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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

In Attendance:

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Roland Saunders

President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe

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

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

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

Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Roxanne Barbour

Minister of Language Cultural and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable David Dicker Jr

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen

Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. George Gear

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear

Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeffrey Montague

Director of Lands, Brent Denniston

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

Legal Counsel, Mr. Kevin Maher

Absent:

First Minister and Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honourable Melva Williams

Chairperson for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak

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- MR. WINTERS:** ...Assembly and ask Marjorie Flowers to say the opening prayer. When you're ready, Marjorie.
- MS. FLOWERS:** [Recites prayer]
- MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* We are on to Item Two. This is the, "Opening Address." I will now ask for the President's Opening Address, when you're ready, Mr. President.
- PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti.* [Speaks in Inuktitut]
- MR. WINTERS:** Mr. President, I apologize. I'm gonna have to ask you to stop. The translation isn't coming through. One moment, folks, we'll sort it out.

(Audio off)
- MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Apologies for the delay, folks. We had a tech issue. Mr. President, whenever you're ready, you can begin your address again.

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

Mr. Speaker, through a partnership agreement with Natural Forces, Nain Wind Microgrid Project is a proposed wind turbine battery system that will work with the existing diesel system in the community. We had hoped to have started construction this year but are now looking at the spring of 2025 with commissioning in the fall of 2026. We are currently...

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. President, I hate to interrupt. The interpreters are on the wrong channel.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

We are currently in negotiations with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on a power purchasing agreement and securing the remaining funding through Federal sources to see the project completed. We continue to work on replacing old residential woodstoves with new high-efficiency ones that burn longer and emit less. Under the initiative which started in 2021, our goal is to install 200 units throughout our five communities. All units are expected to be installed this fall. This past spring we launched the Nunatsiavut Energy Efficiency Retro-fit or NEER Program. This all-inclusive program is available to eligible homeowners and business. Applicants will receive an audit on their properties, receive recommendations for upgrades and be provided financial assistance from the Nunatsiavut Government which will also coordinate complete upgrades. To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you and all Assembly Members for your commitment and dedication as we continue to advance issues and concerns on behalf of beneficiaries and our communities. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience yesterday while we struggled to manage available airplanes today and weather concerns. Unfortunately, we had to make the decision to begin without representation from the communities of Makkovik and Postville. But the Members from those communities are en route and will be here shortly. The pages for this sitting are Jasmine Winters and Kendall Piercy.

Apologies, interpreters. I didn't realize you didn't have a copy of the script. You'll have one shortly. The interpreters this week are Alice Pilgrim and Eva Obed. And we are very thankful to have you here. Harry Dicker is the IT staff assisting the Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize OKâlaKatiget Society staff Silpa Suarak and Joshua Jararuse. If there are any questions around travel or logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. In the Gallery today we have Mr. Brent Denniston, Director of Lands. We will now move on to Item Four. But first we will take a 10-minute break. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Apologies for the delay. We're having some technical issues. We are now on to Item Four, "Ministers Statements." I see the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak, when you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning I'll update the Assembly on Community Programs. Mr. Speaker, Director of Community Programs has been partnering with other divisions on visiting communities with a...

MR. WINTERS:

Minister, I'll ask you to put in a headset so that you can keep track of the pace of our interpretation. *Nakummek.*

MR. ASIVAK:

On visiting other communities with a goal to improve storage. Trying to alleviate the storage issues by disposing of outdated or broken items, offering items to community organizations or individuals. So far we have been to Postville, Hopedale and Makkovik. Nain is planned for later this

month and Rigolet in October. Regional staff from all divisions were scheduled to be in Hopedale in September to assist in the development of the Community Health Plan. However, due to weather, that trip is postponed until the new year. Nutrition North Canada is hosting their in-person meetings with community health workers and team leaders from Nunatsiavut in September. This will be a combination of workshop and training. Community Health Worker in-person meeting is scheduled for the week of October 21st in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, Staffing. The Community Food Worker position in Nain is vacant again. The job ad is in the que. One of the vacant community health worker positions in Postville has been filled. We are pleased to welcome Vanessa Burden to this position starting the end of September. The Daycare Operator position in Postville is vacant. The Status of Women coordinator remains vacant. Interviews are being scheduled for the near future. The job ad for Community Health Care Worker position in Happy Valley, Goose Bay has closed. It is expected to be filled in the near future. Interviews are being scheduled for the Community Health Worker position in Hopedale. Interviews for the Status of Women Coordinator position took place on September 19th. Hopefully that position will be filled soon. We'd like to wish Blanche Wolfrey a wonderful and a well-deserved retirement from her childcare worker position in Rigolet. Thank you, very much for your service, Blanche. Mr. Speaker, under, "Food Security," Nigivik has been partnering with the Community Shed. They held workshops over the summer to build fish drying boxes. Community

Shed, Mr. Speaker, is a program. Currently, they are working on a seal harvesting program that includes cleaning, cooking of the seal as well as drying the hide on a frame which was made at the Community Shed. Some programs offered in Nain and Hopedale include meal bake programs, soup kitchens, food giveaways, programs for kids, adults and seniors. Community Food Worker position in Nain is vacant-, posted during the summer and received no applications. And it will be posted again. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, "Childcare." The two playgrounds in Nain and Hopedale are completed. They are beautiful. The children and staff are so happy. This has been a two-year process in working with property and consultants. In addition to this, we have been successful in acquiring some Inuit-specific resources from Nunavik for their childcare programs. Jenny Lyall has started discussions with Department of Education and Economic Development and the College of the North Atlantic to explore offering Early Childhood Education Level One courses in a virtual setting to all communities. The intent of this is to be able to reach out to existing staff and potential candidates for ECE Level One courses. The tentative timeframe for starting of that is June 2025. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Are there other Ministers Statements?

Recognizing Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Education and Economic Development, whenever you're ready.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, *UKatik*. Okay, so today I'll do the Education update. And tomorrow I'll do the Economic update. Okay. So under, "New Students," this fall, we had-, the fall semester has begun and we currently have 255

students enrolled in post secondary, and supported by NG Education.

Two hundred and two are fulltime and 53 are part-time. I want to

apologize to the interpreters first because I had just wrote this down. So

this spring, we reported in the spring semester that there was 117

fulltime and 48 part-time is a total of 165 students this spring. So

comparing to this fall, it's a increase of 90 students. There are still 12 late

applications being processed. So they will-, the numbers will increase as

they're being processed. There are three clients on the Self Employment

Benefits Program. Two clients just finished and one more is approved to

start. There are three clients on the Work Experience Program. Yeah,

yeah, that's right-, two of which are new graduates from carpentry and

electrical trades. We had four clients served under our Job Start Supports

program, and two clients served under our Mobility Assistance Program.

Under, "Work Experience Program," summer work experience. It's just

concluded and we had 60 positions total. Fifty-three Nunatisiavumi,

tallinmanik ULM. And maggonik in the Canadian Constituency. [Speaks

in Inuttitut] We're waiting for the reports back and can provide more

detail in the next Assembly report. "Career Fair 2024." It's scheduled for

October 1, 2, 3. There are currently approximately 40 beneficiaries

confirmed to attend including the high school students. In Makkovik,

approximately 25 presenters have confirmed to either have a booth, be a

presenter or both. We are excited to have this event start-up after being

dormant, being still for so long. And I just want to note, this spring, we

reported that there was no interest in the Career Fair. But now we have

40 confirmed attendees. And so I just want to acknowledge our staff working in Education who's been working so hard on this career fair to ensure that it goes ahead, and to ensure that our Inuit Youth have knowledge of choosing potential career paths for themselves. Yeah, and then with the hope of them returning back to Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek, UKatik.*

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Barbour. Is there another Minister Statement? I see Terry Vincent, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. When you're ready, Minister.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MS. PILGRIM: Terry.

MR. VINCENT: Terry.

MS. PILGRIM: Terry.

MR. VINCENT: Yeah, Terry.

MS. OBED: With a T? Just like, Jerry.

MR. VINCENT: I'm pleased to table my quarterly report to the Assembly as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MS. WINTERS: She never heard you. Gotta start over.

MR. VINCENT: Hm?

MS. WINTERS: She never heard you. You gotta start over.

MR. VINCENT: I'll provide a short update on several files in the department since my last report. "Renewable Resources." Since the last Assembly meeting,

Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours: "Fisheries." Mr. Speaker, the 2024 Commercial Fishing Season is still underway with several designates landing shrimp from both SFA-4 and 5. The NG cod allocation of 599.4 metric tonnes is now awarded to six beneficiary designates, and they are starting to arrange vessels to catch it. We are pleased with the DFO management measures for 2024, allowing Nunatsiavut to significantly increase its share of the cod allocation. Mr. Speaker, Makkovik processed most of our crab quota this summer and the turbot fishery went well also. One fisher was sent to LFSUC [sic] 1:05:30 plant in L'anse-au-Loup at the end of the season due to worker shortage in Makkovik. Fishers in Nain landed 56,000 pounds of arctic char and 8,700 pounds of scallop this season. "Wildlife." Mr. Speaker, the moose hunting season is now open from September 16th to March 21st, and as Minister, I have restricted harvest to North of Zoar and South of Michael's River. The Kaipokok Moose Management Area is showing extremely low abundance. We will be reviewing the season as it progresses, and I will make changes to the system should the Department see a need. Mr. Speaker, from July 7th to the 11th, the George River Caribou Herd Survey was completed. Our Wildlife Manager participated in the survey along with Quebec and NL representatives. Results of the survey will be released later this fall. Mr. Speaker, once again, Parks Canada are offering approximately 30 moose licences to the NG Ulapitsaiijet Committee this year. And the Department will send four staff members to Gros Morne to...

MR. WINTERS: Excuse me, Minister.

MR. VINCENT: ...hunt moose.

MR. WINTERS: I'm gonna ask you to pause briefly. As per Standing Order 29(3), I do need to ask permission for consensus of the Assembly for the Ministerial Statements to continue. Do I have consent? Any, "Nays?" Seeing none, apologies. You may continue.

MR. VINCENT: The meat will be distributed to the communities afterwards. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome Brian Flowers of Nain to the Department as the Community Conservation Officer in his community. Lands Division. Mr. Speaker, 59 land-use applications have submitted in 2024. Thirty-three applications are from DFO for minor shore lights, while the remainder are for cabins, mineral exploration, cruise ship visits and quarries. Mr. Speaker, since the last Assembly, James Williamson resigned his position as the G.I.S. Specialist in June-, Williamson. On behalf of the department I would like to thank James for his expertise and contributions to the Nunatsiavut Government, and to wish him good luck in his future endeavours. Sorry. We are currently in the recruitment process for a new G.I.S. specialist and hope to have this position filled in the near future. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, the Lands Division attended the Nunatsiavut Government Data Management Workshop in Goose Bay at the end of July and provided comments on the draft Data Governance Strategy. *Impact Benefits Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay Mine Expansion is nearing completion and VBME contracts have begun demobilization of their workforces. As a result, the IBA Coordinators

have been engaged in correspondence with Vale as a result of inquiries that have been received from our Nunatsiavut Beneficiary Workforce. The IBA Coordinators expect this fall to be busy and are working with Vale to ensure layoff protocols are adhered to and IBA commitments take precedence. The Torngat Mountains Co-Management Board met in person from July 27 to August 3rd in Kangidluasuk Base Camp. Discussions included various research happening in the park. Caribou Survey information and discussions on involving more youth in the park. The next meeting is scheduled for Kangiqsuallujjuaq in the first quarter of 2025. The Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve Co-Management Board in a Best Practice Mission in Gwaii Hanaas, BC from May 27th to June 1st. They had an opportunity to meet with the Haida Co-Management Board during this time. Similarities from both boards include land and water-based parks. There was also an opportunity to participate in various activities that might help guide experience here in Nunatsiavut. I'll finish off here for today and do the rest tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Are there any other Ministers with statements to provide at this time? Recognizing the Honourable David Dicker from the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism. Whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be going over Tourism updates and Language and Culture updates today. And I'll commence tomorrow with the other two. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have had some changes within the

Department since our last Assembly sitting. Our Interpreter Translator Trainee Simeone Merkuratsuk has left his position to pursue his education in Inuttitut.

MR. WINTERS:

Apologies, Minister. There's no Inuttitut feed coming through right now. We'll wait until it's begun.

MR. DICKER JR.:

He is attending the Kimattuvik Program for Professional Language Enhancement. We congratulate Simeone and wish him well in his studies. In late June, Corey Hutchings and Deirdre Elliot resigned from their positions as Archaeology Assistant and Heritage Program Coordinator with NG Archaeology. They have contributed greatly to Nunatsiavut Archaeology, successfully obtaining Federal Funding for Adaptive Archaeology and Climate Change, 3D Scanning Partnership Project at the Rooms and the purchase of Magic Lantern Slides. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share that we have filled the position of Operations Manager for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp File within the Division of Tourism. Stephanie Webb started with us last week. She is based out of Goose Bay and we are excited to have her as a part of our team. I would now like to highlight some key areas that we are working on, Mr. Speaker in Tourism. The Division of Tourism is continuing to work on many projects within our Tourism Strategy including the 2025 Visitor's Guide, Community Maps and other projects relating to Tourism Development. The Hebron Ambassador season ran from July until end of August. We had four staff working with us this summer and received a lot of positive feedback from people who visited Hebron. We would like

to thank the staff, Noah Nochasak, Hulda Fox, Boonie Merkuratsuk and Steven Gear for all of their hard work this summer. Our current contract for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station with Air Borealis and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies will soon expire. The RFP for another five-year operating contract is currently out, and we are on schedule to have a contract in place before the end of this year. Our Tourism Staff will be attending the Atlantic Indigenous Tourism Summit happening in PEI next month. We also have three tourism partners attending with us. We also had three artists attend the Sustainable Fibers Conference in Rocky Harbour earlier this month. This is a great opportunity for the artists to learn new techniques for their work. I will now highlight some key areas that we are working on, Mr. Speaker in Language and Culture. The Director of Culture, Brenda Jararuse, Deputy Minister Jenna Gilbride, Language Program Coordinator, Shirley Jararuse, and Language Nest Manager, Aimee Lane met with Inuttitut Director, Robert Watt of the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages the week of June 17th. This meeting was to discuss possible areas of collaboration and partnerships with the Commission of Indigenous Languages Office. The Inuagguait Language Nest Program has started as of September 9th. Two children from Nain, and two children from Hopedale have been selected for the program. The Master Apprentice Program will begin by the end of the month. This program pairs one Master and one Apprentice together for one-on-one in-person Inuttitut learning. As of now there is no Master for Hopedale and Postville. We

are reaching out to fluent speakers to fill these positions. There are also no apprentice applications received from Postville. Director of Culture, Brenda Jararuse, Language Program Coordinator Shirley Jararuse, Language Nest Manager Aimee Lane, and Indigenous Program Specialist with the Labrador School Board, Shannon Dicker traveled to Toronto on September 9th to meet with Inhabit Media and Partners to learn more about their Inuttitut resources and supports. This was a great meeting where staff are now planning on partnership moving forward. The Department plans on producing Inuttitut books and videos, the creation of some Inuttitut games and cultural toys. We have a date selected for our next Language Summit. On May 6th to 8th 2025, the Department of LCT will host the Language Summit in Nain. Here we will develop goals for the 2027 to 2032 Language Strategy. Please mark this date on your calendars as we will soon be sending invitations out to certain departments. Our Department is currently working with Pirurvik in Iqaluit in development of a proposal to begin planning and delivery of Inuttitut Teacher Training Program and adaptation of teaching and learning resources. We are hoping this contract will begin by the end of this fall of 2024. Pirurvik will develop the program, train staff and help to implement Immersion Programming as a part of this contract. Our department is also currently supporting students attending in-person Inuttitut Immersion classes in Pirurvik by funding two apartments for Nunatsiavut students. Staff are traveling to Inuvik from October 1 to 4 to attend an Inuttitut Terminology gathering held by ITK. This meeting is for

organizations who plan and host terminology workshops within each region. Here we will share and learn about best practices when delivering effective terminology workshops. Director of Culture, Brenda Jararuse, Deputy Minister Jenna Gilbride, Language Program Coordinator Shirley Jararuse and Interpreter Translator Coordinator Peggy Andersen will be attending from Nunatsiavut. Language, Culture and Tourism Departmental staff Inuttitut classes have begun with Inotsiavik Center. These classes will occur twice a week for half an hour at a time, totaling one hour per week. Inotsiavik staff will use the resources Tusâlanga that our team has already developed, as well as their own resources to deliver this course. Staff are continuing to take the lead from the Language Strategy. Year Three activities are now occurring. These include the IlinniaKatigennik Program, Tupik Program, Elders Socials, Language Resources, Sewing programs, et cetera. And that's it for me today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Do we have any further Ministers Statements at this time? Recognizing the Honourable Tom Evans of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technologies.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a brief statement for today and I'll have another statement for tomorrow. Okay, Mr. Speaker, in August, the Assistant Comptroller, Lena Blake and two representatives from Sun Life, Hugh Shea and Krista Mennie...

MR. WINTERS:

Sorry, Minister Evans, I'm just waiting for the interpreters to get started.

MR. EVANS:

I'll continue. Okay. Over 120 people participated in the group sessions with some individuals also having face-to-face personal sessions with Sun Life representatives. Others have since set up virtual meetings with them. These sessions presented the information on the Nunatsiavut Government's Group Insurance Plan, the Employee Assistance Plan, the Defined Contribution Pension Plan and also discussed retirement planning. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government will participate in a career fair hosted by Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic this month in St. John's. And my staff will also be participating in the Education Division's Career Fair in early October. There have been two requests for proposals released this month by my department. First, the Government is looking for a consultant to complete a comprehensive organizational review of each department, analyzing the structure and performance of the department and review and evaluate the staffing levels, and workload distribution as well. Secondly, the Government is looking to enhance the promotion of Nunatsiavut region and the Nunatsiavut Government for the purposes of increasing tourism and successful recruitment activities. Mr. Speaker, the successful company will capture quality photographs and videography and compile a video to demonstrate life and work in Nunatsiavut. Information Technology. There has been a lot of progress on the Labrador North Wireless Project this summer. Tower reinforcements were completed at three sites, Mulligan, Moliak and Nain to ensure the tower is strengthened. New equipment has been installed at the sites in Happy Valley-Goose Bay,

Mulligan, Double Mer and Moliak. There's still work in progress at the Zoar and Monkey Hill sites. At the previous sitting, the Inuit Community Governments informed the Nunatsiavut Government of concerns with the negotiation of the land leases in Nain, Makkovik and Postville. I am pleased to inform the Assembly that significant progress has been made in this area. MOU's or Memorandum of Understandings between these three Inuit Community Governments and Bell Canada, have been executed, outlining a plan for the negotiations. This allowed geotechnical work to be completed on the three identified sites. Work will be scaling back or winding down now on the remote sites as the winter approaches and it will resume again in the spring of 2025. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Are there any further Ministers Statements at this time? Recognizing the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Department of Health and Social Development. Whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be briefly reading part of the First Minister's statement this morning in her absence. "Membership and Enrollment." Mr. Speaker, Know History continues to make progress with an Inuit database. The second phase of the database is now underway. At the end of September Know History will conduct 2024 Family Line workshops in Nain. There will also be training for the database. Know History will continue to work with the Nain and North of Nain Membership Committee to build historic family lines in a user-friendly searchable database. The goal of this work is to preserve the Membership

Committee's knowledge for future generations. Archival documents and relevant quotes from knowledge holders will be included in the database and linked directly to relevant family lines. The final deliverables will be an online database of the family lines and a physical copy of key family lines. This second phase work includes reviewed and interim data from hundreds of file scans, adding Inuit and Kablunângajuk ancestors, and adding Inuit and Kablunângajuk family lines to the database. This is supported by interview transcripts for authorized knowledge holders. The work also includes adding hundreds of additional individuals and pieces of media. So far, the Inuit Ancestry Database is now populated with 2734 interconnected individual profiles including 2556 pieces of media. Mr. Speaker, Gail Flowers is the new Chair of the Makkovik, Postville Membership Committee. NG would like to thank Gail and all members of the Membership Committees and appeal boards for their work and dedication. As of September 19th, 2024 there is a total of 6,913 beneficiaries on the registrar. And lastly, Mr. Speaker, for today I'll update on the 2024 Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program. Mr. Speaker, the 2024 Home Repair Program is proceeding. Collier's Project Leaders has conducted visits to Rigolet, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain to validate the scopes of work for all approved applicants. This program will be concluded in 2025. Priority will be given to emergency applications from 2023. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Are there further Ministers statements at this time? Seeing none, we will now break for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Atlantic Time. *Nakummek*. Members please remain in your seats.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

So for any Members that have a Members Statement, I would like you to make sure that it's printed and that a copy is given to the interpretation room and I would also like to ask all Members to not stop mid-sentence, like, identify-, if you can identify on your statement where your pauses will be, that will really help the interpreters. Beyond that, for later this afternoon when we go into Oral Questions, I also expect the questions printed. So if you need to think about them between now and the end of lunch, think about them, but they need to be written and provided to the interpretation room. That's why we're taking an extra long lunch. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Welcome back, everyone. Before the break, I asked that everyone provide a written Members Statement and questions simply for ease of translation for our interpreters. This is not meant to infringe upon the rights of individual Members of the Assembly. It's simply to ensure that our Inuttitut speaking public have access to these proceedings. For the next Item, "Members Statements," you will give your statement at the pace that you need to give it to fall within five minutes. You do not have to wait for the interpreter. The interpretation will happen at the same

time that you're speaking, although it may end at a different time. The interpreter will complete translation of your statement at her pace.

Before we move on to Item Five, does anyone have any questions of the explanation I've just given? Recognizing Ordinary Member Tom Evans of Makkovik, when you're ready, sir.

MR. EVANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, it's not a question. It's just a comment. I'm sorry. I apologize. I should've approached you earlier when we were on break. But I would like all the Assembly Members to, if you wish to ask a question and you don't have it written, I'm sure all the Ministers here would be accommodating to maybe outside of the Assembly you could ask the question. I'm sure that work would be done on that, you know?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We also have Oral Questions tomorrow, should you wish to hold onto your question until the Second Day. Are there any questions around the Table? Seeing none, we will now move on to Members Statements. Are there any Members Statements? Recognizing AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of the community of Nain.

MR. J. DICKER:

Okay. *Nakummek*, *UKâlattik*. The following is a brief update on what's been happening since our last session. Trout Lake Project. This is near completion. We are confident that this will be completed by mid-October of this year. Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is doing that project. The Chlorination Separation Project. This project was awarded to Budgell's Equipment and Rentals. They are waiting on arrival of equipment and they are looking at this fall to complete. On the sewer repairs, this was awarded to Budgell's also and it's into its fourth week.

There was a little bump in the process when Budgell's dug up three canons. But with consultation with the NG archaeologist, the project is proceeding well. And this project is expected to be finished this fall. Mr. Speaker, the Budgell's Equipment Quarry Permit. They had two blasts. The first was small and the second was much bigger. But they went like clockwork. They have a small crew cleaning and sorting out the stone, but no more blasts will be happening. So that one's-, they are going through the process of getting ready for crunching and sorting the stone. The boat launch project. This was awarded to Budgell's Equipment also. And we expect them to be completed this fall. It is a much-needed slipway which Nain fishers and hunters will make use of. There is lots happening but NICG cannot report on them yet because they are not ready or in the process of going ahead, like, the signings of contracts and that. That's all I have from the NICG for now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Recognizing Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for the community of Nain.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, UKâlattik. Okay. Since the last Sitting, things have been steady in the Nain Constituency Office. Nainimiut continue to come into my office for different supports, either with navigating NG programs and services or dealing with banking, filling applications, making phone calls to different organizations like CRA, Income Support or Legal Aid or other services that are only available outside our communities. Some weeks is quiet and others it is member after member coming into my office. Either way, I'm always honoured to be able to support Nainimiut this way

and encourage those who are listening and of course all Nainimiut to reach out if you need any types of support. My colleagues and I, we didn't have the opportunity to host a Constituency meeting this summer, but I am aiming to having one mid-October given-, like, if our schedules allow. Since I've been in office I've been trying to have Constituency Meetings between Sittings to keep beneficiaries updated and to keep my mind fresh on important topics while coming into the Assembly. There was a Community Information Session led by the Lands and Natural Resources Department held earlier this month with regards to the mining company Torngat Metals and the Strange Lake Rare Earth Mine and proposed road through the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, or LISA. I'd like to take the time to thank Minister Vincent and Deputy Minister Goudie for responding to my requests for a community information session and coming to Nain. I have concerns with this company, mostly because they advise that they will keep the two options open through LISA, but removed what they called their preferred option through Labrador Inuit Lands to Edward's Cove in Anaktalak Bay away from Ikadlivik Brook and now they're only going through LISA or proposing to only go through LISA to Voisey's Bay near Conrad Brook and Kukaluk. Anyway, during this information session there is still strong opposition to a road through Labrador. I have identified to the Torngat Metals that this proposed road, although in an Environmental Assessment with the Federal and Provincial Government is 100 percent risk to our lands, animals, birds, fish, plants, sea, sea ice and way of life, with no real and

feasible economic benefits to Labrador Inuit. Although I have my concerns with the company, I know the Environment Division will work diligently and passionately on behalf of the NG and Labrador Inuit and have full faith and confidence in the staff there. As I mentioned earlier this year, I work closely with the NICG to apply to the Settlement Trust for the NICG Wooding Initiative. We are hopeful to working together again to put together a second-year application to the Settlement Trust for Year Two of the NICG Wooding Program, and what that would look like. I'd like to wish Happy 50th Anniversary greetings to Paul and Eva Nochasak and Dorman and Sue Webb who celebrate their 50th Anniversaries since our last sitting. Lastly, congratulations to the Nain Huskies for placing second overall in sports meet. And of course all Inuit youth for participating in friendly competition in the 2024 fall sports meet held in Makkovik this past weekend. *Nakummek, UKâlattik.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. We will now hear a statement from AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, UKâlattik. I wish to welcome all Nunatsiavut elected officials and staff back for our Fall Session. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I know for some it was an extremely busy one. However, we are here and ready to take on all challenges that come with this type of work. I also welcome back all ACMS students and teachers for another school year. This year nine teachers left their positions at ACMS. Only four teachers were hired, to date, to replace those teachers. Mr. Speaker, this puts a huge strain on our school, its teachers and our

students, which could result in more teachers leaving. Ms. Eileen Flowers has left her position as Principal of ACMS and gone back to teaching Grade 6. We thank Ms. Flowers for her dedicated service as Principal and wish her all the best in her teaching career. Ms. Nicole McLean is filling in as Acting Principal until the position is filled. The Four to Six Fall Sports Meet was held in Makkovik this past weekend. Sports meets are one of the highlights of the school year. We were cheering ACMS on. However, all the athletes are winners for just trying their best in all the sports activities. Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of our team Nanuit. They are a young team, but a mighty team. Nanuit won first place in Boys and Girls Table Tennis, second in Girls Volleyball, third in Boys Running, first in Girls and Boys Recurve Archery and second in Girls' Northern Games, third in Boys Northern Games. Also an athlete from ACMS Isaac Aggek was the most sportsmanlike award. In words of Ms. Nicole McLean, "A great season, Nanuit." HICG thanks Makkovik residents for their wonderful hospitality for this memory-making event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. The next Members statement will be from the AngajukKâk for the community of Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen, when you're ready.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the page, one of the pages for swapping out-, for a change out of my chair for me. I don't feel like I'm sitting on the floor anymore. Oh, sorry. My colleague there, Roland Saunders says he's the one who did it for me. Thank you. On a more serious note, Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pass along my sincere condolences to Gus Keefe and to the family of the late Mary Ola

Andersen-Keefe who passed away in August after a brief battle with cancer. She left Makkovik to go to work at the Cartwright Crab Plant this past June, not knowing she was ill, and did not come home. She had a very aggressive form of cancer. Mary Ola served as a church elder in Makkovik for most of her adult life. Her faith got her through the days since June. She enjoyed it on the land with her family and friends gathering firewood, fishing trips to South Brook, and to Postville in the spring on her snowmobile. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there further Members statements around the Table? Recognizing Jeff Montague, Chairperson of the Inuit Community Corporation of Sivunivut. *Nakummek.*

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've had a relatively quiet summer. And I say this in a positive note, that the concerns I brought to the Assembly one year ago regarding safety in our community is less of a concern at this time. In June we asked our members for expressions of interest in harvesting our salmon for our Community Freezer. Harvey Blake was the successful bidder and he was able to harvest all of our salmon in a very short order. Throughout the summer I visited and chatted with some of our elders who tell me that they're very grateful of the offerings from the Community Freezer and our ongoing initiatives such as the weekly exercise classes and the bi-weekly bingos that are sponsored by the Labrador Regional Wellness Coalition. On the 10th of September, I joined staff from the Department of Health and Social Development in their activities on National Suicide Prevention Day. I

spoke to the group and explained this year's theme, "Changing the Narrative." Walked as a group holding signs, then returned for refreshments and some door prizes. Our auditor, Deloitte, had been finalizing the draft Financial Statement that would be presented at our Annual General Meeting on October 3rd along with our Budget to be approved by our Membership and Board of Directors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. We will now hear from the AngajukKâk for the Community of Postville, Ms. Diane Gear, whenever you're ready.

MS. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to say a big thank you to the Recreation Committee for once again hosting, "Fun in the Sun," festival. It was a successful week, except for a few activities that had to be moved indoors due to weather, but overall it was a fun-filled week. Mr. Speaker, thank you also to DHSD for the carnival that they held a few weeks ago. It was another successful evening with lots of fun for everyone. Thanks to the DHSD ladies that go above and beyond for our community. Mr. Speaker, we had some issues with the portable water dispensing unit, but after some maintenance work by our Super of Works, it is up and running again. Mr. Speaker, we are once again experiencing problems with the overgrowth of willows. Some work has been done to the roadside ditching, however, it's a very slow process. We have a mulcher, but due to its size, it's not safe to use within community limits for fear of damage to residents' property or to the residents. In the meantime, we are

hoping to get a contract awarded for roadside ditching and storm water upgrades later this fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'm just checking to ensure that the interpreters have access to this statement? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders. When you're ready, sir.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I had the pleasure of visiting our members living on the South Coast in the Long-term Facility in Mary's Harbour, Harbourview Manor. And I delivered the fish and many other items that I got from NG. Thank you, Minister Vincent. It was much appreciated by the members and they enjoyed the meals and that donation will give them for quite a while, actually. And they also have their concerns and they bring them up to me every year I go down there. And it's the same concerns. Missing their hometown is the biggest one, missing family, not many visitors. They would love to have a trip home to their home community even if it is for an overnight stay or anything that would help. Visitors are few, so anyone that's traveling south, if you happen to go towards Mary's Harbour, just drop in. It's only a quarter of a mile off the highway-, and go for a quick visit. They'd really appreciate it. Then I also went to other communities in the South Coast and they have the same concerns this year, as they did last year, and the same problems with of course membership being first and foremost on their agenda. And then their other concern is they think that the South Coast is being under review more than other parts of Canada. But I told them that's not true.

It's Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency as a whole. And then they also asked, "Why is the application form so long?" When they signed up it was one long page. Now it's 16. But a good thing about it is that for the most part, they're quite happy with the benefits that they do get from Nunatsiavut and especially with the Non-Insured Health Benefits. And there's-, one concern is they have to pay anywhere from 20 to 30 percent. They want to know if they can get the same 100 percent coverage as other communities have. Then another concern they had was, is there any assistance for housing repairs outside the Land Claims Area? And I explicitly told them, "No, it's basically the Land Claims." And that's about all that I have to concern because these are the questions that have been coming up for the last three or four years. And I give them the same answer because that's the same answer I get from everyone else. But most parts, for the members, they-, most of them agree that the benefits we have are much better than what other organizations supply. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We'll next hear from the Ordinary Member for the community of Nain, Mr. David Dicker. Whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In recent months I have assisted 36 Nunatsiavut beneficiaries of Nain to complete the following: 2024 Emergency Housing Repair applications, completed Income Tax with constituents and the Canada Revenue Agency Voluntary Income Tax program, assisted with their Income Tax Returns and securing their 2023 Notice of

Assessments for their Housing Repair applications. With the Nunatsiavut Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program 2024 residential applications, ensuring they obtained all necessary documents. I've been working with the Bank of Montreal to help numerous constituents obtain new bank cards, reset PINS and verifying their identity. As a result, I now have a reliable contact at the Bank of Montreal in Happy Valley, Goose Bay to help with completing these tasks. If you would like their contact information, let me know. Working in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Development, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, I have supported several constituents in settling outstanding balances or disconnection notices in their hydro bills. These were eligible for a one-time payment from the Department of Health and Social Development. The Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, Affordable Rental Housing applications, and provided the required documentation. I worked with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Education to obtain high school transcripts for constituency for secondary education, coordinated with the Newfoundland and Labrador School Board, during the first three days of school at Jens Haven Memorial in Nain. Our aim was to start the 2024-2025 school year with a series of engaging activities, performances and games, rather than regular classes. These events took place from September 4th, 5th and 6th of 2024 with the support of various departments within the Nunatsiavut Government. Securing employment by collaborating with the Inuit and Benefit Agreement Coordinator to

help regain their positions at Vale Mine Site in Voisey's Bay. The Nain Recreation Department hosted the 14th Annual Community Youth Network and Mr. Obed Volleyball Tournament at the Jeremias Sillitt Community Centre in Nain from August 23 to 25th. The tournament featured six men's teams and six women's teams making a weekend full of fun and competitive spirit. Securing documents for income support by updating constituency's files with income support, children, seniors and social development in St. John's. Constituents had new snowmobiles come on the Kamutik W., but they arrived without their snowmobile keys. Therefore, I worked with the Labrador Marine and Notre Dame agencies in completing and submitting claiming forms so they can get them new snowmobile keys. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say, I truly enjoy representing my constituents for the betterment of their livelihood and I'm always here to help in any way I can. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Our next Members Statement will come from Patricia Kemuksigak, the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. When you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, I'd like to give an update on Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer. From September 2023 to September 2024, the Lands and Natural Resources Department gave us 56 cases of char or equivalent to 2240 pounds, to which we are very grateful. The char is very much appreciated by our elders. We ran out of char on September 10th and we received 50 new boxes of char on September 20th. We received our 200 salmon from our contract on July

8th. We will be asking for an additional increase as many of our elders who can no longer fish only received one or two salmon this year, as our numbers are increasing. We received a not-for-profit moose licence again for Gros Morne. The Lands and Natural Resources Department will hunt for us when they hunt for Nunatsiavut. I am wondering if there is a chance that the allocation we receive can be increased this year-, 4.5 percent of the allocation from the Nunatsiavut Government does not get us very far because we have over 460 elders in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake, 60 and over. Even a small increase would be a help-, even seven percent. We are very thankful for the traditional food items we've received from the Lands and Natural Resources Department. Char, salmon allocation and harvesting our moose. It helps us a great deal.

Mr. Speaker, we had our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 17th with 40 people in attendance. It was very well received and many people expressed a need to have additional funds to run the corporation, as everything has gone up in price over the past several years. There was a recommendation to have a petition developed regarding our budget and to get people to sign. I will be working on that when I return. Our audit was completed on September 16th and presented at their AGM on September 17th. They started the audit in March, so it was a very long process. We spent \$218,822 in 2023 to operate the corporation-, rent, salaries, internet, phone, audits, bookkeeping, Community Freezer food, et cetera. And we get 101,005.

Budget: The 2025 Budget was approved by the AGM as well. We

submitted a budget to the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Honourable Tom Evans for \$201,660 which we believe is the true cost to operate the corporation. This amount is nearly double what we received in previous years. However, the costs are necessary. New Horizons for Seniors. We had two barbecues over the summer, one with Assisted Living and one in Mud Lake. We're planning to have one at Headland Apartment and another one for the community. The Mud Lake barbecue was cost-shared between the Ordinary Members Andersen and Asivak. We held social gatherings with Headland and Assisted Living over the summer. Part of the committee to plan the Truth and Reconciliation Day in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, Bookkeeping: We have gone with a new accounting firm and it is working out extremely well. And they're gonna be training me in the coming months to take over bookkeeping. Human Resources: Our staff member has been off work since February 2024. Belinda Andersen, our casual call-in...

MR. WINTERS:

Excuse me, Chairperson. That's your five minutes.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Oh, okay.

MR. WINTERS:

You do get a second statement. *Nakummek*. For clarification, Members Statements are limited to two five-minute statements per day. The interpretation is not limited to five-minute statements. That's why we're having long breaks between the Inuttitut and whenever the next statement begins.

Nakummek. Recognizing the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak. When you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to the following families of Happy Valley, Goose Bay on the passing of their loved ones: Mr. Christopher Best, Mr. Robert Saunders, Ms. Claris Barron, Ms. Tina Cooney, Ms. Michelle Parsons, Ms. Sabina Hunter, Mr. Andrew Williams, Ms. Shirley Hefler and Mr. Jerry Igloliorte. Congrats to Mary and Wayne LeBlanc who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 9th. Happy belated 90th birthday to Ms. Katie Winters of Happy Valley, Goose Bay on September 16th. Ordinary Member Andersen and I partnered with Chairperson Kemuksigak of NunaKatiget for a Community Social in Mud Lake on August 28th. We had some good discussions, a barbecue and bingo. Residents appreciated the day. Mr. Speaker, in June, I attended Labrador Correctional Centre for National Indigenous Peoples Day. It was a great day of celebrating Indigenous cultures and music and food. I also attended National Indigenous Peoples Day at the College of the North Atlantic with a large turnout. I provide attendees with a Moose Hide Campaign pen. Congrats to Melville Mantas swimmers, Chloe Mitchell and Aidan Wheeler who participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games in August in Bay Roberts. Our beneficiary swimmers did very well with personal best and making it to the finals a few times. Congrats to Ethan Winters formerly of Happy Valley, Goose Bay who will be attending the Atlantic Canadian Under 15, Triple-A Baseball Championships in September in Nova Scotia. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, congrats to Jeremy Winters

formerly of Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Eric Webb who also participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games in golf. Both did well in their competition. Ethan Winters also participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games in baseball. His team made it to the bronze medal game, but unfortunately came up short. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there other First Statements around the Table at this time? Seeing none, are there second statements around the Table or continuations if you were cut off? Second statements, anyone? Yes, recognizing Barry Andersen, the AngajukKâk for the Community of Makkovik.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to say that myself and my spouse, Canadian Ranger Sergeant Kimberly Andersen, and two other Canadian Rangers from 5th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, Labrador, had the privilege of taking part in the repatriation of the Unknown Soldier back to Newfoundland and Labrador on 1 July 2024.

[Applause]

This was a very moving ceremony, as the Unknown Soldier may be one of our own from Northern Labrador. There were many Inuk soldiers that served in World War I, that died and never returned home. By chance, by position on the stairway leading up to the tomb, was President Lampe, to my-, right behind me there. And just below me was my wife Kimberly. Again, Members, it was an honour and a privilege to have been there

representing 5th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group and Northern Labrador, Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other Second Members Statements around the Table? Seeing none, we will move on to Item Six, "Returns to Oral Questions." In your binder, you will find the Returns to Oral Questions. All of these responses to Oral Questions will be entered into the June Hansard. Under Standing Order 32(12), "Ministers or the President may read a Return to Oral Questions." The President and Ministers will not be reading them today, but they are in your binders. At this time we will take a break. The snack is here and in the Courtroom. We will be back at 10 after the hour.

Nakummek.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Welcome back. We are now on to Item Six, "Return to Written Questions." Under Standing Order 34(4), "Ministers and the President may read a Return to Oral Question." In your binder, you will find the Returns to Oral Questions. Apologies. You will find the Return to Written Questions, and they will be added into the Hansard for June. We are now on to Item Seven, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions around the Table? Recognizing Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

This question is to the Honourable Melva Williams, First Minister. I know she's not here, but I still would like to have it on record if that's possible.

MR. WINTERS: I will ask any questions directed to absent Ministers to be submitted as a written question...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Okay.

MR. WINTERS: ...so that they can be...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I can do that.

MR. WINTERS: ...received and responded to in full.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Okay.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.*

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I can do that. Okay. So I got another one. This one is for the Honourable Tom Evans, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Will Nunatsiavut Government be looking into going to tender for auditors in the near future? The present auditor is sometimes can be very slow, and it is very expensive. I don't know if this-, if it's every so many years you go with tender or I'm not sure. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Evans, would you like to respond?

MR. EVANS: Yes, thank you, for the question there, Chairperson. Yes, I think the terms is, like, five years. And I think with the five-year term being up, it will be going out to RFP again as well. And we had quite a bit of dialogue with the-, not only the Community Corporations but the ICG's as well. And then it's good that you raised that question. So once the five-year term would be up, the RFP will go to tender again for the auditors.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. I apologize. I was having a hard time hearing you. So if you can speak up next time? Thank you. Does the Chairperson have a follow-up question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to know when is the five-year term up? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Evans, when you're ready.

MR. EVANS: Okay, yes, to-, for the sake of accuracy, I'll take it under notice and get the exact date for you. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: The Minister has taken this question as notice. Does the Chairperson have a follow-up supplementary question?

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

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Next oral question? Recognizing Chairperson Jeff Montague from the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. When you're ready, sir.

MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Just this past Thursday, on September 19th, I was advised that there were no moose licences allocated to the Community Freezers this year. Wild game such as moose are important foods in the diets of our Members. Would you please provide an explanation as to why there hasn't been any allocations this year? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Minister, whenever you're ready.

MR. VINCENT: Would you repeat the question? I didn't get the last part, please. Thank you.

MR. MONTAGUE: Could you please provide an explanation as to why there haven't been any allocations for the Community Freezers this year?

MR. WINTERS: Whenever you're ready, Minister.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Chairperson for your question. The reason there was no allocation just because there's a low number of moose and we're trying to conserve and let them rebuild.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? Shaking his head, "No." Are there other oral question around the Table? Recognizing AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of the Community of Hopedale, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure-, my question is for Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development, or HR. But my question is, there doesn't seem to be anyone working at the Community Shed anymore. So if this position is vacant, will-, when will it be posted, or will it be posted? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Whenever you're ready, Minister Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Mr. Speaker-, thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Flowers. She did ask for either Minister. So that's why I'm question if it's Human Resources more as it is also programming, but hiring would come from Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. However, I know positions such as these-, I'll just add my brief bit-, is they're temporary funding

programs. They're not permanent positions. They're allocated on contribution agreements usually from the Federal Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Apologies. I missed that aspect of the question that it was directed to either Minister. Would Minister Evans like to contribute to the response?

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Minister. Now, I have to apologize. I think the question was regarding the Shed Coordinator? And can you just repeat your question again, if you don't mind? Sorry.

MR. WINTERS: I'm gonna ask everyone to speak up a bit so that we get these full questions and answers. *Nakummek.*

MS. FLOWERS: My question was, will the Community Shed position be advertised? That would be the coordinator, yes.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek, AngajukKâk.* Minister, when you're ready.

MR. EVANS: Okay, thank you, AngajukKâk. And thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the-, if the position is going to be filled, it would be advertised and like Mr. Asivak mentioned, if it's, like, a, like, not a permanent position because of the *Contribution Agreement*, that would be stated in the ad as well. Okay, so, I'm, I'm not sure if that answers your question?

MR. WINTERS: Does the AngajukKâk have a follow-up question?

MS. FLOWERS: I'm wondering, Honourable Member, if you can find out for me if it's actually-, the funding is discontinued or if there's gonna be more

allocation, and will we be getting another coordinator for the Community Shed? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Evans, whenever you're ready.

MR. EVANS: Yes, I think it's like a second question, but I'll-, it's related to the first one so I will take it. And yes, I'll certainly take it under notice as I get more information for you.

MR. WINTERS: Does the AngajukKâk have a second supplemental question on this matter?

MS. FLOWERS: No, I don't. And I thank both Ministers for your answer. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there other oral questions around the Table? Yes, recognizing Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I've asked this question before. The salmon fishery in 12E is now closed for the summer and one of the main questions asked by the residents in the Upper Lake Melville are, will there be a salmon fishery for them in December of 2025?

MR. WINTERS: The question was for Minister Vincent, whenever you're ready, Minister.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Ordinary Member for your question. Yes, the Department foresees no worries about salmon in the future. The stocks right now are as strong as they have been in years. So we-, like I said, we don't see-, foresee any circumstances in continuing on with the salmon fishery. Thank you.

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, the current agreement expires in March 31st, 2025. So that means it's about 10 months before the salmon season open again for the summer of 2025. It's important. So can we-, on behalf of the residents of the Upper Lake Melville area-, can we get a response from your department as soon as possible whether there will be a fishery for the residents or not?

MR. WINTERS: Minister Vincent, whenever you're ready.

MR. VINCENT: I'll take that one under advisement.

MR. WINTERS: The Minister is taking the question as notice and will provide a response in the necessary timeline. Recognizing AngajukKâk Joe Dicker of Nain, when you're ready, sir.

MR. J. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, can you turn that off? Oh, dear. Minister, my question is to Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Education and Economic Development. My question is based on the education part. At the beginning of the school year, all along the coast, there was a shortage of teachers hired or still not hired. What's the situation with Nunatsiavut assisting, retaining teachers for the North Coast?

MR. WINTERS: Whenever you're ready, Minister. Take your time.

MS. BARBOUR: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. Fortunately, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet are fully staffed. And Nain and Hopedale is where we're seeing the shortage of teachers. I can't remember the exact numbers, but I think it was around eight in Nain

and six here in Hopedale. So the Province is responsible for going through the hiring process for the teachers. We do provide some supports in terms of housing, heat, food, in our *Contribution Agreement* to the Province. But we are in some preliminary discussions in terms of creating incentives for Inuit youth or Inuit students to pursue teaching. But again, it's very preliminary and there won't be any further details until we can work that scope of work out. *Naku.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a follow-up question?

MR. J. DICKER:

Yes, I'm glad there's initiative for Inuit students to go into teaching. But the situation is now. What are the plans? What are you offering for assistance regarding retention of teachers today?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Whenever you're ready, Minister.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek. So like I mentioned, it's the Province's responsibility for the recruitment and retention of teachers within Nunatsiavut. *Naku.*

MR. WINTERS:

Does the AngajukKâk have a follow-up question?

MR. J. DICKER:

Yes. How do we as a Government assist our students today? They have online classes to take. There's no teacher available. How do we help them? I know it's the Province's responsibility, but we have to find a way to get them to negotiate the incentives and things like that for remaining on the coast. That's my final question is how do retain them?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Minister?

MS. BARBOUR:

The Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, along with the Director of Education, do have a close working relationship with the

Province. And we're always trying to figure out ways where we can support the Province in recruiting and retaining teachers within Nunatsiavut. I know that there have been three applicants backed out of coming to Nunatsiavut to teach recently. So it's also kind of a full-circle thing where we're trying to figure out where we can provide those supports, whether it's-, if it's with Housing or Heat or grocery subsidies-, like those types of things for-, where we can support in retention. But again, those are always ongoing conversations. But right now, as I mentioned, from a Nunatsiavut perspective in how we can try and help improve the current system, those-, that is where the work is happening. And unfortunately, we can't force people to come. We can just try and create those incentives. And like I mentioned, the Deputy Minister and the Director of Education has a close working relationship with the Province to always try and figure out ways we can do that. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. I would also like to thank you for the expansive response. It's always beneficial. The more information available for the public, the better. Are there further first questions around the Table right now? Seeing none, we will now have an opportunity for second questions for people who've already asked. Are there any second questions around the Table? Recognizing Chairperson Patricia Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. When you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Honourable Tom Evans, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Total for meal rates for the Federal Government Employees is \$111.95 per

day. Nunatsiavut rate is \$54 a day. Federal rates per kilometre is 60 cents per kilometre. Nunatsiavut's is 40 cents per kilometre. Due to the rising costs of living, would you consider looking into increasing the meal rates and the mileage rates? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. Whenever the Minister is ready.

MR. EVANS:

Yes, thank you, Chairperson. Yes, you quoted the Federal rates. You also quoted the Nunatsiavut rates. And I can tell you that the-, this is well underway, and I could commit that we'll have an update by the end of the calendar year in terms of our per diem rates. I'd just like to find out, like, if you had mentioned the Province's rates as well, I think it would've been half of what NG's rates is. So it's a complex issue that is long over-due-, our rates or whatever. So thank you, for raising the question.

MR. WINTERS:

Does the Chairperson have a follow-up question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there further second questions around the Table at this time? Recognizing Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, when you're ready.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are two things that are very near and dear to the members in the Upper Lake Melville area. One was the salmon fishery and the other one was the Annual Spring Hunt. My question would be directed to the First Minister. Would she have any follow-up to the question I raised in the sitting in June?

MR. WINTERS:

Ordinary Member, as per my statement earlier, as the First Minister is not here, I will ask that you provide this as a written question when the time comes. *Nakummek*. Are there further second questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, that concludes oral questions. We are now on to Item Eight. Item Eight is, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions around the Table at this time? Recognizing AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet, Chairperson Kemuksigak of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member of the Upper Lake Melville, and Mr. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. Can you all hand up your written notes please by page? The written question submitted by AngajukKâk Chesley Sheppard of Rigolet is in order. The second question is from the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders. It is in order. The third question is for the Honourable Terry Vincent, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Apologies. I didn't read who they were addressed to for the previous questions. From the Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville, it is in order. And the final question from the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak is in order. All of these will be responded to as time allows. *Nakummek*. I'm just realizing that I read one of the items out of order earlier-, out of order on the Orders of the Day, not out of order. Apologies. Item Nine, "Returns to Written Questions." In your binder you will find the Returns to Written Questions. And these will be entered in the June Hansard. I appreciate the Minister keeping me on my toes. We are now

on to Item 10, "Petitions." Are there any petitions today? Seeing none, we will move on to Item 11, "Responses to Petitions." At the June Sitting of the Assembly, Patricia Kemuksigak, Chairperson NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Tabled a petition respecting NG allocations of shrimp quotas for the 2024 season. President Lampe has filed a written response to the petition under Standing Order 35(10). I will now call upon the President to provide his response.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. I acknowledge the petition as Tabled in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The issue raised in the petition is currently the subject of a Court proceeding commenced by a number of fishers designation applicants. As that matter is still before the Courts, Nunatsiavut Government is not in a position to provide any further comments. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Item 12 is, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." And there have been no reports of standing in special committees submitted. We are moving on to Item 13. Item 13 is the "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technologies, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to Table the 2024 presentation of the Labrador Inuit Claims Settlement Trust. I'm sorry, *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust.*

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. The Tabled document will be numbered as 01-58. I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to Table the document, "Petition for a Bill by the Nain Inuit Community Government. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. The Tabled Document will be numbered as 02-58. I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table Nunatsiavut Electoral Officers Report on the 2024 Presidential Election.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Member Saunders. The Tabled document will be numbered as 03-58. There are no more documents to be tabled today. So we'll move on to Item 14. Item 14 is, "Notices of Motion." I call upon Minister Evans.

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Tuesday, November 15th, 2024, I will move, seconded by Minister Vincent that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* with Ms. Rexanne Crawford as a witness.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. I call upon Minister Vincent.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 25th, 2023, I will move, seconded by Minister Barbour, that Tabled Document 02-58, "A Petition by the Nain Inuit Community Government requesting the passing of an Inuit law with respect to

approvals of quarries on Labrador Inuit Lands be 1) Moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion, with Mr. Brent Dennison as a witness and 2) Approved by the Assembly. And Mr. Speaker I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 16(1) to waive Standing Order 37(1) to proceed with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. The Minister is asking for unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister, you do have consent from the Assembly to bring your motion forward at the appropriate time. We are now on to Item 15, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices for First Reading of Bills today, which brings us to Item 16, "Motions." I call upon Minister Vincent.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas Section 2.12 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, states that, "Until the Land-Use plan is in effect, the Minister and the Executive Council must not, without the approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly issue a private in Labrador Inuit Lands for purpose of a commercial or industrial development, except in accordance with a Special Act passed under Part Five of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*. Excuse me; and whereas Section 5.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, requires that a person who wishes to develop any Labrador Inuit Lands for commercial or industrial purposes before the Land-use plan is in effect, must petition the Assembly for an Act of the Assembly; and whereas, under Section 5.4 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, the Minister is responsible for introducing such a petition at the Assembly and if the

petition is approved, for preparing and introducing a corresponding bill for an Act of the Assembly; and whereas I, as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources tabled a petition of the Nain Inuit Community Government as Tabled Document 02-58; now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Education and Economic Development, that the Tabled Document 02-58, "A Petition by the Nain Inuit Community Government, requesting the passing of an Inuit Law, with respect to approvals for quarries on Labrador Inuit Lands, be 1) moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion with Mr. Brent Dennison as a witness and 2) approved by the Assembly.

MR. WINTERS:

Thank you, Minister. Do you wish to speak to the motion?

MR. VINCENT:

No, thanks.

MR. WINTERS:

Do any other Members wish to speak to the Motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final remarks and close debate?

MR. VINCENT:

I wish to close debate.

MR. WINTERS:

At this time, the motion is to move us into the Committee of the Whole. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, I invite Brent Denniston, the Director of Lands to join us in the Committee of the Whole. I'll give him five minutes to get in here and get situated.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Welcome into the Committee of the Whole, Director Denniston. I invite the witness to make any comments he might have.

MR. DENNISTON: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Just a little bit of background, I guess, on this petition. The Nainimiut Community Government applied to the NG for two quarries on Labrador Inuit Lands earlier this year-, a new rock quarry and a new sand quarry. And they need that for continued development within the town of roads and infrastructure and maintenance of roads and future development. So we're seeking the Assembly's support in getting this petition approved today and the Bill tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: I'll ask the witness to remember to speak up. The fans in this room can be loud. Are there any questions from the witness right now?

MR. J. DICKER: (Inaudible) 4:09:12

MR. WINTERS: I'll ask the witness to repeat himself.

MR. DENNISTON: Thanks. Just earlier this year, the Nainimiut Community Government applied to the NG for two quarries-, a rock quarry and a sand quarry within Labrador Inuit Lands. So they have to follow this process for getting approval. They require these quarries for maintenance of roads and infrastructure in Nain and future development like, I guess, potential new subdivisions. So the existing sand quarry has run out of material so they're seeking the Assembly's approval of this petition today. And then a new Act tomorrow for these two new quarries.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any questions? Are there any comments around the Table?
Recognizing Barry Andersen, of Makkovik.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for Brent, Mr. Denniston. Would this-, these projects, will they be on the ICG land or on LIL?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Denniston?

MR. DENNISTON: They will be on the Labrador Inuit Lands within the community boundaries. So that's why they have to get the Assembly approval.

MR. WINTERS: AngajukKâk?

MR. B. ANDERSEN: No, thank you, for the clarification.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, recognizing Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Denniston, how long will this new Bill-, Petition for the Bill-, how long will that be in effect? Will that be for the remainder of five years, 10 years or how long?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Denniston?

MR. DENNISTON: Once the Assembly approves the Bill, it will have two 10-year leases, so that will give the Community Government enough time to use these quarries for the community needs.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: For additional clarification, we're in the Committee of the Whole in order to approve the petition to deal with the Bill tomorrow. Are there any further questions on the petition at this time? Yes, recognizing President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. I don't know, as President, if I'm able to ask a question or make a comment. Okay, thank you. And my question is,

where these quarries will be situated-, what part of the community in Nain? *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Denniston?

MR. DENNISTON: The two new quarries will be, I guess, within the existing sand quarry that's operated by the Nain Inuit Community Government and the other quarries just on the other side of the road, just to the South of the NGC's Rock Quarry.

MR. WINTERS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair and just for clarification, Mr. Denniston, exactly where would that be? *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Denniston?

MR. DENNISTON: It's hard to explain, I guess, without showing on the map. Like I don't know if the maps are-, would be helpful, or...

MS. PILGRIM: (Inaudible.)

MR. DENNISTON: Yeah, yeah...

MS. PILGRIM: (Inaudible.)

MR. DENNISTON: ...yeah.

MR. WINTERS: Does the witness have a map to provide?

MR. DENNISTON: I don't have one printed off, but I could provide it to the Assembly after our break.

MR. WINTERS: If it can be provided to the Members of the Assembly that would be appreciated. *AngajukKâk?*

MR. J. DICKER: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. The quarry extended for 10 more years is the present sand quarry that we operate now. And the rock quarry is just within that old quarry that we operated that's not being used anymore. It's a outcrop of rocks in the middle of the sand quarry. That's why we had to apply for permission to quarry that rock. It's right there in sight. It's sand that area is devoid of sand that you can use anymore. And the rock is right there ready to be harvested, if that makes any more sense-, right in the middle of the old quarry is what I'm saying. You wanted to know where exactly it was.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek, AngajukKâk.* We'll now take a five-minute break in order to retrieve these maps.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS: You should have in front of you the colour map identifying the exact areas of the quarries in question. I'll give you a minute to review and follow up with any questions or comments you may have. Recognizing Roxanne Barbour Ordinary Member for the Community of Nain.

MS. BARBOUR: Just to help people understand where this is, so the orange one is kind of under Mount Sophie. Hey. And it would be more so under. And then-, that's the sand quarry one. And then across from it on the left side, the pink part, hey, that's where the proposed quarry is on the pink part. That's the proposed rock quarry.

MR. WINTERS: I'll ask the witness to provide clarification.

MS. BARBOUR: Hey. But that's-, for location-wise, sorry, that's like the walking trail when you're going over.

MR. DENNISTON: Yeah, I guess there's two pink areas on the map. The one on the left, cross-hatched, that's the new proposed sand quarry where President was asking about. And the one on the right pink cross-hatched square, rectangular, that's the proposed rock quarry.

MR. WINTERS: Are there further questions or comments around the Table at this time?
Recognizing President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Itsivautaa.*

Yes, and you'll be looking for multiple years of the usage of these quarries and if the Nain Airport Road-, the Airport and Road, you know, are to go ahead, will there be the issues or conflicts between the development of the Nain Airport Road? *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Director?

MR. DENNISTON: I'm not sure about the layout of the proposed road for the new airport, but I'm-, from what I understand, that the road-, access road will go through this-, these quarry areas. So if they need quarry material for that road, they'll use this and probably new quarries to support it.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any further questions or comments? If there are no further questions or comments, I'll ask the witness to leave, and we will leave the Committee of the Whole. *Nakummek.* Thank you, Director Denniston.

MR. DENNISTON: Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

We are now back in the Assembly. Is the Assembly in favour of approving the petition as moved? All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, it is approved. We will move on to Item 17, "First Reading of Bills." There are no bills for first reading today. Item 18 is, "The Second Reading of Bills." There are no bills for second reading today. Item 19 is the "Assent to Bills." There are no bills for assent today, which brings us to Item 20, "Adjournment." The Assembly is now adjourned until tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 and I would like to thank you all for your participation today. *Nakummek.*

[Adjourned]

Day 2 September 25, 2024

MR. WINTERS:

Ullâkut. Welcome to the Second Day of our September Sitting of the Assembly. Before we get started, I would like to note that Melva Williams, First Minister, has been excused, as has Chesley Sheppard, AngajukKâk for the Community of Rigolet. Item One is, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." This morning we have Mr. Kevin Maher from Legal Services, as well as Brent Denniston, Director of Lands. I would also like to welcome all of those listening in online. Item Two is, "Minister Statements." Are there Ministers interested in making a statement? Recognizing the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, when you're ready. I'll let you collect your affairs, Minister Barbour. We'll go ahead to...

MS. BARBOUR: (Inaudible.)

MR. WINTERS: Okay, when you're ready.

MS. BARBOUR: Sorry about that. Couldn't find it for a bit. Yesterday I updated for Education, and today is for Economic Development. So our annual plan for the Division focuses on Business Development, Community Development, Policy, Data Collection and Offering Supports. Under, "Business Development," we had three-, sorry, since May, the Division had five businesses added to our Inuit Business Registry. Our Registry is currently at 258 businesses. We have received six packages from Vale with our Division submitting 22 Inuit Business Nominations and no QBE nominations. There are a total of 32 business clients, 21 in Start-up and 11 in Growth. I want to note that in June, we reported that there were a total of 22 Business clients. So we have an increase of 10 Business Clients since June. Our Community Economic Development Fund and FFA Programs remain open. We have one CEDP application from the MICG and three FFA applications from the HICG, Rigolet and Makkovik. We have approved \$19,000 for the RICG's Netloft Restoration Project, \$64,000 for the RICG's Tourism Coordinator position, and \$150,000 for the Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative. This has provided employment during the summer fishing season and contributed 13,000 pounds of char to the Community Freezer Program, operated by the Environment Division. We encourage Community Improvement Initiatives, sustainable employment and local economic development projects to apply. Under, "Policy and Data Collection," the Community Economic Profile Project in

partnership with the Harris Centre is almost done. We anticipate releasing the profiles in November 2024 through a social media website and campaign. Our Division, in partnership with ITK hosted an in-person consultation in early July with NG staff to inform the economic reconciliation framework that Indigenous Services Canada is developing. A final framework submission to be completed in October '24. We continue to work with ITK, Indigenous Services Canada and our Inuit Partners to draft the framework documentation. And according to some of the verbal feedback I heard from staff already, it's been-, it was really lengthy, thorough and meaningful discussions. We attended a Provincial workshop on Rural and Remote Capacity as part of the overall NL Futures Project on Regional Development in St. John's on September 18th. Under the Self Employment Benefits Program, since May, we have three new clients enrolled. Three are in the Culture Sector and one is in the Retail. Okay. This represents an approximate \$66,500 investment in Business Start-Up through this program. And in June, there were also three clients in the Culture Sector. But we didn't have one in Retail. And in June we reported approximately a \$50,000 investment. So that's another increase of about \$16,500. Under Financial Support, the Division launched its Annual Financial Support Program for businesses to attend Expo in Goose Bay. During the September 10 to 13 conference, we supported five Inuit businesses to attend the event at the value of \$4,500. Under, "Training," we launched our first Youth Box Program titled, "Tuttuk Natjuk," in July. Nineteen applications were received and

15 were approved. The recipient breakdown includes four in Goose Bay, six in Makkovik, two in Nain and five in the Canadian Constituency. We have 84 percent female and 16 percent male participation with ages of 15 to 29 dominant in applications. We have released an expression of interest for a second Youth Box Development this month. Our Business Development Staff is traveling to Rigolet with our Small Business Tour the week of October 21. This will include one-on-one session with start-up clients and Inuit businesses, a high school engagement session and a community engagement event. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Barbour. The next Ministers Statement will be from the Honourable Gerald Asivak of the Department of Health and Social Development. Whenever you're ready, Minister.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll update this morning on Family Services. Inuit Child First Initiative. We are short-staffed by two positions in the Inuit Child First Initiative, and we are recruiting. As a result, our CFI staff are taking a regional scope in the management of applications to the ICFI. We thank our beneficiaries for their patience with their applications to the ICFI. Family Connections Program. Rita-Anne Voisey has tendered her resignation as a Family Connections Manager and her last day with us is on October 2nd. I would like to thank Rita-Anne for her dedication to the NG over the last five years, in serving hundreds of individuals and families year to year, most times as the only manager in the role. She served as a pillar in the growth of the Family Connections Program and is a great advocate for families and mentor to staff. We are recruiting for

another manager and hope we can fill the position very soon. The director will be Acting Family Case Manager until the position is filled.

Indigenous Representative, Mr. Speaker. Krista Mogridge tendered her resignation and her last day was on August 16th. Krista was a great advocate. I would like to recognize her remarkable advocacy for Inuit children, youth in care, ensuring they remain connected to family, community and culture. Krista was our first Indigenous representative and began the role in 2020. The Indigenous representative is designated on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government to participate in a cultural connection plan of a child or youth who are in care or custody of Children Seniors and Social Development. The Indigenous Representative can be heard in court, where appropriate, to ensure that Cultural Connection Plans are filed in the best interest of the child, with respect to maintaining family, culture and community connections. The policy for CSSD around Cultural Connections Plans came into effect in June 28th, 2019 and coincide with Child Welfare legislation that outline cultural connection planning. We are recruiting for another Indigenous representative. The Director of Family Services is the Acting Indigenous Representative until the position is filled. Mr. Speaker, New Position: On August 12th, Darlene Jacque transitioned to a new role as a Inuit Child Welfare Senior Policy Analyst. This regional position is responsible for the direction of policy development based on research, monitoring and evaluation in a Child Welfare field. This involves coordination and collaboration with Provincial and National stakeholders. The goal is to

ensure that Labrador Inuit children and youth are reflected in Regional, Provincial and National Child Welfare services and supports. Caring for our Children Project: Staff continue to support foster parents in Nunatsiavut and are lobbying to CSSD to help them with communication and financial support. We are hearing that long wait times for financial support from CSSD to foster parents are a detriment and we are advocating at the social work frontline level up to the Deputy Minister level to rectify this issue. Foster Family Appreciation month is in October and staff are very busy preparing events to honour our foster parents in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Our staff look forward to this event with them each year. Invitations have been sent out to foster parents. October 1st, Rigolet, October 2nd, Postville, October 3rd, Makkovik, October 4th, Hopedale, October 6th, Nain. Mr. Speaker, Youth Services Social Worker Julia Dicker, continues to support youth age 16 to 30 with membership applications linking to CSSD, income support, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services, and other service providers. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, in partnership with the Institute of Fiscal and Social Democracy, NG and ITK. NG are working on the development of a performance framework and funding approach for Inuit Child and Family Services in partnership with the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Social Democracy. We are currently in the first phase of our work together. This phase include the gathering of information, defining division for Child and Family Services for Nunatsiavut Government, collecting data and building an environmental scan. We hosted an in-person meeting in

Happy Valley, Goose Bay on August 6th. It was scheduled for Nain, but had to be moved back due to lack of accommodations. The meeting covered a broad range of areas, and we invited expertise from many divisions across Nunatsiavut Government and DHSD for participation. We thank you for your involvement and look forward to the collaboration on this important work required to assume jurisdiction over Child and Family Services. Additionally, members of ITK and IFSD were in Nain September 17th and 18th to visit the region and understand the context and form, the performance framework and funding approach for CFS. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, conference attended, "Loving Justice, Breathing Life into Our Own Loss." September 8th to 11th in Vancouver. The Director of Family Services and the Senior Inuit Child Welfare Policy Analyst attended a conference by the Our Children, Our Way Society on assuming jurisdiction and creating new laws for Indigenous Child and Family Services. The conference was affirming and innovative, and showcased some of the best practices in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We will now hear from the Minister of the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable David Dicker Jr. Whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will now highlight some key areas that we are working on, Mr. Speaker for the Nanilavut Initiative. The Nunatsiavut Government Nanilavut Initiative is happy to report that three families were able to travel to the cemetery in Cartwright, Labrador to say a final

farewell to their loved ones who are buried there. On August 10, 2024, the Henochees, the Pottles, and the Mitsuks, each had a service for their loved ones. The commemoration event was a beautiful summer day which helped with the family's healing and each service had a singing and the thoughtful readings in English and Inuttitut. A plaque will be placed in the Cartwright Cemetery in memory and to honour the Inuit who did not come home from tuberculosis treatment. The families were thankful to have an opportunity to locate their loved one, have some healing and closure with having a dedicated memorial service for them. The next family event will be mid-October in North West River. There will also be the call of interest for artisans to design and create a monument in memory of Labrador Inuit who died of tuberculosis, which will be placed in Hopedale, the Capital of Nunatsiavut. There will also be plaques erected in cemeteries of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River and St. Anthony, hopefully this fall. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I will highlight some key areas that we are working on in archaeology. In July, the Hebron and Nutâk Reunion Committee were able to successfully bring elders home to both Nutâk, Okak Bay and Hebron with support from various departments within Nunatsiavut Government as well as multiple external funding sources such as Arctic Inspiration Prize, MakeWay Foundation, Northern Program, *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust*, and *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. The Nutâk Reunion was held on July 7 to 12, 2024 with support from the Royal Canadian Navy. And took place on board the HMCS Harry DeWolf. The Hebron Reunion was held from July 19 to 26, 2024, on the

MV Polar Prince, which was subchartered from the Students on Ice Foundation. Of the remaining elders who were focused to move from their homes in 1956 and 1959, we were able to bring a total of 40 elders home. The two reunions were enriching experiences that brought together elders, youth and community, and provided a sense of healing and closure for many. NG Archaeology has been working with the Agvituk Historical Society to host the Annual Heritage Forum in Hopedale. This will be taking place from October 1 to 3. This year's team is our Heritage Past Present and Future. Axiel EMU Museum Collections Management Software has been installed on our new server. The next steps will be for initial staff training on the software and software customization to suit the unique needs of Nunatsiavut Collections, which has been delayed due to staff departure and capacity within the NG Archaeology Team. Collections Management Software will enable us to effectively manage the NG's collections of archaeological, cultural and archival materials and preserve and promote them for generations to come. Thank you to all involved and special thanks to the IT Division for their support. NG Archaeology has secured Capital Project Advisory Services from the Canadian Conservation Institute. This service has assigned two experts in repositories and museums to assist with and provide advice on design and potential construction of our own Nunatsiavut Repository for Archaeological, Cultural and Archival materials. Repatriation requests are increasing, highlighting a potential need for dedicated staff for this important part of Inuit Heritage

management. The policy remains a priority to complete. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Which of the remaining Ministers would like to provide their-, recognizing the Honourable Tom Evans, Minister of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. When you're ready.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just do a brief update for my Day Two statement. As everyone is aware, this-, my department's Finance, HR and IT is quite busy working to keep our Government going. Mr. Speaker, Sharmin Akhtar started work as the data leader with the Nunatsiavut Government in late May. She has been a valuable addition to the team, advising on data systems and management. She, along with Janice Vardy, organized a two-day workshop on the Government's Data Governance Framework. This workshop introduced concepts of the Government's Data Governance Strategy and Framework. Received feedback on these concepts and also discussed alignment with National Inuit Data Strategy. Participants provided valuable information back to our team leading the Data Governance Project. Mr. Speaker, administratively, Finance spends a considerable amount of time completing manual procedures, whether it's completing purchase orders, sometimes hundreds a day, or checking time sheets for our 400 employees. The time has come to move this process online, electronic timesheets, electronic PO's. This move will be a significant change for all of the Government and one that would not be possible without the upcoming upgrades to broadband in Nunatsiavut.

The last few months, my department has been exploring what is the best approach system and implementation plan. We are hoping that this will be implemented by the start of the new fiscal year. And finally, please join me in welcoming Shannon Mitchell as the newest member of the Human Resources Team. Shannon Mitchell, originally from Makkovik, started in July and is working from the Happy Valley-Goose Bay office. And also, we'd like to just acknowledge and mention Mary Dicker for her dedication and hard work with Finance over the past number of years. And we wish her well in her-, as she continues her future career path.

Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Are there any more Ministers Statements at this time? Recognizing the Honourable Terry Vincent, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. When you're ready, sir.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will continue on where I left-, excuse me-, continue on where I left yesterday on Non-Renewable Resource Division.

FEMALE:

This is the line right here, isn't it?

MR. VINCENT:

Since the last Assembly meeting...

MR. WINTERS:

The issue is in there, not out here.

MR. WINTERS:

...the Non-Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files pertaining to mineral exploration: Mr. Speaker, Aurora Energy received approval from the Nunatsiavut Government to fly an airborne geophysical survey over their claims. The claims are located on LIL and LISA in the Central Mineral Belt. They will be based out of

Michelin Camp this summer and fall. Aurora has also submitted a work plan application for drilling. That application is still currently under review. Mr. Speaker, Hardline Exploration, a new company to the region has been approved to explore for uranium in the Central Mining Belt South of Ghost Lake. Their claims are located on LISA and they will be collecting rock, sediment and stream samples. Mr. Speaker, Saga Metals received approval from the Province to explore their Double Mer claims in LISA. They will be conducting grassroots exploration along with potentially setting up a temporary flight camp to support their program. Mr. Speaker, 1386067 B.C. Limited, received approval from the Province to prospect their claims on LISA and Crown lands. Their claims are in the CMB Moran Lake Area. They will be collecting rock samples, soil samples and biogeochemical samples. They are exploring for uranium and copper. Mr. Speaker, Altius Minerals has completed their airborne radiometric and EM survey over their claims. The claims are located on LIL in the West Voisey's Bay and Tasisuak Lake area. Altius has also completed a two-week follow-up reconnaissance prospecting on September 7th. Mr. Speaker, the Division and Department of Lands and Natural Resources is pleased to welcome Bernie Andersen as NG's new Environmental Enforcement Officer. Bernie began working out of Makkovik on July 29th, and we are pleased to have him as part of our team. Mr. Speaker, the Division and Human Resources are in a recruitment process for our Mining Analyst vacancy. We are hoping to have this position filled in the near future. Mr. Speaker, I would like to

congratulate our Director of Non-Renewable Resources on the birth of his son Royce. Congratulations, Claude. Environment Division: Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division continues to work on their Environmental Assessment Files, but there have been some changes with the Strange Lake Project. Torngat Metals has changed their road routing for the Strange Lake Mine Road and Port Project to an option that no longer enters into Labrador Inuit Land. As a result, they have withdrawn their environmental review under the Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act, resulting in the Assembly Committee for this review to be disbanded and Nunatsiavut Government no longer having a formal decision point in the project. The Provincial Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment still are continuing for this project and NG is intervening and providing input into these processes to raise the concerns and issues of Labrador Inuit. The comments and issues raised through our Environmental Review Processes have been integrated into the Provincial and Federal Processes. On Thursday, September 12th, Lands and Natural Resources held an in-person session in Nain to explain the situation and to talk about the next steps. We will continue to engage on this file and provide regular updates to the NEC and the Assembly. Over the summer there has been significant progress on the Climate Change File. The Information and results from the past NG Climate workshops and engagements, along with Community Information sessions and targeted interviews have been summarized into a document showing priority areas for Climate Change for Labrador Inuit. The

underlying principles that Labrador Inuit want to see included and the priorities and needs of different departments within the Nunatsiavut Government. This document has been reviewed and edited by the Nunatsiavut Government Climate Change Committee and is currently under review at NEC. This document will be the basis of Nunatsiavut Climate Change Strategy which is progressing to have a draft complete by the end of the year for NEC review and approval. Mr. Speaker, the summer research season was busy in the Environment Division with contaminant monitoring taking place in Lake Melville, Inuit Knowledge interviews for the Torngat AOI, ongoing monitoring of the ecosystem to determine impacts of the Postville fuel spill and a three-week long scientific mission onboard Canadian Coastguard Ship Amundsen, that was led by the Nunatsiavut Government, which included the discovery of additional coral forests. The Nunatsiavut Government Research Advisory Committee Reviewed 27 research applications. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We'll now hear from the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development. When you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll continue on with First Minister Williams's statement. "Infrastructure and Public Property." Mr. Speaker, this summer has proven to be exceptionally busy for construction activities across Nunatsiavut, as we also work on developing new construction packages for each community. NG has undertaken a substantial responsibility in supporting the Inuit Community Governments with their

execution of their projects, including water supply systems, sewage treatment facilities, et cetera. Currently, NG's Implementation Team is overseeing the construction of 11 new buildings, with tender packages either being issued or under review. We are also managing a series of maintenance projects targeting existing infrastructure to ensure longevity and reliability. Active Capital Project Updates. Nain Staff Housing six-plex, ready for occupation; Hopedale four-plex, commissioning underway; Nain four-plex, ready for occupation; Nain and Hopedale Seniors Units-, concerns regarding safety and quality have temporarily halted this project. NG Project Team has been working closely with a contractor to address these issues. Once these matters are fully resolved, work on these buildings will recommence without delay. Makkovik four-plex, staff social housing, due to be completed November 11th, 2024. Regional Education Office...

MR. WINTERS:

Minister, I'll ask you to briefly pause. We do need to get approval of the Assembly to extend beyond 35 minutes as per Standing Order 29(3). Can I have the approval of the Assembly to extend Ministers Statements? Any, "Nays?" Seeing none, apologies, Minister. You may continue.

MR. ASIVAK:

Foundation in the building is nearly completed. All materials are on site for the contractor to construct this building through the winter of 2025. Rigolet DHSD. Significant progression on the building has taken place since summer 2024. Work will continue on the building through winter 2024/2025 and is on schedule to be completed in summer 2025.

Infrastructure Growth Planning. Mr. Speaker, Pingutitsinik Nunatsiavut is

a plan to create a long-term infrastructure strategy which focuses on developing a long-term vision for infrastructure. Projects Under Way: Nunatsiavut Growth, Land Development and Housing Strategy.

Fall/Winter 2024, the Project Team to present concept plans of the strategy to the communities and ensure we get additional feedback before anything is finalized on the Housing and Growth Strategy.

Economic Development Strategy for the Construction Sector. This strategic initiative delves into various methods and offers recommendations to optimize economic development alongside infrastructure projects throughout our region ensuring that beneficiaries are at the forefront of economic growth and prosperity.

Waste Management Strategy and Operation Plan for all communities. This project will outline immediate, medium-term and long-term actions including the relocation of waste facilities and exploring incineration options. Site visits and community consultations are scheduled for October.

Mr. Speaker, Nain Airport Feasibility Study: Summer 2024 marked a significant advancement in the development of the proposed new Nain Airport with all 12 associated projects either underway or completed. The R12, Environmental Impact Assessment, EIA, has been initiated, benefiting from robust support from Nunatsiavut Government Environmental Division and collaborative efforts with Provincial, Federal Government.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Illusuak. The reopening of the Illusuak Cultural Centre has been further delayed due to the need for the removal of vinyl flooring that suffered significant discoloration from the incident.

Despite multiple attempts by the contractor to strip and refinish the flooring, it could not be restored to its original condition. Given the extended delays, Nunatsiavut Affairs has hired a professional project management and engineering firm to oversee the remaining restoration work. This firm will also apply pressure on the contractor and the insurance company to expedite the completion of the building. While painting, electrical work and post of the cleaning have been completed, there is still a considerable amount of finishing work that must be completed by the insurance company before the building can be reoccupied. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We are now on to Item Three, "Members Statements." Are there any Members Statements around the Table? Recognizing Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for the Community of Nain.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, *UKatik*. Today is our last day for the Sitting and before-, I just wanted to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th of this month. It's also fall time, my favourite time of the year. I would like to wish all Inuit, especially hunters, happy, safe, successful hunting, whether it's to [speaks Inuttitut] 45:25 and successful gathering for berries. I know me and my family, we always look forward to fall time. So I'd like to wish everybody listening, successful hunting and a good Fall and see you all again when we come back.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. We'll now hear from the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, UKâlattik. I rise today to acknowledge and honour all our residential school survivors, their families, to all who did not return home to their families, as well as those who have passed on. Being a residential school survivor myself, I know first-hand, the pain and family dysfunction this has caused in our communities. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau through his Parliament named September 30th as National Truth and Reconciliation Day. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Mr. Speaker, we are far from reconciliation when dealing with the Government, and some organizations, as well as educating the public around reconciliation. Each fall I still feel that homesick, lonely feeling as if I were going away to residential school. I look around our communities and see the pain of intergenerational trauma caused by residential schools. This year 47 years after I graduated from high school and walked away from that residential school, I choose to heal. I choose to forgive those that maimed, harmed me and choose to teach those that will listen, how much was taken from us while attending residential school. I end on a positive note. Those who I went to residential school with, became my family. I made lasting friendships and I will never forget them. *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. The next Members Statement will be from the Honourable Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville. *Nakummek*.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I rise today-, I was gonna speak on certain topics but we're allowed two, so I'd like to address two starting out. I was glad to hear the Honourable Member, the Honourable David Dicker talk of having to travel to Cartwright to remember those who died of Tuberculosis and never came home. I think I heard you say that you're also planning an event for Goose Bay as well. I look forward to that because in the late '50's, my father was medivac'd on a stretcher from Makkovik. He had Tuberculosis. He died in the hospital in North West River. And the Grenfell Mission could not-, said they couldn't fly him back home for a burial. So none of our family had the opportunity to attend the funeral. And many times I heard my mom say she was so sorry that she couldn't bring Dad back with her. So I look forward to this ceremony and thank you, for recognizing. Mr. Speaker, we're into, very soon, on September 30th, a Truth and Reconciliation. And I've been asked to speak at the function that will take place in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. I listened to the AngajukKâk from Hopedale speak, and I know the feeling. In 1967, on a late August day, my mom walked me down to the wharf. And s I was leaving on the plane along with my fellow students, I looked at the wharf and here she was tears coming down her face, waving and trying to smile. We've heard promises from the Federal Government, Mr. Trudeau, and from the Premier of the Province, Andrew

Furey on Truth and Reconciliation. One quarter of one percentage point of the population of Newfoundland and Labrador probably equals the survivors. An yet the speeches were made by these Government people, of a promise. But what have they done? Those who were scarred, what have they done to help try and erase the pain from the scars that they endured? So it's a long way to go. Promises-, you know that sometimes it comes in my mind the song with Johnny Cash, "What is Truth?" And certainly I think that's what we can ask the Federal Government and the Provincial Government, What is truth when you talk of truth and reconciliation?" I'll stop there then, Mr. Speaker and I look forward to doing another statement in a few minutes.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We'll now hear from the AngajukKâk for the Community of Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen, whenever you're ready.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I acknowledge AngajukKâk Flowers and Ordinary Member Andersen's recent statements regarding the residential schools and the upcoming holiday to commemorate that tragic event. However, I have my statement today, so I rise today to bring to the Assembly's attention once again that the Makkovik Inuit Community Government is struggling with its ability to provide services required for the town. On several occasions, we could not collect garbage because no heavy equipment operator was available to drive the tandem truck. MICG-, we do have small Class-Five operating dump truck to collect garbage, but it is out of commission with the dash lights on. The

company, International says we cannot operate the vehicle like that. It's an airline ticket, hotels and expensive hourly rate for a technician to come to Makkovik to repair the vehicles. We desperately need a formula for allocating FFA dollars to the smaller Inuit Community Governments changed soon. We will be all in the same situation soon if we cannot secure the funds to hire enough qualified people to run our communities. We are studied to death by consultants and I ask that the NEC listen and act on these concerns. This is the third time I've raised this issue in this Assembly' and we haven't seen any action yet. So thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. We'll now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada, the Honourable Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Member Andersen and Flowers for your heart-felt speeches. A lot of us have been affected by residential schools-, not myself personally, but my mom and my dad, plus my brothers. But that's in the past. What I would like to begin with is to thank NG for being there in Cartwright. Some of the Members did mention it that you were there and they were happy to see the President especially to visit Cartwright, and the other people. They were quite pleased. While I was in Cartwright, the members talked about the Mealy Mountain Park and what effect they are expecting when development begins. They are hoping that NG will be involved with this in the upcoming future. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit group in Halifax Atelihai is holding their Third Annual Gathering the weekend of October 25th to the

27th, 2024. They will be holding many events including drum dancing, throat singing, Inuit games, children's games, print making, sealskin craft- , I don't know what that word is-, but anyway, printing making and many other forms of entertainment. I wish them much success and enjoyment. DHSD will be sending Ben Ponniuk to the Health Summit being held in Halifax on October 29th to the 30th. I am confident that Mr. Ponniuk, who was at one time the Health Minister here, will represent Nunatsiavut very well. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any further First Members Statements around the Table? Recognizing the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to the family of the late Beatrice Blake of Happy Valley, Goose Bay who passed away yesterday. Much love and strength to all survivors of residential schools. I'm very proud of my colleague, Ordinary Member Anderson for being a guest speaker in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. I will be attending the event in North West River hosted by Sivunivut and DHSD and both events usually have very large turnouts. So I wish everyone well on this important day, a good day of reflection and continued healing to all survivors. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any further First Statements around the Table? Recognizing the Ordinary Member for the Community of Postville, Mr. George Gear, when you're ready.

MR. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Congratulations to the B.L. Morrison School students that participated in the Fall Sports Meet. It's been a few years since a team has been sent to the Sports Meet to participate in each one of the events. And to all the other students in Nunatsiavut that won medals and participated in sports. It even made me wanna be young again to help them to participate. And I'd like to acknowledge Kayla Andersen for going to Makkovik and looking after some of the students that may have not been able to go if she didn't do that, as a volunteer. And to all the volunteers and teachers that made their self present to make this event a success. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any further First Statements around the Table? Seeing none, if there's any Member ready and willing to make a second statement, you can do so now. Recognizing Ordinary Member for the Community of Nain, Ms. Roxanne Barbour.

MS. BARBOUR:

Naku. As National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches, I want to remind everyone that although the legacy have significantly impacted us, as Labrador Inuit, we are still here. I want to remind the Assembly and Labrador Inuit we're still here and the Government failed to erase us. We are strong in culture and our way of life. Although we are struggling in language, it is in me and it is in you as Inuit. Therefore it will always be. I want to remind everyone of the resilience and strength of our people because we are still here, and we are strong, and we are proud, and we are here. Let this day be a reminder of the strength and resilience of Labrador Inuit. Let this day be a reminder of who we are, where we come

from and who we come from, and who we will always be, not a reminder of hurt and sadness and trauma, but of strength and resilience and love, to be Inuk and to be a proud Inuk. *Naku*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And before I get onto my Members Statement regarding the Upper Lake Melville, a quick point on Truth and Reconciliation. I wanna thank our workers that work for the Nunatsiavut Government, particular those in the Department of Health and Social Development who are doing their part to assist survivors of residential schools. I see it firsthand and they're doing a good job. And certainly, the Provincial and Federal Government could take more than one lesson from them as to how to deal with people who are suffering. Mr. Speaker, I bring greetings on behalf of the beautiful riding of the Upper Lake Melville area. It's been a very busy summer. I attended the Community Freezer AGM with my colleague the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. And yesterday in her speech when she talked about the importance and of needing more help. And I wanna bring to attention that in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, we have approximately 500 seniors, which is more than some of the populations of our communities. And the reason I mention that is because at the AGM, the majority of the people were seniors and they talked of the importance of the Community Freezer. And without that they would probably never survive. So I will stand with my colleague from the Community Corporation from Happy Valley and

the Member, the Honourable Jeff Montague from North West River, the importance of what it means to them. Mr. Speaker, the seniors as I always speak on, this summer I had the opportunity to stop into Mary's Harbour again and-, to visit them. And I can tell you that the message was basically the same as what my colleague from the Canadian Constituency spoke about. "We wanna go home." And I spoke to people in St. John's from Cherrywood Manor who are there and said, "Boy, we'd like to go home." And many people, people from coastal communities as me as well, "How come we don't have a home for our people, for us to bring home to?" And you know, our time is coming, sooner probably, rather than later, for some of us. And, you know, we, you know, we need to look after our seniors. Mr. Speaker, I want to mention the people in the Upper Lake Melville Area that-, I mentioned the salmon fishery, what it means to them. And they're thankful for the fight that the Department of Lands and Resources have done to bring the salmon fishery to them. So many people told me to thank the Executive Council for giving the new allotment of caribou, although he was just one year only. I can tell you that when you walk in and you give someone that piece of caribou and they're not exaggerating. They're saying, "This means more to me than a million dollars. You know? It touches home and I think hopefully that, I'm sure, that we will be making the request again to see if we can get the same, allotment. Mr. Speaker, we're always called, many times for functions as the elected members, s my colleague, the Honourable Gerald Asivak spoke on Truth and Reconciliation, that he will be in North

West River. I will be in Goose Bay and many times two of us are attending functions that -- at the same day, and we turned down other people and other organizations. Anyway, I'll close off by saying I wanna wish everyone a sincere Truth and Reconciliation Day. Happy Thanksgiving and most important of all, as well, Happy Halloween and to the children, like I say, when you get to my age, like, you won't need a costume. You're ugly enough to go out trick or treating.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We will now hear from the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on my second Members Statement. With the limited accommodations in Makkovik, this summer and throughout the fall and continuing, I'd like to commend the town of Makkovik for accommodating the Sports Meet Teams from all five Nunatsiavut Communities. I'd like to first of all thank the athletes and the coaches in making this a memorable event. And as always, friendships have been made for a lifetime this past weekend. Congratulations to the Makkovik JCM Wolverines on their great performance, First Overall. And I'd like to also wish the Assembly and all Inuit all the best for the coming week and sit back and reflect on what this weekend-, Monday, Truth and Reconciliation Day really means. And I stand with the Ordinary Member Barbour saying that we are resilient people. We're not going away. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Community of Nain, Mr. David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to reflect on what Mr. Barry Andersen and Mr. George Gear reflected on the sports meet that occurred in Makkovik this-, over the weekend. And I'd like to just acknowledge the Jens Haven Memorial Boy's Team who placed first and will be attending Regionals in Happy Valley, Goose Bay in the future. Wishing them all the best. And I'd like to also mention about National Truth and Reconciliation Day that's occurring on September 30th and I'd just like to thank the Department of Health and Social Development staff who are working very hard to make this day a very memorable and successful day for all the constituency of Nain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to thank Barry Andersen once again for being there for the repatriation of the Unknown Soldier. That was quite an honour. And I'd also like to mention that the people of Edmonton and Alberta in particular, all over the place, that they miss country food. They can't get it, but they are able to get it flown in from the North West Territories. But that comes at a huge cost and we have nothing to pay for it other than what we pay out of our own pocket. But the people in Edmonton and area still miss bake apples, red berries, partridges, and they get hares out there instead of rabbits, and no fish, other than what they can buy in the stores or get for themselves. That's just some of the things that they've thought about. But I'd also like to remember each and everyone here to remember that all holidays that we

just mentioned, especially Halloween, that November 11th is coming.

And it's a big one. It's Canada. It's Remembrance Day and I always go to St. John's to represent Nunatsiavut. So I would just like you to remember Remembrance Day again. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. We will now hear from the AngajukKâk for the Community of Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too want to thank Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development for their work in working with residential schools and intergenerational trauma. I know that it is very heavy work. And I think that they're doing a very good job. A lot of them are survivors themselves or their families are survivors. And in saying that, I wish everyone a good day and a good day to reflect on reconciliation. A couple of weeks ago we attended-, the AngajukKâks attended regional meetings out by Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. These meetings were for all municipalities. And even though we are Inuit Community Government, it was still important for us to go and to hear our concerns. They are very different from other municipalities which brings me to just talking about that a bit and seeing, is there a way that under, 'Municipalities', the legislation is changing. Some of it don't apply to us. Some of it do. I'm looking at trying to get some more training for our Inuit Community Governments around that. And there will be another meeting, AGM for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador coming up in November which we're hoping the AngajukKâks and maybe another Member will go from our towns.

And we're hoping at this forum that Nunatsiavut Government, they do have an open preliminary for them to educate the municipalities around Nunatsiavut Government. And I will be attending that meeting as well. So I wish everyone a good fall. And many blessings to all. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any further Second Statements around the Table? Seeing none, we will now take a break until 10 minutes to the hour. And we'll be back here to start at that time. Snacks are in the Courtroom. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Welcome back. We're now on to Item Four, "Returns to Oral Questions." And we have no returns to oral questions today. We will move on to Item Five, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions around the Table? Recognizing Patricia Kemuksigak, Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. When you're ready, Chairperson.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent. Would the Minister and his department explore if there is a possibility to look at NunaKatiget's allocation for moose from Gros Morne? We now get 4.5 percent and we were wondering if it might increase to seven which would be half a percent from each community, 'cause we're getting more and more elders moving there, a lot of times because of medical. And also to look at an increase in our salmon tags from 200 to 250, 'cause the

demand is so great. But both changes would help us tremendously as we have a high number of elders 60 and over. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Whenever you're ready, Minister Vincent.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Chairperson for your question. Yes, we can look into this but once again it will have to go back to NEC for a final decision. Thank you.

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

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

MR. WINTERS: We will now hear from Chairperson Jeff Montague of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the President. Mr. President, from your address yesterday, you spoke of \$59 million in new funding through the Harvester Support Grant and Community Food Programs Fund. Would you be able to provide further detail such as how much will be for the Nunatsiavut Government and how long and spread out over how many years? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Whenever you're ready, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti*. [speaks in Inuttitut]

On the Harvester's Support Grant Program, while in Inuvik, the ITK Board of Directors and the AGM discussed this program and it's a proposal which the Federal Government provides to the Inuit across Inuit

Nunangat and ITK, the Land Claim Organizations and this program was also discussed at the NEC level on Monday. And so we still have not fully endorsed this program. The funding is available. But this will have to be endorsed by the Inuit Community Partnership Committee with the President, Justin Trudeau and the ITK president Natan Obed co-chairing the meeting. And so we have the details at Executive and we can certainly, when we are ready, share the information that you're asking. And-, but we are quite hopeful that the program will hopefully make everyone happy at the Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville level. And most certainly, to look at what the Canadian Constituency is asking also. But we are not making any promises as we are still discussing this program. But it looks very promising. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question?

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you. No, I don't.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there further questions around the Table at this time? Recognizing the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last year I raised the question in the House regarding processing of cod on the North Coast of Labrador. The answer was we don't have a facility to process cod. My question will be to the Minister of Lands and Resources. The old plant in Makkovik was built for the cod fishery is still in excellent shape. Minister with some of our beneficiaries now given cod allocations and the abundance of cod,

will you and your Department in conjunction with Torngat Fisheries look at the possibility of once again processing cod on the North Coast of Labrador?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Whenever you're ready, Minister?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you-, excuse me-, thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Ordinary Member for the question. Yes, that's something we have briefly discussed with Torngat and we're hoping to be able to bring processing for cod to Makkovik Fish Plant. We're still in talks and we will see what comes of it before processing for next year.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? Shaking his head, "No." The next question will come from the Ordinary Member for the Community of Postville, Mr. George Gear, when you're ready.

MR. GEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for Mr. President. The First Minister's not here so he probably could give me an answer. I've been asking a few times for the Government to lobby on our behalf, the constituents of Postville for policing in our community. I'm just wanting to know if there's an update he could give me or anything now. And if not, if-, would they get lobbying the Government whenever possible to see if we could get a permanent policing force in Postville?

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Mr. President, when you're ready.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, *UKatti*. I missed the first part of the question. Could the Ordinary Member repeat the question? Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Ordinary Member?

MR. GEAR: Yes, I've been lobbying-, like, I've mentioned it a few times, for policing in-, permanent policing in Postville. Just asked every time, like, there's a place you can lobby for us to get a stationary-, a permanent policing stationed in Postville. Would-, have you got update what you can give us?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. President, whenever you're ready.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti.* [Speaks in Inuttitut]

Yes, this file is the file of the First Minister, Nunatsiavut Affairs and-, but we are discussing this at the ITK level and also at the NEC level. And Melva, the First Minister, Minister Williams certainly is discussing this with the police and it's something that has been a challenge for many years. And the former Ordinary Member for Postville Sheppard, raised this point at many Assembly sittings. But it certainly will have to come from the First Minister's-, and-, but I will pass this on to First Minister Williams. And she will certainly give you an update on what you're asking. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek,* Mr. President. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question?

MR. GEAR: No, I don't have a supplemental question but thank you, Mr. President.

MR. WINTERS: Are there further first questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, are there any second questions around the Table at this time?

Recognizing the Chairperson for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak. When you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the President because he brought it up in his opening speech yesterday. It's regarding the Child First Initiative. I've heard from many parents and they find the program has a lot of red tape and a lot of paperwork and it takes a long time to get answers to request for children. Is there a way to lessen the paperwork to assist children to get the services they need faster? Maybe applications can be reviewed in our region instead of nationally, or different options. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. Mr. President, when you're ready.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

[Speaks in Inuttitut] 1:27:34

This was in my opening statements, but I do report on issues that relate to departments within Nunatsiavut Government and our files that are the responsibility of Ministers such as DHSD. And so at the ITK Annual General Meetings or the board meetings, we do raise these issues and certainly compare how the regions work on issues like Inuit Child First Initiatives. And Minister Asivak would be, if, you know, he is able to update on this issue would be the best to respond to the question. But this file is-, this issue is very important and at the ITK level, you know, we all know that we need a program that is equal to the First Nations Program. And so I-, if the Minister responsible for Health and social

Development would like to add, I'd certainly would ask him to do that.

Nakummek [speaks Inuttitut].

MR. WINTERS:

Minister Asivak, whenever you're ready.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President and Chairperson Kemuksigak. As Mr. President noted that the ITK AGM just happened last week in Inuvik. I did read the update that was announced publicly, however, I have not had the opportunity to be fully briefed on it. Once the update was given, I did send off an email immediately this morning to Director of Family Services, Ms. Danielle Webb of Nain, who oversees this program. DHSD has heard concerns around the application process. We are fully aware of it. There is an appeals process, however, I'm hoping to have a full-scale briefing on the updates and revision within this program. Once I know more, I'll be gladly sharing it with the Assembly in November if not sooner. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker, but I'd like to thank the President and the Minister for answering the question.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there further Second Questions around the Table? Seeing none, I will ask the Deputy Speaker to take over my Chair for the time being.

MR. SAUNDERS:

That was mine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do you have a question? Sorry, Ordinary Member Winters, go ahead with your question.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. My question is for the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technologies. We've consistently heard about backlogs in the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism and two years ago your department began a review of recruitment and retention. I'm wondering when we can expect a salary increase for our language carriers in the department and LCT? Whenever you're ready.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Ordinary Member. Minister Evans, would you like to respond?

MR. EVANS:

Yes, thank you for your question, Ordinary Member. Yes, it's a good question. It's a question that's been going on for some time and I sometimes forget that you're not privy to information that might be going on with the Executive Council and the work that's happening with this important and large file, "Recruitment and Retention." But I can just assure you that that's one of the significant items that's been identified and we're hoping to have some information hopefully by the end of the calendar year of this year. But what I could take-, I could do, is take it under notice to probably get you some more concrete dates or timelines in response to your question. And I'm sure you'd appreciate that. Okay, I'll take the question under notice to provide more detailed information.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Minister Evans. Do you have a supplemental question, Ordinary Member Winters?

MR. WINTERS:

I do. *Nakummek.* My question would be, during this review process, has the pay scale of language carriers in other regions been considered?

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Ordinary Member Winters. Minister Evans?

MR. EVANS: Yes, I'm sure that the Honourable Member would be aware that with consultations not just for one benefit or wages that are-, there's extensive review consultations with other forms of Government-, public, self-governing as well. So yes that's all factored in, for sure.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Minister Evans. Ordinary Member Winters, do you have any supplemental?

MR. WINTERS: I do not, but I thank the Minister for his response, and I look forward to that report. *Nakummek.*

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Ordinary Member Winters. You can have the Chair back.
Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there any other questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, we're moving on to Item Six. Item Six is, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? Recognizing AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers. Could a page bring her question to the Clerk, please? Recognizing Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville. Please hand up your question. *Nakummek.* The question from the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen is in order and will be responded to as necessary. And the question from the AngajukKâk for the Community of Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers is also in order, and will be responded to. *Nakummek.* This brings us to Item Seven, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. We'll move on to Item Eight,

"Petitions." Are there any petitions around the Table today? Seeing none, we will move on to Item Nine. Item Nine is, "Responses to Petitions." And there are no responses to petitions today. So we'll move on to Item 10, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." There are no reports of standing in special committees today. We will move on to Item 11, "The Tabling of Documents." There are no documents to be tabled today. Item 12 is, "Notices of Motion." At this time I will call upon the Chairperson of the Nunakatiiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak. When you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, I will move as follows: To appoint an ad hoc committee of the Assembly to review and recommend candidates for the position of Clerk of the Assembly and Deputy Clerk of the Assembly. And whereas the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides for the appointment of staff for the Nunatsiavut Assembly; and whereas the position of Clerk of the Assembly is currently vacant, and whereas the new position of Deputy Clerk of the Assembly requires appointment; and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resource Division of the Nunatsiavut Government, to hold open competition for both positions, I move, seconded by Mr. Jeff Montague, Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, that the Assembly establish an ad hoc committee to review and recommend a candidate for each of the positions of Clerk of the Assembly and Deputy Clerk of the Assembly, for approval. The following Members will constitute the committee: Mr.

Roland Saunders, Deputy Speaker will be the Chairperson; Mr. Jeff Montague, Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale; and that the Committee continue to avail of support of the Human Resource Division of the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to advertising and facilitating interviews for the candidates; and 4) that the mandate of the committee will be completed once appointments to the position have been approved by the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

And secondly, Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 16(1) to waive Standing Order 37(1) to proceed with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. The Member is asking for unanimous consent to proceed with the motion today. All in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Member you have consent from the Assembly to bring your motion forward at the appropriate time. This brings us to Item 13, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." At this time I will recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Terry Vincent.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, I will move, seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, the First Reading of Bill 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act - 2024."

And Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to proceed to first reading of the Bill today. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. The Minister is asking for unanimous consent to proceed with First Reading today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister, you have the consent of the Assembly to proceed at the appropriate time. We are now on to Item 14, "Motions." I will call upon the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I move as follows: The appointment an ad hoc committee of the Assembly to review and recommend candidates for the position of Clerk of the Assembly and Deputy Clerk of the Assembly. And whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act provides for the appointment of staff for the Nunatsiavut Assembly; and whereas the position of Clerk of the Assembly is currently vacant; and whereas the new position of Deputy Clerk of the Assembly requires appointment; and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resource Division of the Nunatsiavut Government to hold open competitions for both positions, I move, seconded by Mr. Jeff Montague, Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, that 1) The Assembly establish an ad hoc committee to review and recommend a candidate for each of the positions of Clerk of the Assembly and Deputy Clerk of the Assembly for approval. The following Members will constitute the committee: a) Mr. Roland Saunders, Deputy Speaker who will also be Chairperson b) Mr. Jeff

Montague, Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation c) Mr. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville d) Ms. Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain, and e) Ms. Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk Hopedale. 3) that the committee continue to avail of support of the Human Resource Division of the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to advertising and facilitating interviews for the positions; that the mandate of the committee will be completed once appointments of the positions have been made and approved by the Assembly.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. Before we continue, I would like to ask that any electronic devices in the room be turned to silent and then be put into the translators' room. Member, do you wish to speak to the motion?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? Yes, Ordinary Member of the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to know if Legal will also be involved with this and who will be setting up the questionnaire that we will be conducting?

MR. WINTERS:

The ad hoc committee will be supported by Legal Services as necessary and part of the support provided by the Human Resources Division will be setting up the questionnaire, et cetera. And the rest of these sorta logistical questions can also be sorted out during the meetings of the ad

hoc committee. Does that sufficiently answer your question, sir?

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any further questions? Yes, recognizing the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR.

MR. J. DICKER:

You said that-, just for clarification, it mentioned that the Deputy Clerk will be appointed. Does that Deputy Clerk replace the Assistant to the Clerk or is that a new position?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, for your question, AngajukKâk. The Deputy Clerk position was created as a clause during the 2022 September sitting to ensure that there will be succession planning. The Deputy Clerk is a brand-new position. It is not replacing anyone. Does that answer your question, AngajukKâk?

MR. DICKER:

Yes.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any other Members who would like to speak to the motion? Seeing none, does the Member wish to make final remarks and close debate?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. All those in favour of the motion? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, the motion is carried. This brings us to Item 15, "First Reading of Bills." First reading of Bill 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act 2024." I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent, whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, that Bill 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act 2024," now be introduced and read for the first time.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. Would you like to introduce the Bill?

The motion is in order. Does anyone wish to speak to the principal of the Bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

MR. VINCENT: I wish to conclude debate.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2024-03 on first reading? All those in favour? Are there any opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried, and accordingly, Bill 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act - 2024," has had first reading. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent.

MR. VINCENT: Honourable 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 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act - 2024," today.

MR. WINTERS: The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister, you have unanimous consent so the Bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We

are now on to Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." Apologies. Item 16-, getting ahead of myself. Second Reading of Bill 2023-03, *[sic]*, "Nain Quarries Act-2024." I would like to once again recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent for the second reading of Bills.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you. I move, seconded by the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, that Bill 2024-03, "Nain Quarries Act - 2024," be moved into Committee of the Whole with Mr. Brent Denniston and Mr. Mark Gillette as witnesses and 2) that the Bill be read for the second time. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

The motion is to move into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill. All those in favour? Any opposed? The motion is carried. We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I will give Director Denniston five minutes to come into the room.

We are now back in the Committee of the Whole. And I'd like to note that we have witnesses, Brent Denniston, the Director of Lands, as well as Mr. Mark Gillette of Legal Services here. As the Members are aware, the procedure for Second Reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. But before doing so, I would like to invite either of the witnesses to make remarks, if they should so wish.

MR. GILLETTE:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I won't make many comments here. I think the Assembly is used to seeing these types of Bills now over the last little while. This is pretty much the same type of bill that would've been

approved for other quarries over the last number of years-, just obviously, this pertains to the particular application that was approved by the Assembly yesterday on behalf of the...

MR. WINTERS: I will ask the witness to speak up, please.

MR. GILLETTE: ...on behalf of the Nain Inuit Community Government. So other than that, I think the Bill is fairly self-explanatory.

MR. WINTERS: Director Denniston? Shaking his head, "No." We will now go to the Bill itself. In reviewing the Bill, we will begin by voting on the substantive sections first, starting with Section Two. Then once the substantive sections are finished, we will go back to the beginning to consider the Preamble and the Title of the Bill. Starting on Page Two, Clause Two, which continues onto Page Three, "Interpretation." In this Act, a) Assembly means the Nunatsiavut Assembly, b) lessee means the Nain Inuit Community Government, c), "Minister," means the Member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council responsible for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*. Do we have any questions around the Table regarding Clause Two? Recognizing Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for the Community of Nain.

MS. BARBOUR: It's not a question-, more so a comment. Gram for grammar, Lands and Natural Resources should be capitalized and it's not-, under (c).

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. The correction will be made that D, L and N in the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and R, sorry, will be capitalized. *Nakummek*, Ms. Barbour. Are there any further comments

or questions around the Table? Seeing none, are we agreed on Clause Two? Any opposed? Seeing none, on to Clause Three, "Approval of Petition and Waiver of Impacts and Benefits Agreement." 3) The Assembly hereby a) Affirms that it has by resolution, approved the petition of the Nain Inuit Community Government for access to a 5.487 hectare area of Labrador Inuit Lands within Parcel LIL-03C and a 1.709 hectare area of Labrador Inuit Lands within Parcel LIL-05C for purposes of operating sand and rock quarries subject to Section 4 of this Act; and b) pursuant to paragraph 2.11(1)(e) of *the Labrador Inuit Lands Act* waives the requirement for an Impacts and Benefits Agreement in respect of the development proposed by the Nain Inuit Community Government. On Clause Three, do we have any questions or comments around the Table? Seeing none, are we agreed? Any opposed? *Nakummek*. We are agreed.

Clause Four, "Minister Authorized Issue Leases." The Minister is authorized to lease both a 5.487 hectare piece, parcel or lot of land in Labrador Inuit Lands, Parcel LIL-03c and a 1.709 hectare piece, parcel or lot of land LIL-05c in Labrador Inuit Lands parcel to the Nain Inuit Community Government for a term of 10 years under Section 4.11 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act on such terms as the Minister deems necessary or advisable but subject to the following: a) the lessee shall pay an annual rent of \$1, b) the lease shall prohibit the lessee from using the land for any purpose other than as outlined in the workplan or plans required in Subsection E or other such workplan approved by the Minister. c) The lessee shall take all steps and precautions necessary to

prevent risk of accidents or harm to persons or property at the site of the quarries or as the result of quarry operations including, without limitation, by the posting of multi-lingual warning signs and notices in the erection of fences and barriers, d) The lessee and its agents and permittees must obtain from the Provincial Government all necessary permits and authorizations and comply with all applicable regulations for the development and operation of quarries and must maintain all such permits and authorizations in good standing, at all times during the term of the lease, e) The lessee must submit for the Minister's approval, a workplan detailing the proposed development and operation of the quarries leased Labrador Inuit Lands which workplan shall be in a form satisfactory to the Minister and substantially in compliance with the consultation draft of proposed quarry standards provided to the Nain Inuit Community Government, f)-, did you have something to say Mr. Lampe?

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Yes, Mr. Chair, when you read-, you said, "Of the quarries leased," and you didn't say, "In the leased."

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. I will repeat that correctly. Your mic, Mr. Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Sorry.

MR. WINTERS:

e) The Lessee must submit for the Minister's approval, a workplan detailing the proposed development in operations of the quarries in the leased Labrador Inuit Lands which workplan shall be in a form satisfactory to the Minister and substantially in compliance with the consultation

draft of proposed quarry standards provided to the Nain Inuit Community Government. I apologize to the interpreter who did not misspeak but still had to re-read that clause, f) The lessee shall comply with any terms, conditions or arrangements for the protection of archaeological material or archaeological sites that may be described by the Minister following completion of an archaeological impact assessment by the Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office and-, there is some off-mic conversation about the word prescribed versus described. Prescribed is accurate. *Nakummek.*

g) Other terms and conditions as required by the Minister. For Clause Four, which continued onto Page Four from Page Three, are there any further questions or comments? Seeing none, are we agreed? Are there any opposed? None. We're on Page Four, Clause Five, "Coming Into Effect." This Act comes into effect upon its registration pursuant to the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act*. Are there any questions or comments regarding Clause Five? Seeing none, are we agreed? Are there any opposed? Seeing none, I will ask you all to turn back to Page Two. Clause One is, "The Short Title." This Act may be cited as, "The Nain Quarries Act-2024." Are there any questions? Seeing none, are we agreed? Any opposed? Seeing none, the Preamble, which is the, "Whereas," clauses, "Whereas the Nain Inuit Community Government has applied to the Nunatsiavut Government for access to a 5.487 hectare piece, parcel or lot of Labrador Inuit Lands within Parcel LIL-03C and a 1.709 hectares piece, parcel or lot of Labrador Inuit Lands within Parcel LIL-05C shown in Appendix B1 Part One and Map 55 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims

Agreement Appendices for purposes of operating sand and rock quarries; and whereas the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved the application pursuant to subparagraph 2.11(1)(c) of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act; and whereas the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources has obtained all necessary clearances with respect to the application pursuant to subsection 2.28(1) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* and made the determinations required under Section 5.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*; and whereas the Nain Inuit Community Government has, with the consent of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, petitioned the Assembly pursuant to Part Five of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* for an Act authorizing access to Labrador Inuit Lands, parcels, LIL-03C and LIL-05C for purposes of operating quarries. Are there any questions on the, "Whereas clauses?" Yes, recognizing Mr. David Dicker.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Chair. In the, "Whereas," section, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, there's a small, "R" and that should be a big, "R." Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. I saw the same thing and was wondering who was gonna bring it up. Ms. Barbour, did you have something else? *Nakummek*. The, "R," will be capitalized. Are there any further comments or questions? Recognizing Mr. Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Yes, *Nakummek*, Chair. And as you read the first, "Whereas," I don't know if it makes a difference to the lawyers, you said, "b1," instead of B-1. *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS: Regarding Appendix B-1? They are both shaking their head that it's fine. Are there further questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, are we agreed on the preamble? Any, "Nays?" We are agreed. Finally, the Long Title of the Bill. An Act to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue leases to the Nain Inuit Community Government to develop and operate quarries on Labrador Inuit Lands, parcels LIL-03C and LIL-05C. Are there any questions or concerns about the Long Title of the Bill? Seeing none, are we agreed? Any opposed? That concludes the page-by-page, clause-by-clause review of the Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate? Recognizing Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. J. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We never read out, "Now, therefore be enacted," the-, under-, on Page Two. It wasn't read.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Joe Dicker. That doesn't need to be read out in the Bill. Do you have any other questions or concerns? No? *Nakummek*. But thank you, for pointing that out. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

MR. VINCENT: Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. That concludes debate and it also concludes the Committee of the Whole. We will take-, we will now take our lunch break. We will see you back here at 1:00 p.m. Atlantic Time. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. We are now back in the Assembly. All those in favour of Second Reading of Bill 2024-03, "*The Nain Quarries Act - 2024*,"? Any

opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2024-03, "*The Nain Quarries Act-2024*," has had second reading. We're on to Item 17, "Assent to Bills." Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2024-03, "*The Nain Quarries Act-2024*," and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatik. Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to 2024-03, "*The Nain Quarries Act-2024*," and hereby sign it into Law. *Nakummek.*

[Applause]

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Thank you, Honourable President. We will now move on to Item 18. Item 18 is, "Adjournment." We have reached the hour of adjournment. This concludes the September 2024 sitting of the Assembly and I hope everyone has a wonderful fall. And I know it's harvesting time, so be safe out there. Happy travels. *Nakummek.*

[Adjourned]