions". The Speaker recognizes Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Minister. I still would like to answer the question if it's appropriate to answer the question? I know it's in a written form, but I

think the question is very important to the Chair of NunaKatiget and if I may, I would like to give a quick answer to the question. If not...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I would-, given the fact that I've ruled the question, invalid, I would prefer that you provide a private response. If you so wish you can CC NG Assembly on your email.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

On to Item 10 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions". There are no petitions today. We'll move on to Item 11. Item 11 is "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses today. We'll move on to Item 13. Before we proceed, I'd like to get the permission from the Assembly to change the *Orders of the Day*, so that the "Tabling of Documents" occurs before the "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". It is usual that those reports are discussed and then they are tabled. All those in favour in amending the *Orders of the Day*? Any opposed? We'll proceed with the tabling of documents. And this is one of the hazards of having the one-day sitting is that we run into this issue where we're sometimes asked to amend things because when the Orders-, when the Standing Orders were drafted, the Standing orders had always assumed a two-day sitting and so this is one of the work arounds that we're required to do. Item 12, "Tabling of Documents". I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Honourable Speaker, I'd like to Table the 2021 Assembly calendar which the Assembly Members will find in Tab One of their binders. *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* Honourable First Minister. The document will be tabled as 01-4(8) and at this point I'd like to recognize the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have my idiot sheet today.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are you missing a required document? I see the good First Minister is just providing assistance.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, First Minister. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm pleased to table the Rules and Procedures Standing Committee Report.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** One second. I think we've given you the wrong thing. Just one-, Honourable Minister Andersen, just one moment. I think we've-, I think you've been handed the wrong piece of paper.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** My apologies, Mr. Speaker for being out of order, I guess. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm pleased to table the Financial Statement of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, December 31st, 2019 and the Financial Statement of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, December 31st, 2019. The 2019 Annual report and December 31st, 2019 Financial Statement of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. The tabled documents will be numbered 02-4(8), 03-4(8), and 04-4(8) and 05-4(8) respectively. Finally, I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Thank you, Assembly Members. I'd like to table the Rules and Procedures, Standing Committee Report of October 2020. *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. That document is Tabled Document number 06-4(8) and there are no more documents to be tabled today. And with that we'll go onto Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day* which is "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds to give a report from the Rules and Procedures Committee.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, UKatti*. The report that I just tabled is the first of Tab Three in everyone's binders. Mr. Speaker, last week you chaired an informal meeting of the Assembly where every Assembly Member had the opportunity to review the Special Standing Orders that had been drafted by our Legal Team to ensure that we can adapt our Assembly proceedings through hybrid sittings, virtual sittings. Of course, this has been done in order for us to be able to continue business in the event that Covid-19 prevents us from meeting here in Hopedale. Within this report, Mr. Speaker, you'll see that the Committee met on October 15th to go through the special standing orders and it was again, important for us to be able to present this here today. Our Legal Team did a comparative analysis of what has been done across Canada legislatively in the context of each constitution.

And there was a focus on what was happening here with our House of Assembly and our Province as well. Although the Provincial Government has a party system where we have a consensus style Government, the Assembly has the ability to enact legislative changes and amend the standing orders in order to allow us to conduct Assembly business. After that research, Legal Counsel were able to propose the enactment of additional standing orders which would apply for a fixed period of time. The idea is that unless there is exceptional circumstances, the Assembly should not deviate from the normal conduct of business. The proposed changes would accommodate several scenarios. The first scenario is that there are no restrictions around movement of people. The Assembly should be able to physically meet in that scenario. The second, as I said earlier, would be a sort of hybrid sitting where travel and gathering restrictions may be limited and the Speaker in their discretion could use a hybrid sitting. And the final option that was discussed with the Assembly last week was a virtual session. If there was a complete lockdown and it was not possible for us to meet, that is where we would have a virtual Assembly sitting. Under normal conditions, the regular standing orders of the Assembly would prevail but in the virtual sessions, the special standing orders would be in effect. The guiding principal behind the special standing order amendments is what must be done, at a minimum, in order to conduct an Assembly sitting. For example, the standing orders have a specified time for question period. The special standing orders still have a time period for question period and that Members will still be able to ask

questions, but during hybrid sittings, the preferred option is to ask Members to submit written questions to expedite conduct of its business. Again, we went through these special standing orders with the presentation of Legal Counsel last week, Mr. Speaker. When we met last on October 15th there were a number of changes that the Rules and Procedures Committee had suggested to the draft Special Standing Orders where we looked at issues around bandwidth. There was a preference initially around videoconferencing for the Assembly. So, we suggested an amendment to permit us to do teleconferencing. That's reflected in Special Standing Order five. There were considerations around the number of people who could actually be within the Chambers. There was also questions around what the term Chamber actually meant when we talk about our building here. Is that limited to our table or does that include the gallery. So those sort of issues were discussed by the RPC. There's a standing order-, Special Standing Order 14(b). It states that "The Speaker must be physically present in the Chamber. The Standing Order allows the Deputy Speaker or another Ordinary Member to take on that role should The Speaker be unable. So, the provision was clarified to state that The Speaker or whoever was occupying that role at the time can act as somebody who presides over the Session. Mr. Speaker I won't go through every single discussion that the Rules and Procedures Committee had. Again, the Assembly Members here had the benefit of going through this line-by-line and I know that some individuals-, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for instance had a number of revisions that made it

into this final draft as well. And we will be asking later today that the Assembly go through this process of adopting these Special Standing Orders. Obviously, we have to amend the *Assembly Act* as well, but we are just asking today for the Assembly to receive this report. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Would you like to make a motion at this time?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Assembly receive the report from the Rules and Procedures Committee on the Standing-, on the review of the Standing Orders Rules and Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Ordinary Member. Ordinary Member Edmunds, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** No further comment, Mr. Speaker

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Member wish to make final comments and to conclude debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I'd like to conclude debate. *Uhalitik*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate on the motion. All those in favour? Any opposed? The motion is carried. There are no further reports of Standing in Special Committees today and with that we'll move onto Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". And at this point, I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds, that the Assembly convenes Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under Item number 15, "Motions", by requesting that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37.1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. Just for clarification of the Assembly, Mr. Andersen is asking us to waive Standing Order 37.1 and I'll read it for clarity. 37.1 plain and simply stipulates 24 hours notice shall be given from the first reading of bills and of a motion. So, given again, our very compressed timelines the Minister-, Mr. Andersen is asking us to waive 37.1. I now recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds who is also an appointment member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik*. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, I'll move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser that Tabled Document 06-4(8) the Special Standing Orders for the Conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic be discussed in the Committee of the Whole at the same time when Bill 2020-03 receives second reading. Again, we'll have Mark Gillette, Director of Legal Services participate as a witness. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Edmunds. This concludes the Notices of Motion for today and with that we'll move on to Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day*. Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day* is "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." And again, I'll recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I did fail to give the Assembly notice that I will be also waiving Standing Order 37.1 to permit us to go through the Motion today to look at the report. Mr. Speaker, I give a notice that on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 I'll move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser, the First Reading of Bill 2020-03, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. And Mr. Speaker, I'll be seeking unanimous consent by requesting the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37.1 to deal with this Motion today under Item 17, "First Reading of Bills".  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, and again, 37.1 is just a stipulation that requires a 24-hour advance period, and this is the stipulation that Mr. Edmunds is asking the Assembly to waive. There are no more notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. And with that we'll move on to Item 16 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Motions". Mr. Andersen, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion which you gave notice to earlier?

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hang on. I gotta find it (inaudible). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today by requesting that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37.1 to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the

*Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* into Committee of the Whole with witnesses, Chris Webb, Garry Best and Paul Janes from Deloitte for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. I believe also and I stand to be corrected, but I believe Natan Obed might be joining us as well as Sarah Leo may be joining us on this call as well. Again, I stand to be corrected, but I believe they may be part of the presentation. We'll see when the phone rings and who's on-, we'll see who's on the other side. The Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Andersen, is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any Nays? Seeing none, there are none, Mr. Anderson, please proceed with your motion.

**MR. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My motion is as follows: That Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled documents in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses, Chris Webb, Garry Best, Paul Janes from Deloitte and possibly Sarah Leo. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds, that the Assembly convenes in the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*. Your motion is in order. Mr. Andersen would you like to speak to the motions? Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Member wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I have no-, that is my final comments. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Your conclusion is noted. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the Motion? Are there any "Nays"? Seeing none, the Motion is carried. We're now in Committee of the Whole and I invited the LICST representatives to begin their presentation. We're just gonna take just a five-minute recess and we're gonna allow Ches, is it Ches-, to, uh-, Chess is gonna come in and make sure our IT situation is ready to go to welcome our guests. We had scheduled their presentation for three o'clock. So, we're at 3:02, so we're pretty close. I just ask everyone to stay in their chairs just for a moment and we'll see if we can get our IT going.

**[Recess]**

**MR. WEBB:** It seems to be okay, yeah.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay, so...

**MR. WEBB:** Can you hear us fine?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...yeah. So, we're just about to-, just so we know where we're at, we just took a quick recess. I'm just gonna reconvene us in Committee of the Whole and I would ask that you guys speak nice and loud just to make sure everybody can hear you. We're...

**MR. WEBB:** (Inaudible) right? So...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay. Just hang on for a sec, Chris. I'm just gonna reconvene us and then we'll kick off from there, if that's okay?

**MR. WEBB:** Okay, perfect.



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** And we're back from break, and now we have with us Members of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and with Chris Webb-, Chris, do you wanna give a quick introduction as to who is on your call, please?

**MR. WEBB:** Yeah. I'll-, we have Garry Best the Chairperson of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, Paul Janes from Deloitte, our auditors for the past number of years, ever since I've been around, as well, I believe, Sarah Leo dialed in as well. I do have some other Trust members that I didn't ask to get on the call, but they are listening on the live audio feed right now.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay, Chris. So, at this point, I'm gonna turn it over to you and let you...

**MR. WEBB:** Okay. I'm going to hand it over to our chairperson to give a couple of introductory opening remarks, and then he will hand the floor over to Paul Janes so Paul can walk through our financials and if time permits-, I know you guys are under some time restrictions and constraints, I'll see how I get through, you know, a little bit of the operational piece. But, you know, we've tabled the Annual Report and all of the detailed items are in there. So, maybe after the Financial piece, maybe it's prudent just to go into question period. But we'll see how it goes.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That's fine. So, I'm gonna be reasonably aggressive in our budgeting and I apologize for the brevity of your timeslot Chris. It's just we're, you know, we have a fairly heavy plate it seems and so I'm gonna give you inclusive of Q and A, probably half an hour and I know that's very tight but I'll ask you to do what you can.

**MR. WEBB:** Okay. Appreciate that.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Over to you.

**MR. WEBB:** Garry?

**MR. BEST:** Good afternoon, *Ullukut*, President Lampe and Elected Officials. My name is Garry Best, a beneficiary from the Upper Lake Melville area and currently an acting Chair of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. It is indeed an honour and privilege to be given an opportunity today along with other colleagues to present our report on the 2019 activity for the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. As you know, the Trust oversees the operation of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. I would also like to mention that on the 31st of March of this year, Clint Davis resigned as Chair of the Trust. Clint, as you know was the driving force for the past decade or so, and really responsible for leading and guiding a lot of the good work that we've been doing in support of beneficiaries and we all wish him well in his future endeavours. So, at this time, with your permission I'd like to turn the presentation over to Paul Janes from Deloitte and he will guide you through the Financial Report. So, taima. And *Nakummek*. Thanks, very much. Over to you, Paul.

**MR. JANES:** Thank you, Garry, and good afternoon, everybody. I'm happy to be here by telephone in front of the Assembly. It's obviously a little bit different but thank you for the opportunity. I'm gonna walk through the Financial Statements of the Consolidated Payments for the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Not my first time in presenting in front of the Assembly. Those that I haven't presented to in front of before, you'll know that feel free to stop me at any point in time to answer any questions you may have

or provide further clarification as I walk through the statements. As Chris mentioned, the Annual Report of the Trust has been tabled and I assume everybody has a copy with them. I will try and guide by the page numbers in the Annual Report, of where I am. I'll start on page 49 of the Annual Report. Within the Annual Report at the back is a full copy of our Financial Statements that we audited for the Trust and I'll go through the highlights of those. Page 49 is the Independent Auditor's Report and our Auditor Report, as in previous years is a qualified opinion, and it's qualified based on some of the accounting policies that the Trust follows. So, the Trust decides to consolidate in all the entities that it has ownership in, rather than treat it as an equity investment, which is a way that, I guess a accounting policy choice under accounting policy that the Trust follows. And technically, it should be used as an equity method but to give a better picture of all the entities and the results of the Trust, we do consolidate those and that's why we do a qualified opinion. Other than that, our opinion is a normal unmodified audit report. Onto page 51, you'll see that we have the Statement of operations and accumulated surplus. I'm gonna walk through some of the highlights of the revenues and expenses of the organization for the past year. Starting with the revenues for sales are \$21.8 million in the current year compared to 7.3. What's on this line is the transactions that happened within Torngat Services Inc. and integrated in Nunatsiavut Logistics, both experiencing a growth in 2019 due to work that's happening at the Voisey's site. The Marine Operations Revenue went down from 5.6 in the prior year to 4.1 in the current year-, just the

result of what the ferry service and the operation that Nunatsiavut Marine took over previously running the ferries and now, in this case having a contract to run certain parts of that but not everything it used to in the past, hence the decrease in the revenues. From a construction revenue perspective, it decreased from 4.8 in 2018 to 2.5 in 2019. Nothing really significant driving this. It's just a decrease in construction activity and projects won by Nunatsiavut Construction during the year. Partnership Income up 2.2 million represents the revenue from Air Borealis and the ownership that LICST has within Air Borealis. Royalties from Northern Coalition increased to 1.4 in the current year, up from 998 in 2018. Remember when we presented 2018, that number actually decreased from 2017 so the 2019 number is just getting back to more normal levels and really just a basis of timing of when certain fishing trips happened in 2018 versus 2019. Crushed stone revenues increased significantly-, \$5 million over 2019, 2018 from really just an impact of crushed stone sales and activity on the North Coast. The majority of the other revenue line items there are fairly stable year over year or minor in nature, hence I won't talk to any of those variances. From an expenditure level just on the right side of page 51-, or sorry, total revenue, I should say, first of all, at 37.1 million compared to 25 million in the prior year, so a significant increase overall in revenues in a positive (inaudible). Expenditures were at 31.7 million in the current year compared to 22.7 million in the prior year and you can see that there's a notation there for Schedule One and I'll actually ask you to turn to page 64 which is where Schedule One is so I

can highlight some of the changes there. Wages and benefits is 12.8 million compared to 12.1 last year and this is a mishmash of increases and decreases, to be honest, in activity but mainly driven by the increase in activity at TSI and Integrative Nunatsiavut Logistics as well as a decrease in the Marine operations and construction. Cost of goods sold is up to 11.4 million from 1.8 in the prior year and this is purely driven by the costs that are within Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics as well, and the work that's being done at the Voisey site. Bad debts were 1.6 million compared to 73 million in the prior year and the main driving force between the bad debt and the significant increase there is monies that were owed from Universal Helicopters and not considered to be recoverable anymore due to that situation. Dropping down a couple lines, materials and supplies decrease \$5 million-, 831,000 in the current year, and this is mainly driven by the decrease in construction activity in Nunatsiavut Construction. Same thing a couple lines lower in travel cost as well as subcontractor fees, both decreasing significantly in the current year and that's mainly driven by the decreasing construction as I mentioned. The fuel costs increased from 206,000 in the prior year to 346,000 in the current year, and those fuel costs were driven by a couple things-, a decrease in the Marine and construction activity but an increase in fuel cost from within the operation of the fuel and gas station in Rigolet. The only other-, the majority of the expense lines that are note there are fairly consistent year over year. On the right-hand side of that page you'll note donated land went down significantly from 304,000 to nothing in the current year. And that's really

driven by the fact that in 2018 there was a transaction where there was a piece of land donated through the ownership in Goose Bay Capital Corporation and there was no such transaction in the current year. For total expenses of \$31,771,000.00 compared to 22,731,000 in the prior year. Jumping back to page 51 again, the Statement of Operations, you'll note that the second line on the right-hand side of the page, the Annual Surplus under noted items was 5.4 million in the current year compared to 2.2 million in the prior year-, obviously, a significant increase in (inaudible) operations in the entity of what was going on in all the different entities that the LICST has ownership in. And the 3.1 almost \$2 million increase in annual net income. The few items here, I'll discuss the impairment of equity investments. We were right off with equity investments with 8.8 million in the current year. This is to reflect the investment that the entity held in Universal Helicopters which we all know went into receivership earlier in 2020. (Inaudible) is fairly consistent year over year as well as the other items noted here. I will highlight halfway down through the column this year Equity earnings was 1.2 million compared to 780,000 and this was mainly driven by the ownership that the trust has and a few partnerships that are doing work within the Voisey's underground site and had increased earnings from those operations in the current year. Income Tax expense was 1.1 million in the current year compared to 300,000 in the prior year and again, being driven by the increase in activity and profitability within the operation that the taxes been on. Bringing the Annual deficit or surplus in the current year is deficit in the current year of

3.9 million. So, as I mentioned there was from operations, the entity made a significant improvement year over year of \$5.4 million. But then had a significant write-off of the investment within Universal as well, bringing the annual surplus or deficit down to just under \$4 million in the current year compared to almost \$1.8 million surplus last year. Second last line on the page, the Trust Income Allocations which is 1.9 million in the current year compared to 1.7 in the prior and this number is an amount that the Trust allocates out to the beneficiaries being the Nunatsiavut Government as a way-, as part of the (inaudible) structuring of the Trust and the Organization. This amount is allocated to the Government rather than have Federal Tax paid on the income of the Trust. For the next page, page 52 with the Consolidated Statement and financial position. The incident for cash on the left-hand side, Financial Asset. The entity has \$9.2 million in cash in the current year compared to 5.4 in the prior year. So, this is a cash increase for a number of different reasons and some of it's increases and decreases. The statement of cash flows is actually on page 54 which I won't go through in detail, but to highlight a couple of items why cash upped the-, upped the next income of the organization-, what was significant in the current year-, they paid down quite a bit of debt, to be honest, almost 4.5 million compared to amounts that were due on the regular long-term debt as well as amounts that were paid to the Trust. As well as a decrease in an amount that was due from Federal Government that-, or Provincial Government sorry, Newfoundland that the Trust got back of almost \$2.2 million for an overall net change of-, increase in cash

of 3.8, so very healthy cash position for the Trust. The next line on the Statement of Financial positions receivables which has increased to 8.9 million compared to 6 million last year. So this has to do with just timing of transactions in the organization but also the increased activity as I mentioned with Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics as well as TSI has driven the receivables from those organizations and their customers are higher than in previous years. As I just mentioned, third line there is due from Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. This is amounts held in Trust for contract or held with Marine-, Nunatsiavut Marine, sorry, to the Provincial Government and those amounts were paid back when the contract finished up in the current year, so \$2 million to the Organization. A couple of lines lower, Investments with Equity. So it's 14 million in the current year compared to almost 21 million in 2018. So, this is a decrease of 6 million which is an \$8 million decrease with the Universal Investment that we wrote of but then an increase from the other investments as they gained value in the partnerships that were doing the work at Voisey's as I mentioned earlier, for a total asset position of 45.2 million compared to 49.5 million in the prior year. On the liability side, bottom left-hand side of page 52, payrolls have also increased 6.9 million compared to 3.5 in the prior year. And again, this is driven by activity and timing within the transactions within the organization but mainly due to the increase in activity of TSI and Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics. You can see at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side, tables of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* decreased from 21.5 million to 18.5. There was a \$3 million loan that got



repaid to the trust throughout 2019. To the top of the right side of page 52 you can see that due to the Nunatsiavut Government has increased from 6.4 in the prior to 8.3 in the current year and this has to do with the Trust Allocation that I described of 1.9 million on the previous page on the Statement of Operations. So that payroll has increased in line with that amount. The long-term debt number of 8.44 million compared to 9.8 million is just regular repayment of the debt. There's more details within note 9 if you'd like to go there but it is just regular on-term payment of the debt as per the terms of each individual piece of the debt that the entity holds. From a non-financial asset perspective, so the bottom right-hand corner of page 52, no significant movement there. Nothing in particular driving any of the change. To get it to an overall accumulated surplus in the organization of just under 8 million compared to 13.9 million in the prior year. The next couple statements, there's not a whole lot that highlight that haven't already spoken about, so I won't go through that in detail. Also, within the notes to the Financial Statements, I believe I've hit on all the major points within any changes that you'll see in the notes but there is a lot more detail within some of the numbers within those notes. Should you require, I'm happy to go through it or discuss it should anybody have any questions. But knowing we are tight on time I won't-, I will say that the notes are fairly closely resemble the notes of the previous year, obviously, except for the changes in the numbers that we have talked about, but no other significant changes to the notes that we've put in. There was one subsequent event note which is on page 63 which just talks

about the fact that obviously we were into the pandemic after the year-end and it's kinda hard to determine at this-, at the time of issuing our statement, as well as this point, what the impact of the pandemic will be on the organization. So, I'll pause there, happy to take any questions from anybody at the Assembly.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Sorry, Roland, do you have a question?

**MR. WEBB:** Hello, anyone have any questions for Paul?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just hang on one second.

**MR. WEBB:** Oh, sorry.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Yes, it's Roland. It's with regards to your question on page 51. You have on impairment of equity investments 206 and you have a negative of \$8.8 million. Can you explain that please?

**MR. JANES:** Sure. So the \$8.8 million in terms of equity investments is a write-down of the value that the organization carried in its investment of Universal Helicopter. So, the investment was valued at \$8.8 million at the end of 2018 and due to the fact that that entity did go into receivership in 2020, we did write off the value that the trust was carrying in that investment during 2019, obviously, knowing what had happened at the time when we were preparing the Audited Financial Statement. So, that purely represents the write-off of the value that the Trust was carrying in its investment in Universal.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Are there any other questions before we move on? I don't see any other questions so go ahead, Trust members.

**MR. WEBB:**

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's Chris here. I'll kinda go into my presentation now but at a high level. All the details are in the Tabled 2019 Annual Report, and I just caution everyone that this is a 2019 Annual Report and, you know, I've listened to, you know, the Ministers Statements throughout the day and, you know, we are working on a lot of items that, you know, that they had made in their statements so, you know, but we're focused on the 2019 Annual Report right now. But first let me and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, send it's congratulations to President Lampe for his re-election as well, we would love to send our very best wishes to the Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett on her retirement. So we just wanted to make a couple of notes there as well. But I'm pleased, on behalf of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to present our Annual Report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. It's always good to get an opportunity to present to you because you're not always in the day-to-day business lines and it's good to provide that update. The report is mainly focused on our operation, but we also look forward to provide you with a sense of where NGC is headed. One of NGC's core values is transparency and this Annual Report and your opportunity to ask questions is part of that process. So, you know, it's-, we have nothing to hide and we want to make sure that, that opportunity is given to you. 2019 in review, you know, I'll talk about some things. I'll start with some themes that have emerged throughout, you know, some of Paul's discussion in the Financials and the business operations in 2019. And one is partnerships.

They are at top of our list because they continue to be a reliable and profitable way for us to do business and in such a competitive environment. We also are intensively focused on employment and the benefits for Nunatsiavut. Most of our companies are Inuit-led and we continue to recruit and employ beneficiaries. NGC will always be focused on Nunatsiavut and we also look for opportunities elsewhere and this year in particular, we're looking at opportunities on the Island and we're looking at collaborations across the Arctic. We're also determined to expand our Fisheries development within Nunatsiavut so that we find new opportunities for beneficiaries and for our communities. Within our shrimping industry right now we have a very aging population, so we wanna start getting young beneficiaries that are interested in going on the shrimp vessels, understanding that this year wasn't very good but at least bursts are gonna start coming up where an opportunity may arise. So, we need to get individuals trained up to take those positions. And obviously, I'll touch on the position of Universal Helicopters and how negatively it impacted our balance sheet in 2019. But as Paul alluded, we had a very good year other than the significant write-down of \$8.8 million. So, had we not had that unfortunate write-down we would have been in a-, the Financials would've looked much different. So, partnerships-, we're about using our position to leverage our skills and strength of our other companies. We have done this in a big way and more particular with the Vale Project. Our collaboration with companies in mine development, construction, fabrication and logistics are some examples and we hope to

announce more soon. We're working with a few companies now to create- , to take advantage of some of the-, a few large projects that are coming up. So, we're doing very good from that sense. It's not easy. It's-, they're challenging negotiations, but it's rewarding when we do win a contract. We partner with world renowned industry experts and leaders to deliver value to the people of Nunatsiavut. Our companies continue to work hard to recruit and employ beneficiaries. We have increased our skill sets and beneficiaries are making careers in NGC. They're not just jobs that last two weeks or a month or two months. They're actually able to get careers in a business line. And that's something that we're very proud of. Just within some of our 100 percent wholly-owned companies-, and when I say that I mean Nunatsiavut Marine Nunak Land Corp, NGC Solutions and construction, we've had in 2019 about 80 employees. And dishing out about-, almost close to \$2 million in wages. So, these are some of the stats that we collect so that we can see the direct result of hiring locally in our beneficiaries into our companies. The other part of the picture would be our partnerships such as Paul alluded to, TSI, Air Borealis, our Vale partnerships like Inuit Red Path, ACI Labrador, Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics, Timmiak, II, Tornmount II, KC and II McLean. And those companies, TSI alone is, you know, I'm talking 2020 now but they have close to 250 employees on site right now, so the mine site is going strong but we've had over 200-plus beneficiaries and paying out millions of wages in some of our partnerships as well, so, you know, it's-, with these partnerships we have board-level seats. We sit on the boards. We make

decisions and we push for employment and things like that. Just touching on the Arctic Collaboration as I mentioned in some of the highpoints earlier, Canada's Inuit Development Corporation seized opportunities to collaborate and do business across the Arctic. In 2018 we NGC became a founding member of the Inuit Development Corporations Association. We are currently lobbying the Federal Government agencies to give preference to our business leaders and our people to lead important Federal initiatives in defence, broadband and power generation. So the contract that we're looking at right now is the North Warning System contract and actually, just this past Friday, the ROI has been released, so it's going competitive. It's unfortunately not a sole source like we were hoping for but our Arctic Cooperation is-, we're partnered with the other Arc Dev Cor's across the arctic, and that's the Inuvialuit Development Corporation, Sakku Investments, Kitikmeot Corporation, Makkovik Corporation as well as Qikiqtaaluk Corporation. Another point that I wanted to make was our Fisheries Development. Royalty payments from our fish quotas have been an important source of revenue for NGC. But we want more than royalty cheques. We want to help further develop the Nunatsiavut Fishery. In 2019 we partnered with the Nunatsiavut Government as well as the Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative, to explore the starting of the Scallop Fishery and (inaudible). We proved that commercial fishery is viable and continue to look at other fish and other species as well and we're gonna be looking at seal in the future. But these are to provide-, further develop an opportunity to Nunatsiavut so we're in

the fishing industry. We are in the shrimp industry, the crab, as well as turbot. And we will work closely in the future with NG to develop that fishery and we wanna be part of that. And we have a lot to bring to the table. Universal Helicopters, obviously, a sad story. When we initially invested in this organization, it was expected to be a good revenue generator for us. However, you know, when we purchased it, unfortunately, the resource sector took a downward spiral. It's usually a cyclical process, however we haven't seen it bounce back. And unfortunately, we had to write down our investment in Universal and go into receivership. And the company seized this operation May 26 of 2020. Paul mentioned the big picture, revenue 37.1 million, expenses 41 for a loss of 3.9. However, if we didn't have the write-down for the Universal we would've been close to, you know, \$4 million to \$5 million from an income perspective, in the surplus. And that's something, you know, we can be proud of. It's just unfortunately, the Universal situation hit us quite hard last year. Nunatsiavut Construction from a high level. In the past four years, Nunatsiavut Construction has made the transition from general contracting to a specialized focus on small building construction as well as crushing. We're doing a significant amount of crushing the last number of years. This has allowed the company to become more efficient. As a result the company had fewer employees but continued to have in excess of 60 percent of beneficiaries employed with hit. NCI also completed a multi-year environmental clean-up of the former Postmill Lumber site. This was a capital-intensive undertaking and had an impact in NCI bottom line, but

we're all about, you know, the environmental aspect that NGC brings and we wanna do our part to remediate and remove debris and infrastructure that could have damaging effects. So, we've done that. And we know we can always do better in construction and we will strive to do that and move things forward in that industry. Nunatsiavut Marine. Last year was the first year of the Marine sub-contract with Labrador Marine, as us being the shore-based contractor. All freight and cargo was delivered before fall freeze-up. But we encountered a number of issues. But we worked with the contractor during the winter months and addressed a lot of those issues. This year is going a lot better. Last season was very challenging and everyone was impacted by it and, you know, I think the real, you know, issue from day one was the late arrival of the boat, and it having, you know, four weeks of catch-up, if not five weeks of catch-up to do. This year things are going much better, more smoothly. We are actually, loading the boat. Last year, LMI was loading the boat and things are going very smoothly-, knock on wood. We did infrastructure upgrades in Upper Lake Melville. We put in new pallet shelving floor to ceiling so it alleviates a lot of congestion in around the footed areas of the warehouse. Also, we purchased some additional equipment-, forklifts and the high-rise forklifts for some of our pallet shelving. Now we need to look at a way to improve the infrastructure in our communities in Nunatsiavut. Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics-, Paul mentioned this one as well and this is under Nunatsiavut Marine and it's a 51/49 partnership with Integrative Logistics. In 2019 we had 12 barge lifts in equipment and material for Vale. As well,



we also helped the company address its shortage of accommodations for workers and we were part of the group that brought the MV Blue Force to Vale for those accommodations. So, it is a company that is continuing to work in 2020. We've had six trips with the barge this year for various equipment and things for underground. And it's gonna be continue to do good work. And we've actually added a heavy lift component to Integrative Nunatsiavut Logistics and that's partnering with Manluit(ph) for the heavy lift of all the big pieces of equipment that is getting barged in. I mentioned Nuluak Fisheries early on and it's creating significant revenues for Nunatsiavut. This was rebranded. It was our fishing entity that we've always called FishCo but we gave it a name, so it's called Nuluak Fisheries. But despite the quota challenges, especially in shrimp, Nuluak is still bringing home significant royalties, you know, for NGC. And Mr. Minister Flowers mentioned earlier on, you know, we're continuing. We've also tried to lobby DFO with the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones, 'cause we've seen decreases in FFA 4 and 5, but, you know, we weren't able to get any either and glad the stance that the Nunatsiavut F: took especially given the *Land Claim Agreement* as well as, you know, the adjacency for those, you know-, and I applaud you on making those concessions to try to lobby Government. I know it was unfavourable and it's disappointing, but, you know, we'll continue to knock on their door.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Chris, if I might.

**MR. WEBB:** NGC Solutions. We operated the base camp with Air Borealis in 2019. It was a shortened season with our partner Air Borealis. And we were offered-, they were offered a five-year.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Chris?

[Audio pauses.]

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...with this, but can you spend the next four or five minutes giving us the high-level discussion and then I wanna open up to questions.

[Audio pauses.]

**MR. WEBB:** ...continuing to do that. Career opportunities at a high level. Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and our partnerships. We're here for the long haul and we want our beneficiaries to be working in our companies and we wanna be an Inuit-Led leader in the North and we're going to continue to create partnerships. We've introduced our scholarship programs. If anyone has any questions on those, they can be found on our website. And we also have a bunch of our other partnership companies have scholarships as well, but they can call our office and we can get anyone in contact. We awarded five scholarships this year, so we're pretty proud of that. And our strategy on a go-forward basis, we've come to the conclusion of our last 10-year strategy. So, we have proposals out right now, and we're continuing to develop a new five to ten-year business strategy. We currently, have call for proposals and we'll be assessing those in the new year with the anticipation of starting up in 2021. And, you know, we value our employees. A key part of our relationship is recognize continuous

service. We've introduced a service reward program and we will continue to do that. Recognition plays a big part in our organizational success and it helps with employee recruitment and retention. And just to finalize, just a Covid-, I guess impact of operations, to conclude. Obviously, this is in 2020 and this year in particular, but, you know, I just wanna conclude this presentation with some discussion on the impact of Covid-19 on our operations in 2020. Short story is that we have been impacted in ways similar to other organizations. The major impact on operations happened with our Vale partnerships. We've had skeleton crews on Air Borealis. TSI individuals stayed home and we all respected those decisions that were made by the Chief Medical Officers. Yeah, so again, like all our other organizations, our companies have had to find new ways of working in order to keep our employees and the public safe. Measures like physical distancing and enhanced cleaning will be with us for the long haul. There will be a financial impact because of Covid. It's just too early to say with any certainty what that will be, but we are in a very good financial position from a cash perspective to see us through a potential second wave. So, sorry my presentation seemed very rushed and I skipped over a lot of it. Next time I hope we can have it in person but *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Chris and I was thinking. As an option, if you think there's additional information that should come to the attention of the Assembly and if you're willing and able, and I think you're certainly invited to add additional information at a Trust presentation in January. We're already hosting presentations from two other Trusts and if you wanna spend-

again, it's totally up to you, but if you would find it-, think it beneficial to add a 15-minute presentation to go over the things that you didn't have opportunity today, I certainly would be open to that. But at this point, Chris, thanks for the information. I'm gonna open it up to our floor for questions and I think Roland received a question by email, so I'll let Roland go ahead with that.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just bear with us, Chris.

**MR. WEBB:** Yeah, go ahead.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Okay, Chris, I have two questions. The first question is going to be, who do you have in mind or do you have lined up or have you interviewed to replace Clint Davis?

**MR. WEBB:** I can't hear anyone.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Sorry. Can you hear me, Chris?

**MR. WEBB:** I can hear you now, but...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay, Roland is it okay if I repeat your question? Roland Saunders had a question and his question was, what is the succession plan, I guess, to replace Clint?

**[No audio]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Yes, correct. Great, thanks Chris. Also, I have an email question and this one comes from Marjorie Flowers and I'm just gonna read it verbatim as it was emailed to us. We're in a bit of a hybrid situation here, Chris, where

we have some Members present and some not, and we're taking questions via email. So, I'm just gonna read out Marjorie's email. Her email is as follows, "Regarding the helicopter company that was in receivership out west, that the Trust invested in, how could you approve a company that you knew was in financial distress? It is my understanding that this seriously affected Universal Helicopter's folding."

**MR. WEBB:**

**[No audio]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Sure, again, this is verbatim from the email I received. Again, from Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk from Hopedale. The question is, "Regarding the helicopter company that was in receivership out west, that the Trust invested in, how could you approve a company that you knew was in financial distress? It is my understanding that this seriously affected Universal Helicopter's folding."

**[No audio.]**

**MR. WEBB:**

...and Labrador where we had traditionally done our work. So, it was a Board decision to move out west as well as Southern United States and Western United States, and they even looked at some opportunities in Europe. So, that was a Board decision to look at opportunities to try to generate revenue and it never panned out as they'd seen it. You can't build a business plan on forest fires, and unfortunately, that's the idea that they were going on out west. And that is something that we will look at on a go-forward basis is the governance structure of the companies that we are investing in and that we own. Unfortunately, we only had two seats of six

seats on that particular Board. And that's the decision that was made at that time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you. I believe Gregory Flowers has a question for you, Chris.

**MR. WEBB:** I'm not sure if he's asking the question, but I can't hear anything.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Sorry about that. I'll walk over closer to the mic.

**MR. WEBB:** Okay, there, I can hear now.

**MR. FLOWERS:** My question is just regarding your construction company. As we look around the communities every summer, and especially this summer, it was very apparent again, I see a lot of equipment, a lot of trucks in your communities doing water and sewer projects or any other projects and we see Budgell's names on, you know, on the trucks or they're getting-, seems like they're getting the majority of the contracts. I'm just wondering, Chris, is there some way or is there something that our Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is not bidding on these contracts or is there some flaw, I guess, in-, I would like to see-, I guess my question is, I would like to see more work done by Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and yet we see Budgell's doing, you know, basically, the majority of the work.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you for the question, Minister Flowers and Mr. Speaker. If I may, likewise, Minister Flowers, we wanna be front and centre. We wanna post our signs that this was Nunatsiavut Construction built, Inuit built. You know, this year-, last couple of years have been very challenging with regards to the construction industry in general, and not just in Nunatsiavut. We try to bid on just about every piece of works that comes out in

Nunatsiavut and unfortunately, we haven't made the mark on a couple of occasions. A couple of bids we were-, we placed ourselves out of-, whether that was a mistake or if someone underbid, but, you know, we are going to strive to do better. We want to get work and we need to get the work. We've got 60 beneficiary employees working in construction and we wanna make sure that they have-, continue to build a career and do work in Nunatsiavut. So, we also recognize that, you know, there's a procurement act or policy with the Nunatsiavut Government right now that, you know, we challenge sometimes. But I think that needs to be looked at from a policy in the Nunatsiavut Government perspective. You know, our bids are only looked at from a Aboriginal Inuit component if we're within five percent of each other. So, you know, not always are the bids going to be assessed from an Indigenous Inuit perspective, you know, unless they're five percent within each other, right? So, that's something that we hope that we can, or the NG can look at as well. But, yeah, we wanna be doing work in the communities and we just had a Trust meeting this weekend and we need to do more to win this work. And what does that mean to win that work? We're gonna have to put our foot down and win it.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thanks, Chris. Are there any other questions? Question from Marlene?  
Just bear with us one second, Chris.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:**

Okay. I'll go to the phone?

**[No audio.]**

**MR. WEBB:** We do, do a significant amount of due diligence. In this particular case, we were partnering with the Capfund and that's the entrepreneurial fund that Paul Martin has set out and they did-, they have financial analysts and they've been at play and they even did their due diligence as well, and at the time, it was recognized that it would be a good business to invest in, to recognize potential positive revenue generation for years to come. However, what they didn't anticipate was the bottom falling out of the resource sector at the time. So, unfortunately, you know, they made that investment and-, but all indications, due diligences are done when we do invest, especially in a significant purchase like Universal.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Okay, thank you. And she has one supplemental. Can you hear me okay?

**MR. WEBB:** Loud and clear.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Okay. And then her supplemental question is, "Is anyone held accountable for making those decisions?"

**MR. WEBB:** We're always held accountable. You know, with regards to Universal Helicopters, I'm not exactly sure what was done. I was not part of that process or on the Board at that time, but rest assured, you know, if we do have non-performers, people are held accountable.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Chris. Are there any other questions? Chris, as much as it pains me, I'll canvas for questions on more time, then I'm gonna thank you for joining us. Again, my sincere apologies.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Assembly for allowing LICST and NGC to present them. Unfortunately, it's not in ideal circumstances,



but it's always good to be able to chat and I'm open to everyone-, if they ever have anything or-, I'd chat about anything, you know? It's unfortunate this year I haven't been to Nunatsiavut that much just because of Covid, but, you know, give me a call any time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Great. Thank you, Chris. Thank you, Garry. Thank you, Sarah, and I apologize if I missed someone else on the line but again, I would invite you, if you think it's required or necessary, Chris, to certainly, set aside a short period of time in January, should you wish to cover off any ground that may have gotten missed at this Assembly sitting, okay? And you just-, we just got caught in a very heavy schedule with a very limited amount of time. So, thank you for your-, thank you to you and everyone else for your participation.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the extension of doing that and maybe I can come and just present a little bit on 2020 in January, knowing full-well that our Financial Statements won't be done probably until June timeframe. But at least it gives people an opportunity ask some questions.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm sure there's many questions revolving around the (inaudible) that's evolving around us. All right, thank you, so much.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay. Thank you. Thank you, everybody. And with that, we'll move back into regular sitting. Back in the Assembly I recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today requesting the Assembly waive Standing Order 37.1 to consider adopting a schedule to the Standing Orders to allow the Assembly to proceed in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic and that these provisions be discussed with Mark Gillette as a witness in the Committee of the Whole, in conjunction with second reading of Bill 2020-03.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any "Nays", any objections to doing so? Seeing none, please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. My motion is as follows, the title of the motion, "Special Standing Orders for the Conduct of the Assembly during the Covid-19 Pandemic." Whereas Section 84 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides that the Assembly may by motion establish, amend or appeal Standing Orders and rules, or procedure of the Assembly, and whereas on October 15, 2020 the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures proposed that a supplemental set of Special Standing Orders be added to the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to provide conduct and proceedings of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of Covid-19 pandemic, and whereas the Report of the Standing Committee on the Special Standing Orders has been tabled as Document 06-4(8) and whereas the authority of the Assembly to adopt the proposed Special Standing Orders, is directly dependent on the passage of Bill 2020-03, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, now, therefore, I move,

seconded by Ms. Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, the Tabled document 06-4(8), Special Standing Orders for the Conduct of Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic be discussed in the Committee of the Whole at the same time as Bill 2020-03, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, with Mark Gillette, Director of Legal Services as a witness, and upon completion of second reading of Bill 2020-03, the question will then be put that the Special Standing Orders for the conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic as presented to be adopted as a schedule to the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, the Motion is in order. Mr. Edmunds, would you like to speak to your motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

No, not at this time, Mr. Speaker. Earlier the report was tabled. We've spoken to it. We've given notice. And I just hope that in the second reading of bills everything can go according to plan with the presentation from Mr. Gillette. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak to the motion, does the Ordinary Member for Postville wish to make his final comments and conclude debate:

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

I'd like to conclude debate, Mr. Speaker

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

That then, concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? The motion is carried and a review of the Document 06-4(8),

"Special Standing Orders" will be considered at the time of second reading of Bill 2020-03. With that we'll move onto Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day*, "The first reading of bills." And at this point, I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 2020-03, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The First Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 2020-03, today. Are there any "Nays"? Seeing none, First Minister please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tony Andersen, that Bill 2020-03, a bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be now introduced and read for the first time, *Nakummek, UKatti*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Would you like to introduce the Bill?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The bill itself in Tab five of everyone's binders. We've spoken to this already a little bit. Again, first reading of bill, we speak to the principal of the Bill. The reason we are bringing this amendment is to be able to give us the authorization to be able to move forward with amending-, hopefully amending and adopting a schedule to the Standing Orders to permit us to do the hybrid and virtual sittings that we've spoken about earlier today. Mr. Speaker, I don't think that there's really anything else that I wanted to add other than again, this amendment to the

*Assembly Act* is necessary if we want to proceed with hybrid and virtual sittings in the future. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Your motion is in order. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principal of the Bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the First Minister wish to conclude his debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, UKatti,* I'd like to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* First Minister. That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2020-03, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, 2020* on first reading? All those in favour? Any opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly, Bill 2020-03 has had first reading. And I'd like to-, at this point, I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, UKatti,* and thank you to the Assembly for endorsing the Bill upon its first reading. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with 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 2020-03, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* today. *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54.1(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2020-03. All those in favour? Any opposed? There are no opposed. Minister, you have unanimous consent, so the Bill can proceed to second reading under Item number 18, and with that we'll move onto Item 18 of the *Orders of the*

Day, "The second reading of bills." I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Honourable Speaker, I would like to make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42, to allow for consideration of Bill 2020-03, "A Bill for an Act to Amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*" in Committee of the Whole, therefore, I move, seconded by the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tony Andersen, that Bill 2020-03 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek,* Honourable Minister. Your motion is in order. To the Motion, all those in favour of the Motion? Any opposed? The Motion is carried. In accordance with the previously adopted Motion made earlier, at this time, the Committee of the Whole will also consider Tabled Document 06-49(8), the Special Standing Orders. I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds for the second reading of bills.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* I move, again, seconded by the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Tony Andersen, that the Bill 2020-03 be read for the second time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek,* Honourable Minister. The Motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page by page and clause by clause review of the Bill 2020-03. If Members have comments or questions on any page of the bill, you each have up to 10 minutes at any time. If you still have questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you will be given another opportunity to speak. And we'll now go onto the Bill.

And we're gonna pause just for one moment and recognize the glowing presence of Mary Sillett in our midst and thank you, Mary.

**[Applause]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** We'll just take a quick five-minute recess.

**[Recess]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** As we said before, we're now gonna go right through the Bill on a clause-by-clause basis. Looking at page two of the Bill, looking specifically at Clause Two. Clause two is labeled "Interpretation". Any questions? All in favour? Sorry, there is a question? Yes, we'll-, okay, we'll back up. First Clause, entitled, "A Short Title", any questions? All in favour? Passed. Clause two, "Interpretation"? All in favour? Passed. Clause three. Clause three is titled "Amendment concerning method of attendance". I'm all gonna presume everyone's a speed reader. Any questions? All agreed? Clause four is labeled, "Amendment concerning Standing Orders". Any questions arising from that clause? All agreed? Yes, it's part of the clause. That concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, UKatti.* I would like to conclude debate. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* that concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2020-03, all those in favour? Are there any opposed? And the motion therefore is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2020-03, "A Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act 2020*" has had second reading. In accordance with the motion adopted earlier today, the following question

is now in order, that the Special Standing Orders for the conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic as presented be adopted as a Schedule to the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. All those in favour? Any opposed? The Motion is carried. Thank you, First Minister. We're now...

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

At this point I'll entertain a motion to take us into Committee of the Whole to discuss with our special guests. That's Annike Flomen and Mark Gillette to discuss the proposed amendment to the Standing Orders. Is there a motion on the floor? First Minister Edmunds?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Mr. Speaker, as mentioned previously, I'll move that the Assembly enter into the Committee of the Whole to go through the Special Standing Orders with witnesses Mark Gillette and Annike Flomen. *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do I have a seconder for that motion? Seconded by Honourable Tony Andersen. All those in favour? Any opposed? And we're now in Committee of the Whole. Mark and Annike, can you hear us?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yes, we hear you. You're a little bit distance, (inaudible) so it breaks up a little bit.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay, I'm just gonna move, yeah. Is that any better, Mark? With a myriad of technical issues, I'd ask everybody in the Assembly Chamber to speak-, to announce very loudly and precisely to allow our guests to participate. We have both our participating from some distance. So, Mark, at this



point, I'm gonna hand it over to you to take us through the proposed changes to the Standing Orders.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Okay. I'll look for some direction from the Chair in order to be expedient, 'cause I'm aware that the various Assembly Members have reviewed the document previously, and we've-, and have discussed it clause-by-clause, so perhaps in the order and for sake of expediency, that's what I'll do, is just refer to each particular Standing Order and ask if there's any questions. And if there's not, then we can move on. Would that be fine?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

That's fine. Is there any-, again, since we're in Committee of the Whole, I'm gonna invite any questions. Does anybody have any issue with that? I presume that most people around this table are familiar with the documents that are being discussed. We did have a meeting about this last Monday I believe, and hopefully, we've provided sufficient opportunity for everyone to have a look at it. Is everyone okay with that? Okay, Mark, again, I think that's a good idea. And I'll allow you to proceed. Go ahead.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Okay. So, I'll just refer to the Section number and then the side note there, the section note on the side and I'll pause for a moment and if any Member has a question about that section, then we can answer that question. So, part one-, I'll call it part one is "Exceptional Circumstances". So, Special Standing Order One is titled, "Authority". All right, any questions about Section one? And perhaps, Mr. Speaker, or Mr. Chair if you wan to just indicate to me if there's no hands raised or anything like that, then we can move on.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Good point. There are no hands raised, so you may proceed.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay. Moving on, Special Standing Order Number Two is called, "Special Standing Order Supplement the Standing Orders". Are there any question with regards to Special Standing Order number two?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Seeing no hands.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order number three, is called "Resolving Conflict". Any questions on Special Standing Order number three?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Seeing no hands.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order number four is called, "Speakers Discretion". Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Four?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No hands.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order-, okay, we're in the Second Section now. I'll call it a Section. "Technological Access and Testing." Special Standing Order Five is called, "Administration to ensure Members have adequate technology." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Five?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Seeing none. No questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order Six is called, "Testing of Technology." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Six?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order Seven is called, "Use of Audio only as Last Resort". Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Seven?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions.

**MR. GILLETTE:** The next set of sections is called "Interpretation and Definitions." And Special Standing Order Eight is called, "Interpretation and Definitions". Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Eight?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Seeing none.

**MR. GILLETTE:** The next section is called, "Sitting Variation." Special Standing Order Nine is titled, "Regular Sittings Presumed." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Nine?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 10 is called, "Forms of Alternate Sittings." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order Ten?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions. No questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 11 is called, "Actions Required of Speaker in Making Decision on Sitting Variation." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 11?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 12 is called, "Circumstance Required for Hybrid Sittings." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 12?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none. There are none, Mark. There are no questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay. Special Standing Order 13 is called, "Circumstances Required for Virtual Sittings." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 13?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none. No questions there Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay. The next section or set of sections is called "Quorum and Attendance." Special Standing Order 14 is called, "Physical Attendance Presumed, Hybrid Sitting." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 14?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 15 is called, "Quorum for Hybrid Sitting." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 15?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 16 is called "Virtual Attendance at Hybrid Sitting." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 16?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none. There are none, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay. Thank you. Special Standing Order 17 is called, "Determination of Number of Members Physically Present in Chamber." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 17?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 18, is called, "Virtual Sitting." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 18?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 19 is called, "Quorum for Hybrid Sitting." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 19?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none. No questions, Mark.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Special Standing Order 20 is called, "Members Considered Present." Are there any questions on Special Standing Order 20?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** There are none. There are none. Mark, may I make a suggestion?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Yes.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Maybe you can just read through them and identify the Standing Order one by one. If there is a question, I will interrupt you. I think that will make the process go a little quicker, if that's okay?

**MR. GILLETTE:** You're breaking up a little bit there, Mr. Chair. Could you say that again, sorry?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Sure. I'm almost swallowing the mic but I was gonna say, maybe you could read out the Standing Orders one by one. If there are questions, I will interrupt you to bring the questions to your attention. So...

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay, that's fine.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...so I think that may make us flow a little faster, okay?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Just a fair warning, the line is breaking a little bit so, if I'm still talking, it's only because I haven't heard you. We'll proceed then through the next section called, "Physical and Technical Arrangements and Requirements." So, Special Standing Order 21, "Galleries may be closed to Public" says, "Despite Standing Order 79, The Speaker may order the galleries of the Assembly building to be closed to the public for any sitting in which these Special Standing Orders apply. Would the Chair like me to pause for questions or just continue?"

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No, no questions. Mark, proceed and if there are questions, I will interrupt you with the questions, if one is raised. Is that okay?

**MR. GILLETTE:** That's fine, that's fine. Special Standing Order 22 is titled, "Broadcasting" and says, "If the Speaker determines that a sitting of the Assembly will be held as a hybrid sitting or a virtual sitting, The Speaker shall make all efforts to ensure that the proceedings will be broadcast publicly. Special Standing Order 23, entitled, "Appropriate Dress", says, Members participating in proceedings of the Assembly including Committee of the Whole must be dressed in the same manner required under Standing Order 11(4).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just one second, Mark. We do have one question from the floor. Go ahead, Marlene. Just one second. Marlene's gonna come over to the-, and ask you a question here, Mark.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Sorry, Mark. I don't know if you can hear me. Can you?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Yes, I can hear you now, yes.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Okay. Sorry. I have a question from Charlotte Wolfrey. And she says-, "Well, what she's written is, she has a concern that The Speaker must be in the Chamber. It goes against what is in our current Standing Order 10, which gives us an okay to use another Assembly Member as Speaker." That's all she wrote.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Did you catch the question, Mark?

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Did you catch it?

**MR. GILLETTE:** Yes, I got the question, yes.

**MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:** Okay.]

**MR. GILLETTE:** It's not necessarily a question about this particular section, but nonetheless, I'll field the question anyway. These Standing Orders say that there's a presumption that the Chair or the Person that's presiding over the meeting is going to be in the Chamber and that's specifically for a hybrid sitting where there's gonna be so many people in the Chamber and so many people on-, being distant from the Chamber. I think you can probably see already today with the fact that you have some people even witnesses appearing by telephone, how much more chaotic the meeting might be if the person who was leading the meeting or, you know, administrating the meeting is a person on the phone, and not actually in the room? But nonetheless, what-, it doesn't contradict any of the other Standing Orders, 'cause what the other Standing Orders are speaking about is if the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker is not available for a meeting, who can preside over the meeting as a whole. All this extra Standing Order is saying is that when they're having a hybrid proceeding that the preference is that whoever is leading the meeting is going to be in the room and I suppose there could be any number of scenarios that might occur where perhaps maybe for-, I mean, the purpose of these type of rules is because there's a very serious health situation going on in the country and who knows who's gonna be able to get together in any particular place at any given point. So, it might be-, Heaven forbid that neither the Speaker nor the Deputy Speaker is available to Chair the meeting. Well, then there's provisions of the *Assembly Act* and the existing

Standing Orders to allow for someone else to be appointed to chair a meeting if that was necessary. But that's a long-winded answer to say that, that particular provision of the Special Standing Orders doesn't contradict another-, any of the other Standing Orders. All it says is that it's preferred that whoever is going to be chairing the meeting would be-, if there are people in the Chamber, that person would be in the Chamber as well-, whoever was leading the meeting.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And just to that point, Mark, there was a very brief circumstance where neither the Speaker nor the Deputy Speaker chaired the proceedings here for about a period of 20 seconds but that has happened in the past. And an Ordinary Member is able to be made Speaker or a Chairperson on a last-minute basis and that has happened in the past. Did you catch that?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

I'm assuming that the question is answered. Shall I proceed on, Mr. Chair?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Yes, please do. We are dealing with a very tight timeline.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Yes, so I'm gonna move on to Special Standing Order 24. Special Standing Order 24, called "Email availability" says, Members participating virtually must have email access readily available at all times for the purposes of receipt or transmittal of documents. Special Standing Order 25, called "Background and virtual set-up" says, "Members participating virtually or visible by video shall not display props, signs, slogans at any place in the frame of the video image of the Member. If necessary, the Clerk will provide guidance to Members including appropriate background displays, lighting and camera placement."



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay. Mark, it's Edward here and I'll speak to you as Chairperson. We have a very critical time juncture here where our Nain crowd have to be out of here in 10 minutes or they're not gonna make their flight. Obviously, this is not ideal, but I can say this knowing that we did have a consultation with our Assembly body on this matter. They were given ample time to reflect and this document has gone through our Legal Department as well as through two meetings of the RPC. Therefore, I'm gonna put it to the Assembly body, if they're comfortable going through to the end of this document just our President and our other Nain Members are required to leave very shortly and if the Bill is passed, then we would require his signature before he leaves us. Do you see an issue with that from your perspective?

**MR. GILLETTE:**

No, that's fine. I'll leave it to the Chair's discretion how he wishes to proceed through the rest of the document. That's fine.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

As I was saying, everybody, we have a very tight time restriction. We had to ask that the pilots give us some more time. They are reluctant to do so. Again, I can say this knowing as I suggested to Mark, that all Assembly Members have had an opportunity to respond to this document and it has gone through two versions of the Rules and Procedures Committee. I'm looking for a show of hands who is comfortable proceeding to the end of this document? All those in favour of proceeding to the end of the document? Are any opposed? With that, we'll proceed-, Mark, we're gonna short circuit you and again, I apologize. It's not that your input is

not valuable, but our time is of the essence, so I'm gonna short circuit yourself and Anik as well, okay?

**MR. GILLETTE:** And that's fine. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Great. Okay. Again, obviously, not ideal. Very difficult circumstances. So, thank you Mark and thank you Anik for your participation and hopefully we won't ever have to do this again. Thank you.

**MR. GILLETTE:** Okay, thank you. So, we'll leave the line now, thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you.

**MS. FLOMEN:** Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** In accordance with the motion, Johannes, we need you just for two more minutes, if you could, and then we'll release you from your obligations here. In accordance with the motion adopted earlier today, the following question is now in order that the Special Standing Order for the conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic we presented, be adopted as a schedule to the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. All those in favour? Any opposed? I'd like to thank the First Minister. We're now in Assembly and we'll move onto Item 19 of the *Orders of the Day*, and I'll allow Mary a couple of minute's time for Johannes to sign the documents as required. I'm going to continue proceedings as we go through the mechanics. Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to the Bill 2020-03, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, 2020* and wish to present it for assent.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, 2020*, and hereby sign it into law.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek,* Honourable President and with that we'll move on to Item 20 of the *Orders of the Day*. Item 20 is "Adjournment". I'll have a quick talk about that before we proceed to the formal adjournment. At the January 2020 sitting, a new First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds was chosen by the Assembly and there were subsequent ministerial changes. Ms. Carlene Palliser became the Minister of Education and Economic Development by Assembly consensus. Mr. Gregory Flowers was named as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Mr. Tony Andersen became the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology through subordinate legislation. As well, in December of 2019, Ms. Loretta Michelin resigned as the Director of Legal Services. These changes impacted upon the Membership of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures. Previously, the Membership of the RPC were myself, Ms. Carlene Palliser who at the time was also the Deputy Speaker, and Mr. Tyler Edmunds who was then the Minister of Finance, and Ms. Loretta Michelin. At present the RPC is down to three Members and the Member serving as Deputy Speaker has changed. Remaining are two Ministers and a Speaker. I spoke with the other Members and keeping in mind the guiding principals of the Standing Order for the composition of the Standing Committee of the Assembly as follows and with that, we wish to add-, make some changes to the-, add one person to the RPC. And that's

Mr. Roland Saunders. My preference is to add Roland Saunders and also Mr. Mark Gillette to the Rules and Procedures Committee. Excellent. And also, we also had to add someone onto our Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol. I spoke with Ms. Michelle Kinney and she also agreed to become-, add membership to that committee. So with that, I ask for everyone's approval to make those amendments to our committees. All those in favour? Any opposed? So, as of now, Roland, welcome to the Rules and Procedures Committee, as is Mark Gillette who also agreed previously, and Michelle Kinney will join our committee-, Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol. At this point, again, Mary, it won't be the same without you and I'm gonna miss your presence and guidance and you know you have served me and served others who came before me, exceptionally well. As I said before, you are a true servant to Labrador Inuit and I mean that with every ounce of sincerity that I can muster and we will miss you. I wish you nothing but the best and happiness in wherever your path takes you going forward. Thank you for your help. Thank you for being you. And thank you for your service.

**MS. SILLETT:**

Thank you.

**[Applause]**

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And with that, we're adjourned. I would invite the Members from Nain to get over to the airport as quickly as possible and God-willing we'll see everybody back here in January. Thank you, everybody. Thank you.

