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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

In Attendance:

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters

Deputy Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Darlene Winters

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Roland Saunders

President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe

First Minister, Acting Minister for Health and Social Development, and Ordinary Member for Rigolet Honourable Melva Williams

Minister of Language Cultural and Tourism, and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honourable Gerald Asivak

Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, and Ordinary Member for Makkovik Honourable Thomas Evans

Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for Nain David Dicker Jr

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

Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. George Gear

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard

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

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

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Postville, Vacant

Ordinary Member for Nain Mrs. Roxanne Barbour

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

Ordinary Member for Postville. Mr. George Gear

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MR. WINTERS: [Speaks Inuktitut] I would like to call to order the Second Sitting of the 2025 Fall Session, of the Fifth Nunatsiavut Assembly, and ask Roland Saunders to say the opening prayer.

MR. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. [Recites prayer]

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Item Two is the, "Opening Address." I will now ask the President for his opening address.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also met with Dr. Janet Morrison, the new President of Memorial University on October 4, in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Our discussion focused on Indigenous verification in relation to NunatuKavut. And I emphasize the importance of ensuring that economic institutions respect Inuit identity and treaty rights. As you know, Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 20th anniversary of our Government. And the implementation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Our theme, "Inuit Voices, Inuit Vision," reflects our journey as a Government and as a people. Events and community feasts have already taken place in some communities, with a feast planned for here, Hopedale Agvituk, tonight, in Rigolet this coming Monday and in Nain next Saturday. An event will also be held in Ottawa on December 3 to bring together parliamentarians, Provincial representatives and other dignitaries to

reflect on our journey and reinforce our position on key issues. I will be traveling to Ottawa again next week to attend an Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Board meeting followed by a meeting of the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee. These gatherings are important opportunities to advance Inuit priorities at the national level and ensure that Labrador Inuit voices are heard and respected. As this is our last sitting, Mr. Speaker, before the holiday season, I want to thank all Members of the Assembly for their dedication and hard work, and extend my gratitude to our staff for their continued support. I wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday and look forward to continuing our important work together in the new year.

Nakummek, UKattik.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. President. Item Three is, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I recognize Mark Gillette, the Director of Legal Services, Isabella Pain from the Secretariat, Roxanne Crawford, Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technologies and Abigail Amo from the NG Mining Analysts. I note that the following Members have been properly excused from this sitting, Roxanne Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain, Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk of Nain, Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, George Gear, Ordinary Member for Postville and there is a vacant seat in Postville for the AngajukKâk position after the resignation of Diane Gear. The pages for this sitting are Mason Dicker and Roxanne Semigak. The interpreter translators are Katie Winters and Toby Kojak. Ches Evans is the IT staff assisting this Assembly. As well we would like to

recognize the OKâlaKatiget Society staff, Tabea Suarak and Philip Semigak. If there are any questions around travel and logistics please see the assistant to the Clerk of the Assembly, Ms. Tabea Onalik. We will now move on to Item Four. Item Four is, "Ministers' Statements." Are there any Ministers' Statements at this time? Recognizing first the Minister for - well the First Minister and Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, whenever you're ready, Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I will present First Minister's statement and follow up with the health statement after other Ministers have an opportunity to speak.

Membership and Enrollment: Mr. Speaker, as of November 13, 2025, there was a total of 6,881 beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* on the Registrar of Beneficiaries. We continue to thank the Membership Committees and Appeal Board for all the work that they do on these membership applications. The members are appointed based on the ancestry expertise they have around each Inuit community.

Nain and North of Nain Committee: On that committee is Benigna Ittulak, Don Dicker Jr., Susan Webb, Henry Lyall, and Simon Kohlmeister.

Hopedale Membership Committee

- Includes Shirley Broomfield, Ruth Flowers, Christine Foltz Vincent, Rachel Saunders and Darlene Winters.

Makkovik Postville Membership Committee:

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There is Cameron Andersen, Tyler Edmunds, Annie Evans and Shirley Goudie.

Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville Membership Committee, Mr. Speaker, includes Sam Palliser, Roger Shiwak, Inez Shiwak and Jill Williams.

On the Membership Appeal Board, we have Trudy Flowers, Celest Andersen, Liz Evans- Mitchell, Emma Rose Murphy and Art Williams.

Housing, Mr. Speaker. NG is preparing to construct upwards of 30 housing units in Nunatsiavut in 2026, 2027. This includes

a combination of six-plexes, four-plexes, duplexes and single- family homes. In Makkovik, a six-plex residential building will be built, a women's Shelter-Assisted Living Facility Detailed design is underway for that one. In Rigolet, a six-plex residential building as well as a single-family home.

Postville, a six-plex residential building. In Nain, there will be a new six-plex for Transitional Housing, as well as five new single-family homes, a "New Journey" Apartment – Phase 1 and transition to subsequent phases, as well as Seniors' Housing Units, a duplex and four-plex to be completed.

Hopedale. Small family homes to be developed where land permits, Seniors' Housing Units, four-plex and single-unit dwelling to be completed, Mr. Speaker, with potentially 50 units scheduled to begin construction in 2026. This represents one of the largest annual housing development efforts ever undertaken by the Nunatsiavut Government. In addition to these housing initiatives, several other capital projects not directly related to Housing will continue or commence in 2026.

Seniors Units, Nain & Hopedale:

- Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Assembly that NG has terminated the contract for the construction of Seniors' Units in Nain and Hopedale. The decision to terminate was not made easily and not without long and careful consideration of the impacts this would have. NG must ensure that projects are not only completed on schedule, but also completed in a safe manner. This project has been delayed for too long and in the best interest of our seniors, NG has decided a change was needed. I will continue to update on this project with a new timeline and schedule for completion in 2026.

Nunatsiavut Housing Commission:

- Mr. Speaker, with respect to the lack of repairs underway by the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, I am very disappointed with the project of major and emergency repairs. Some of these repairs were actually scheduled to be complete in 2023. I assure the Assembly that this is an issue that I am monitoring closely and will be requesting a meeting with the NHC Board to understand what the issues are, and what the plan is to complete these repairs.

Infrastructure Public Property:

- Mr. Speaker, as we close out another successful construction season across Nunatsiavut, I am pleased to reflect on the tremendous progress made by the Public Property and Infrastructure Division, despite operating with a reduced capacity for much of the year. Over the past

season, the team has continued to deliver critical infrastructure projects in every community, ensuring that investments are creating lasting benefits for Nunatsiavut. Through determination and hard work, Infrastructure in conjunction with Human Resources has successfully recruited experienced staff to lead key initiatives and strengthen project delivery across the region. NG is

- preparing for what will be a very busy 2026 construction season, with multiple tender packages currently under review and nearing award. This proactive approach will allow us to mobilize quickly once the 2026 season begins, ensuring that capital development proceeds efficiently and effectively.
- Infrastructure has been working tirelessly to secure suitable land for housing development, a longstanding challenge in several communities, particularly Nain and Hopedale.
- Multiple properties have been identified and secured in Nain for new housing developments, including both apartment complexes and single-family homes. While Hopedale continues to face challenges due to limited available land, the team is exploring every opportunity to advance housing development there as well.

Improving Capital Project Delivery and Accountability

- Nunatsiavut Affairs has implemented a renewed and strengthened approach to capital project management and contractor accountability. This framework ensures that all contractors are held to the standards

outlined in their contract documents, including adherence to schedules, quality of workmanship, and safety compliance. While we remain committed to supporting contractors and helping projects move forward without unnecessary delay, it is equally important that work be completed to acceptable standards and in safe conditions. Contractors who fail to meet expectations or disregard contractual obligations are being addressed appropriately within the terms of their agreements. This approach not only safeguards Nunatsiavut's investments but also promotes fairness, safety, and consistency in project delivery. These principles will remain central to how the Department manages capital development going forward.

Current Capital Projects Update:

The Nain Administration Building Project is currently ahead of schedule, with substantial completion anticipated in spring-summer 2026. Minor upgrades to the existing building will continue through 2026 but will not impact operations, or not too severely.

The Rigolet DHSD Facility:

Commissioning scheduled for December 2025. Civil work, daycare yard development, and demolition of the existing facility are planned for summer 2026.

Makkovik Education Regional Office:

Commissioning in December 2025, with occupancy expected in January 2026.

Postville Office Addition:

- Commissioning scheduled for December 2025, with occupancy in early 2026.

Base Camp Critical Upgrades:

- Completed successfully during summer of 2025.

Illusuak Cultural Center: Remediation:

- The remediation work at the Illusuak Cultural Center has not progressed as well as Nunatsiavut Affairs had hoped. Multiple meetings have been held with the insurance company and the adjuster to advance the necessary repairs and remediation efforts required to reopen the facility.
- At this time, the work completed to date has not addressed all of the required areas within the building to allow for reopening. While the project team continues to push for progress, the Nunatsiavut Government is limited in its ability to directly manage the work, as it falls under the insurance adjusters responsibility. That said, Nunatsiavut Affairs has completed an independent upgrade project at the facility to prevent further interruptions caused by water and sewer issues. This proactive work will help safeguard the building's infrastructure and ensure that future operations are not affected once remediation is complete.

Planning and Strategies:

- With several major planning initiatives underway within the jurisdiction of the Inuit Community Governments, a three-day workshop will be held

to bring together Nunatsiavut Government project teams, consultants, and ICG representatives to streamline, review, gather feedback, and strengthen collaboration. The session will provide an opportunity to review progress, share findings, and identify next steps for seven key projects that support sustainable community development across Nunatsiavut.

- Wildfire Strategy:

Assessing wildfire risks and developing measures to enhance preparedness, protection, and response capacity across all coastal communities.

- Land Titles Project:

Supporting ICGs in managing land ownership and title information to strengthen local capacity for land data management and governance.

- Quarry Strategy:

Assessing local aggregate needs and providing guidance on sustainable operations and management frameworks.

- Growth Strategy:

Coordinating future community development to align land use, infrastructure, and environmental priorities.

- Waste Management Project:

Delivering an Interim Action Plan, Operations Plan, and Concept Designs, to modernize waste management systems across Nunatsiavut.

- Energy Strategy Update:

Identifying renewable energy opportunities and efficiency improvements to reduce diesel reliance and enhance community resilience.
- Economic Development Strategy, Construction Sector: Building local construction capacity, creating employment, and strengthening the regional economy to support Nunatsiavut's growing infrastructure portfolio.

Housing and Land Initiatives:
 - In conjunction with these strategies, the team continues to advance the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy, which sets clear targets for housing construction, repair, and program delivery to meet beneficiary needs.
 - Recent updates to community housing data have required adjustments to baseline information, ensuring all future actions and targets are accurate and evidence-based.
 - Additionally, Nunatsiavut Affairs has completed a Pilot Land Titles Initiative in partnership with the Nain Inuit Community Government. The project identified vacant and condemned properties within the community to determine whether title issues could be resolved, enabling either public ownership for private development or transfer of land to ICGs or NG for new housing initiatives. The project team has identified approximately 170 vacant or condemned lots across Nunatsiavut that could potentially support new housing once the title issues are resolved.

Planning is underway to expand this project to all communities in future phases.

New Provincial Ministers:

- Mr. Speaker, I have sent letter congratulating the New Provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Barry Petten, and Minister Responsible for Housing, Joedy Wall of their respective appointments. I have requested a meeting with the Ministers as soon as possible to discuss issues of concern. And I'm happy to report that since I arrived here I'm receiving responses from the ministers, willing to entertain the meetings with me.

Looking Ahead

- Mr. Speaker, with a strong and growing team, improved project management practices, and an ambitious portfolio of projects, the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs is well-positioned for a productive and successful 2026 construction season. We are proud of the progress achieved this year and remain committed to advancing housing, infrastructure, and community development across Nunatsiavut, building a stronger foundation for generations to come. *Nakummek, UKattik.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. We'll now hear from the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Gerald Asivak, when you're ready, sir.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. The first area I would like to focus on is the Division of Tourism. Inuit Games Workshop with Mr. Danny Jararuse in

Hopedale has begun. We are hoping to have a photographer, videographer hired to take footage...

MR. WINTERS:

Excuse me. One moment, Minister, we're waiting for the interpreter to find your report. Back to you.

MR. ASIVAK:

We are hoping to have a photographer hired to take footage of the workshop before it is over. We are working on a five-year contract with Arctic Kingdom to operate the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station and hope to have it finalized soon. Staff attended the Impact Atlantic Canadian Sustainability Travel and Tourism conference earlier this month. This is the first time this conference was held for Atlantic Canada. Our Director of Tourism presented with Parks Canada about the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. The presentation was well-received. We are continuing to work on a variety of projects for the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve file including providing input on the concept design for Beaverbrook and purchasing kayaks for the programming next year. An expression of interest to hire a research assistant in Upper Lake Melville and Rigolet on a short-term contract has been released. The research assistant will help organize and conduct interviews and small group sessions to gather information about Labrador Inuit stories at the Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve and surrounding area. We supported five artists, two from Nunatsiavut and three from Upper Lake Melville to attend the Crafted Show and Sale in Winnipeg earlier this month. Over the three-day sales artists were \$25,829. Three of their artists also had their work in the fashion show that

evening. We also supported four artists, one from Nunatsiavut and three from Canadian Constituency to attend the Craft Council at Newfoundland and Labrador's Christmas Craft Day in Torbay. This was also a three-day sale. Artist sales were \$6,845. We had more artists originally selected from Nunatsiavut but due to the postal strike they were unable to receive their supplies in time to prepare, and ultimately backed out. The Nunatsiavut Christmas online auction is happening this week. It will run from November 17th to the 23rd. The online auctions have been extremely successful in the past. Mr. Speaker, under the Division of Language and Culture. Work on the Division's five-year language strategy for 2027 to 2032 continues. A report based on the May 2025 Language Summit has been translated, and is undergoing proof-reading. Once complete it will be distributed to the Summit participants and social media posts will be prepared in both English and Inuttitut based on the report.

Mr. Speaker, at the October 22nd, 2025 NEC meeting, LCT presented a briefing note to increase the rates of pay for external interpreters and translators. The NEC approved the increased rates and that information has since been distributed to all NG staff via memorandum. The information was also posted on SharePoint. In addition, LCT is also seeking to increase the rates of pay for internal interpreters and translators. As with external interpreters and translators, this is also to recognize the importance of this work and the skill that it requires. It will also bring NG's rates of pay more in line with the rates of pay in other Inuit regions.

Civil Service Inuttitut classes will be offered again this winter. This will be a second pilot course that builds on the first pilot course held in the fall of 2024. It will follow a similar format, 12 weeks of classes, with one class per week for one hour per week. Inotsivik will be returning to offer the course through a combination of their learning materials, LCT-developed resources such as Tusâlanga. There will be a maximum of 20 students in the class and it will be open to all NG Civil Service Staff.

The Aullâsimapvet Program continues to support families reconnecting with the lands through seasonal camps and environmental monitoring. Twenty-five families have participated in the program to date. Funding for this program sunsets or finishes on March 31st, 2026. And Language, Culture and Tourism is exploring opportunities to continue the program through the Hunter Support Program.

Mr. Speaker, under Archaeology and Heritage, the Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum took place in Nain from October 20th to the 23rd, 2025. This was an opportunity for people involved in Archaeology and Heritage initiatives to come together to share ideas and concerns with like-minded individuals. The report is being worked on and should be out in December 2025.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Nanilavut Initiative has commissioned Inuit artist Jessica Winters to create a monument to commemorate Inuit who had died from tuberculosis to be placed in Hopedale with replicas for other communities. The monument will be permanently placed in the Hopedale Assembly building. There will be an unveiling event with the date to be determined soon. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. We will now hear from the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. David Dicker, when you're ready.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, UKattik. Mr. Speaker, a strong data governance structure supports data sovereignty in Nunatsiavut by establishing best practices to collect, manage, and steward Nunatsiavut Data, a valued asset for the Labrador Inuit.

The Nunatsiavut Government established the Information Management Committee. This committee was made to develop a comprehensive information management framework for the Nunatsiavut Government.

The Nunatsiavut Government engaged with the Firelight Group Incorporated to assist the Committee with this project.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Nunatsiavut Government's Data Governance Framework is now finalized. *Nakummek,* to the hard work of the Information Management Committee and to the two Information Technology staff, Janice Vardy and Sharmin Akter, who led this project.

The Nunatsiavut Data Governance Framework outlines areas such as data classification, security levels, staff roles and responsibilities, quality assurance responsibilities, to name a few. The implementation of the framework will be led by the data management team, with support from the Information Management Committee. Mr. Speaker, the internal website of the Nunatsiavut Government has a page dedicated to data

governance. I encourage all employees and Elected Officials to familiarize themselves with the Data Governance Framework and Strategy and to integrate these principles into their daily work. Training videos will be released soon, and hands-on workshops will be delivered in each community by the Department. Mouse pads are shipped to each office location which contain quick references to the information lifecycle, our guiding principles, and data classification and security levels. On

behalf of my department, *Nakummek*, for being part of this journey.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to welcome three new employees to the Information Technology Division. Jeff *[sic]* 43:07 Coffey recently started as Tier II Information Technology Technician, located in Nain. Scott Powell has started as the Information Security Specialist and Dhiraj Rajkarnikar started as SharePoint Administrator. Both are located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We will now hear from the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Tom Evans, and Minister, you have about four minutes.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try and be brief. Okay, I'll do my statement for the Economic Development Division. As a reminder our Annual Plan for the Division focuses on business development, community development, policy, data collection and offering supports.

Business Development.

As of the end of October, our Inuit Business Registry has 267 certified businesses. The Economic Development though...

MR. WINTERS:

One moment, Minister. Waiting for the Interpreters Booth to catch up. Whenever you're ready, Minister.

MR. EVANS:

Nakummek. I'll start over. Business Development. As of the end of October, our Inuit Business Registry has 267 certified businesses. Three new business applications are under review. Regarding procurement, three packages were received from Vale, with our Division nominating four Inuit businesses and two qualified business entity nominations. There are a total of 14 business clients, 11 in start-up, three in growth. The Business Development company or BDC continues to address business concerns and policy issues related to Voisey's Bay IBA implementation. We are continuing to explore possible training options and suppliers for program delivery. Due to lack of trainer confirmation, training is expected for winter, spring 2026.

The Division is preparing its annual Christmas campaign promoting Inuit business goods and services. This will be released on social media and SharePoint on December 1st. Under Community Development we have two funding programs, the Community Economic Development fund, the CEDP, and the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, FFA. We have approved 64,000 to the Rigolet Inuit Community Government for the Tourism Coordinator position. The new Community Capacity Program remains

with Legal finance review. Once complete we will present it to the NEC for approval. An internal committee including Economic Development, Department of Health and Social Development, and Nunatsiavut Affairs is prepping to apply a \$1.73 million Northern Isolated Communities Fund, NICI. Quotes for proposal and development are under review with contract awarded by December 1st. We anticipate submitting a proposal to ACOA as of February 2026.

Under Policy and Data Collection, the Community Economic Profiles were updated in October. We will release the profiles to a social media and website campaign in December. Staff capacity training to reproduce the profiles will be launched in December 2025 also. We continue to review possible contractors for the development and operation of our labour database.

MR. WINTERS:

Minister. That is 35 minutes. Under Standing Order 29(3) the time allotted for Ministers' statements can be extended with the approval of the Assembly. Do we have the approval? Can I see a show of hands again? We do not have the approval. We'll move on to Item Five. Item Five is, "Members' Statements." Are there any Members' Statements at this time? Recognizing the Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to the family of the late Tommy Basto of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, to the family of the late Ronald Perrault of Happy Valley - Goose Bay, to the family of the late Nora Gear, of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, to the family of Harris Wolfrey of Happy

Valley-Goose Bay, to the family of the late Marina Best of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Fiftieth wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Mervin and Celest Andersen of Happy Valley-Goose Bay who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 28th. They had a celebration on October 18th with great food, company, speeches and music. I was glad to be invited and presented a 50th milestone wedding anniversary certificate to them from the Nunatsiavut Government and one from Prime Minister Mark Carney, Government of Canada.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Government 20th Anniversary December 1st. My colleague Mr. Wally Andersen and I will plan to attend Nunatsiavut Government 20th Anniversary celebrations in North West River and Happy Valley-Goose Bay on December 1st. There will be caribou soup, speeches, celebration of our 20th anniversary. Thanks to the staff, working groups were working on this important date and celebrating with community. Happy 20th Anniversary, Nunatsiavut Government. We have come so far for our beneficiaries and we have more work to do in due time. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Do we have any other Members' Statements? Recognizing the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen, when you're ready.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Members' Statement is on behalf of AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale. The first statement, *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge two more of our elders in our community that recently passed away. To the families of

Boas Frieda and Amalia Frieda, on behalf of the HICG I extend my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers. Mr. Frieda for a period of time was a Board Member for the Labrador Inuit Association. And he also worked with MOT as a weather observer here in Hopedale and in later years up to his retirement he worked as an Inuit Childcare worker in the Language Nest. Ms. Frieda spent many years working as a domestic worker with the IGA and in her later years as a home support worker when the program first started with LIHC. Both of these seniors had to leave their home due to health reasons to be cared for. Mr. Frieda, in his last months of life came back from the long-term care unit in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and was cared for by family up to his passing. Ms. Frieda went to Mary's Harbour Manor for a couple of years and was transferred to the long-term care unit in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. She did not get to see her home again before she passed. I thank both of these seniors for their committed service to better our community. They will be missed. Mr. Speaker, we are begging the Nunatsiavut Government to help find a solution to the heart-wrenching issue of seeing our seniors leave their communities only to return home in caskets. We have to do better. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. And I'll take note that, that was on behalf of AngajukKâk Flowers. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Good day, Assembly Members, staff and visitors. Welcome to Assembly again. The Speaker and I held a meeting

with the Canadian Constituents in St. John's prior to Remembrance Day celebrations. It was a goodly turnout of members along with their concerns and questions, a lively discussion about why the Canadian Constituency is treated so much differently from all other areas of Nunatsiavut with no final answer. As usual, the topic of membership and the long application form came up with many suggestions to improve it. It was a good discussion about starting an association for NG Inuit in the St. John's area. The problem many see is getting enough people to start a dedicated committee. We donated leftover food from the meeting to the gathering place in St. John's to help the homeless and less fortunate in that area. Many of them are Inuit from our area. Then the Speaker and I attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial and the Speaker laid a wreath on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. I then traveled to meet with other members along the way to Deer Lake. In all, a good week of meetings and fellowship with the Nunatsiavut members living on the island. At this time, I'd like to congratulate Lela Evans on being re-elected to represent Torngat and her many portfolios that she will have to fulfill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Recognizing the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. David Dicker, when you're ready, sir.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, *UKatti*. During this quarter, Mr. Speaker, I have assisted 46 Nunatsiavut beneficiaries of the constituency of Nain to complete the following: Assisted beneficiaries in applying for income support and required documents to submit to income support for beneficiaries,

setting them up for direct deposit, updating their information on their files, and payment plans to Gov NL Collections Division; helped beneficiaries attain new Scotia Bank cards from Scotia Bank and BMO bank cards with the Bank of Montreal in Happy Valley-Goose Bay branch, to set them up for direct deposit for their Canada Revenue Agency benefits given the Canada Post strike; aided beneficiaries in obtaining new MCP cards with Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services as well new membership beneficiary cards for beneficiaries from the Membership Department at the Nain Administration office in Nain; aided beneficiaries in attaining their access codes from Employment Insurance Benefit with Service Canada; Reconsideration forms with Service Canada for Employment Insurance; enrolling beneficiaries with the Nain Inuit Community Government, with the Community Enhancement Employment Insurance Program to work towards gaining their hours for eligibility for Employment Insurance Benefits; following up with Nunatsiavut Housing Commission for beneficiaries in relation to their Nunatsiavut Housing Repair applications for updates with their repairs. In collaboration with Service Canada, attaining information and required documents for beneficiaries such as T4's, Record of Employment, et cetera to obtain required documents for beneficiaries, as well as filing for Employment Insurance with Service Canada online with beneficiaries.

I attended the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and was the Master of Ceremonies. We had a total of 177 beneficiaries from Nain in

attendance. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I attended the Foster Families Appreciation Night that was held in Nain on October 29, 2025 and provided a speech at the event. I was invited to speak at the Remembrance Day Assembly at the Jens Haven Memorial School in Nain, on November 6th, along with AngajukKâk of the Nain Inuit Community Government, Anthony Andersen. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to also acknowledge the Jens Haven Memorial Girls and Boys volleyball, AAA Volleyball Team that won the regional volleyball championship in Happy Valley-Goose Bay over the weekend. They'll be traveling to provincials in Newfoundland.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight that I have unwaveringly supported beneficiaries by addressing their questions, guiding them to the appropriate departments and doing everything within my power as Ordinary Member for Nain to assist and benefit the constituents of Nain. *Nakummek, UKattik.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there other first Members' Statements around the Table at this time? Recognizing the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to, I guess, thank you, thank the President for his news release regarding the passing of family member and long-time employee of the Nunatsiavut Government, Rita Andersen, a well-respected elder and knowledge keeper for the Labrador Inuit Association and right up until her passing with the Nunatsiavut Government. We will miss her posts on Facebook every morning

showing the weather in Nain and that kind of thing and just being a family member and to the extended family of Rita, we pass on our condolences from MICG. On another note, Mr. Speaker, as Ordinary Member Dicker mentioned, Makkovik girls won the A Division Volleyball competition in Goose Bay which is great to see that the North Coast young people are doing so well sports-wise and other-wise, drama and all that good stuff as well. So, congratulations to our schools on the North Coast for doing so well in farther away communities. Also, since we were here last, the HMCS Margaret Brooke visited Makkovik. The ship's company did come ashore and visit the school, and with the Canadian Rangers and Junior Canadian Rangers we had a good afternoon. A couple of hours sitting around, and they asked lots of questions to the Naval Officers and crewmen and women. So, it was a good visit, a short visit - it was cut short due to weather but nevertheless the ship's company enjoyed their time ashore. Also, the Makkovik Nunatsiavut Government office held their 20th Anniversary Feast last week I believe it was, and everybody - it was a great turn out. The Junior Canadian Rangers served the food as well at that event. So good exposure and also as Ordinary Member Saunders mentioned, I'd like to thank the Service Men and Women from World War I and to so many of them served from Labrador, for World War I especially. And we did have our annual Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th with great attendance in our church and Ordinary Member Evans laid a wreath on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government at that service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there further first Members' Statements around the Table at this time? Yes, recognizing the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Terry Vincent, when you're ready, sir.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This statement is on behalf of AngajukKâk Flowers. *Nakummek, UKattik.* "My Members' Statement today is actually an essay that was written by a 14-year-old student attending ACMS. It is worthy of bringing to this Assembly to present mental health from a youth perspective. Students were asked to write about a social or community issue they are passionate about and why it matters to them. This is what was written. 'A social and community issue that I'm very passionate about is mental health. Mental health matters greatly to me because within my community mental health is one of the major issues which will often go overlooked or un-helped. Many of the people who struggle with mental health and challenges it brings often goes unnoticed because of the lack of access to important things like mental health services, resources and support systems. And on top of that there are also significant social stigmas surrounding mental health making many hesitant and even afraid to reach out for the help and assistance they need because of the fear of being judged, misunderstood or even labeled as weak, often also prevents individuals from seeking out those resources they need. I've seen this firsthand among people I know or see around my community, like my friends, family members, classmates and even the strangers in my community. One thing I often notice, regardless of their backgrounds and ages is many of them struggle with depression, anxiety

and many other mental health conditions and traumas. I notice they often have a hard time reaching out for help because of the stigmas and lack of resources. I remember one time very vividly about when I heard personal stories with people silently suffering and bolting up their emotions because they often don't know who to talk to or where to go for help, that they even feel hopeless and isolated because finding the right people and resources that actually care seems like an impossible task, is something I remember hearing from multiple people communicating about it, ranging from family, friends and even classmates which I find completely disheartening as no one should have to suffer in silence or feel that support is out of reach. It shouldn't be as difficult as it is to find the right services and resources, they need to feel safe and comfortable to speak to. I personally noticed how poorly advertised and how scarce mental health services and resources are in our community, with mental health centres often being out of town and feeling isolated. And I've also in our community with mental centres - and I've also noticed how mental health resources or hotlines only being promoted during specific awareness events and campaigns such as mental health awareness month and other events alike, and how outside of these events the promotions go back to being poorly promoted or even often lacking promotions all together. It seems rare to see information about available help either online or in real life like in workplaces, stores, local centres and school. This consistent lack of help and resources being visible and available makes it harder for those in

need to find these important resources, reach out and even though such resources and help exist. The stigma and silence around mental health often helps further the problem. It often leads to shame, denial, and fear of seeking the resources and help they need in fear of ruining their reputation, chances at employment, and even damaging their relationships, leading to the result of people to continue to suppress their emotions and feeling until they reach their breaking point. Mental health is a crucial part of our overall well-being, often affecting and influencing multiple aspects in our lives such as how we act, how we feel, how we think, and even how we interact with others. When our mental health suffers, so do the many things around us and about us such as our physical health, relationships, our productivity and even our sense of purpose, often leading to straining families and relationships, accidentally creating tension and misunderstandings. When one person in a community struggles, it doesn't only impact them individually. It often ripples outward affecting the people around them unknowingly. Neglecting mental health has far-reaching consequences and often contributes negatively to the community overall with rising rates of substance abuse, self-harm and even suicide, which starts to lead to social issues such as homelessness and unemployment. And when people don't feel supported or valued in their communities - sorry, in their communities, it just further helps in the disconnection of the community. That is why mental health is so important to me, especially

in my community 'cause mental health isn't just a personal or individual issue.

MR. WINTERS: Ordinary Member, I'll ask you to continue with your second statement. You're out of time.

MR. VINCENT: I have just one more sentence.

MR. WINTERS: Okay, go ahead.

MR. VINCENT: When mental health goes silent, overlooked and neglected, everyone is affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.*

[Applause]

MR. WINTERS: Are there any other Members' Statements around the Table? Are there any second Members' Statements around the Table? Seeing none, we will take a 10-minute break. We'll be back at 20 to the hour. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS: Welcome back. We are now in Item Six, "Returns to Oral Questions." Under Standing Order 32(12), Returns to Oral Questions, the President or the Minister may read a return which has been filed in accordance with Standing Order 32(10). Would any of the Ministers like to read their responses? Seeing none, that brings us to Item Nine, "Returns to Written Questions." In my haste, I've skipped, "Oral Questions." Imagine. Item Seven is, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions at this time?

Yes, recognizing the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. This contract [*sic*] (1:15:40), I think is to the First Minister, but I might be wrong. When contracts are awarded for infrastructure or homes et cetera, is there something in place for contractors to hire Nunatsiavut beneficiaries when they can or if they can - I mean if they, they have to hire some Nunatsiavut beneficiaries?

MR. WINTERS:

Whenever you're ready, First Minister.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson for your question. The *Procurement Act* for the Nunatsiavut Government governs the bids, assessment of the bids and contractors are assessed on the amount of Inuit that they will hire based on what they indicate in their bid. However, there is no requirement within the contracts for the Nunatsiavut Government at this time that there is a certain level of Inuit to be hired within the contract. Thank you, Chairperson and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, First Minister. Would the Chairperson like to ask a supplemental question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Is that something that Nunatsiavut Executive Council could look at putting into the contracts because I've noticed traveling that there's a lot of contractors but there doesn't seem to be a lot of local people working with them. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson for the supplemental. That would require a process, a review of the *Procurement Act*. But we, Nunatsiavut Affairs can take a look at it to see if and how this process could be changed. Thank you, Chairperson and Mr. Speaker.

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

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

MR. WINTERS: Are there more oral questions at this time? Are there any other first oral questions at this time? Seeing none, the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I think this question is directed to President Lampe. What progress has been made on transitioning position in departments to the Land Claims Area from non-land claims area positions? Example, Nunatsiavut Housing or there seems to be a lot more positions with DHSD regionally.

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, *UKattik*. Thank you, Chairperson NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, for the question on the transitioning program we are doing what we can to bring Labrador Inuit programs and services into the Nunatsiavut Land Claims Area. But this process is very challenging and very slow. But we are doing what we can to keep working on the transitional program. But we will provide information on

what programs or services that we are working on right now.

Nakummek, UKattik.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. The First Minister has indicated that she would like to add to this. Go ahead, when you're ready.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to add to the reply from the President 'cause I had heard that the Chairperson had referenced NHC, Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. As the Assembly may remember, in previous statements, I have advised that I have requested Nunatsiavut Housing Commission to prepare a plan to present to me that would include or a plan to be made to relocate the offices that are in Happy Valley-Goose Bay to Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Does the Chairperson have a supplemental question for the President?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to thank both of them for their answers. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other oral questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, that concludes oral questions for today. We will move on to Item Eight. This is, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions at this time? Seeing none, we finally caught up to myself. It's, "Returns to Written Questions." As previously mentioned, the President and Ministers have the option on whether they would like to read their return to written questions. Do any of the Ministers or the President wish to read their response at this time? Seeing none, we're on to Item 10,

"Petitions." Are there any petitions today? Seeing none, we're on to Item 11, "Responses to petitions." There are no responses to petitions. Item 12, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." There are no reports of special and standing committees at this time. Item 13 is, "The Tabling of Documents." I would now like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr., when you're ready.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table the following documents, The Presentation, *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, Nunatsiavut, November 2024; The Presentation the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2025; the Presentation, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly 2025 and the Presentation, *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, 21-year Anniversary, November 2025.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister Dicker. These tabled documents will be numbered as follows: The Presentation, *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2024 will be numbered as 16-5(10). The Presentation, *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2025 will be numbered 17-5(10). The Presentation, *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, 2025 will be numbered 18-5(10). The Presentation, *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, 21-Year-Anniversary, November 2025 will be numbered 19-5(10). I would like to recognize the acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Melva Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table the document DHSD Annual Report 2024 to 2025.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister Williams. The tabled document will be numbered 20-5(10). This brings us to Item 14, "Notices of Motion." I would once again like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 20, 2025, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, Melva Williams that Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* with Ms. Isabella Pain and Ms. Rexanne Crawford as witnesses. And Mr. Speaker, I'm seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive SO 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 37(1) to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister Dicker, you have consent to bring your motion today at the appropriate time. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 20, 2025, I will move seconded by the First Minister, Melva Williams, that the Assembly convene as the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*

Implementation Trust with Ms. Isabella Pain as witnesses, and Mr. Speaker, I am speaking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Minister Dicker, you have consent to bring your motion today at the appropriate time. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, The Honourable David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 20, 2025, I will move, seconded by First Minister Melva Williams that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* with Ms. Isabella Pain as a witness. And Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, you have consent to bring your motion today at the appropriate time. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 20, 2025, I will move as follows: Whereas pursuant to trust deed dated April 30, 2004, as amended, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* will set out to receive amounts payable under the *Voisey's Bay Impacts and*

Benefits Agreement for the benefit of the beneficiaries named therein and may be amended by three quarters approval of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly; and whereas it is in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* that the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly approve an amendment to the trust deed to clarify the ability of the Trustees of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* to allocate certain amounts computed, pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* of Canada to the beneficiaries each year; and whereas a presentation on the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* 21-year-Anniversary has been tabled as the Tabled Document 19-5(10) and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled document in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Ms. Melva Williams that 1) Tabled Document 19-5(10), the Presentation to Nunatsiavut Assembly of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* 21-year-Anniversary, November 2025 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms. Isabella Pain and Mr. Mike Flatters as witnesses and 2) on conclusion of the Committee of the Whole, the Assembly approve that the trust deed of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* be amended by deleting paragraph 10.1(10)(k) of the trust deed and substituting the following: Allocation of income to declare amounts deemed to be included in the income of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for purposes of the *Income Tax Act Canada* in a taxation year payable to or allocable to eligible trust beneficiaries on or before the end of such taxation year. And Mr. Speaker, I am seeking

unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Any opposed? Seeing none, Minister Dicker, you have consent to bring your motion today at the appropriate time. There are no more notices of motions today. We will move on to Item 15, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices for first reading of bills today. Item 16 is, "Motions." I will call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and whereas the presentation, *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2025 has been tabled as Tabled Document 18-5(10) and whereas the Assembly should consider the Tabled Document in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Ms. Melva Williams that Tabled Document 18-5(10), *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2025 presentation to be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms. Isabella Pain and Ms. Rexanne Crawford as witnesses.

MR. WINTERS:

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

MR. DICKER JR.: No, Mr. Speaker.

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. DICKER JR.: I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker, *Nakummek*.

MR. WINTERS: At this time the motion is to move us into the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. All those in favour? The motion is passed. We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I will invite Ms. Pain and Ms. Crawford to the floor. Welcome. You may begin when you're ready.

MS. CRAWFORD: So, we're starting today with *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. We'll turn to page two, the background. *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* indenture was settled on March 1st, 2010. This trust was created for the purpose of acquiring and holding the capital transfer payments as noted under Chapter 19 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. The next slide is about the designation as a *Settlement Trust*. I'll summarize what's here. Basically, under the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, which is an agreement between the Government of Canada, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, it outlines the types of investments that the Settlement Trust is able to make in order to maintain eligibility for designation by the CRA as a settlement trust. The Nunatsiavut Government applied for this designation in 2024 and we have been told

by the Canada - the Department of Finance that we are - this designation is on the desk for the Minister of National Revenue. So we're just waiting for the, the signature, at which time the trust will be designated as an official *Settlement Trust*. Until this formal designation has been received, the Trustees have ensured that there was no tax payable by reporting the investment income payable to the NG on or before the end of year each year since 2010 which meant that we didn't pay tax to CRA. We also, as you'll note on another page, I've made sure that all our investments met the criteria for *Settlement Trust*. So that we're hoping that when it's signed off it goes retroactive to 2010. Capital Transfer Payments. The capital transfer is the fund as we noted before, that the Nunatsiavut Government received from the Government of Canada for settlement of the land claim. This transfer is a one-time settlement and was paid in 15 installments. The details are on schedule 19(a) of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, and all payments have been received as of December 1st, 2020. The Settlement trust deed indenture on the next page outlines the objectives of the trust deed. There are five objectives and principles of the trust deed noted on this page. There are many others under the trust deed indenture, but they mostly relate to the investment side. So, the purposes of the investments, monitoring of the investments relate to all those purposes under the administration of the trust deed indenture. But basically the principals are to promote, advance, develop and improve the well-being of eligible beneficiaries, to advance and develop Inuit culture, to provide assistance and means to advance education of

eligible beneficiaries, to provide financial assistance for the delivery of social, health, recreational and housing facilities, services and programs for eligible beneficiaries and to provide financial assistance for the promotion, advancement and development of financial, business, entrepreneurial and employment skills of eligible beneficiaries. Before I proceed, there's one other thing just to note. It's not in the presentation this year, but we had put it in previous presentations. Chapter 19, of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, also speaks to repayment of the negotiation loans. What happened was when Minister Carolyn Bennett was the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, the Government of Canada made a decision to repay back any of the loans - well, to forgive whatever was remaining on negotiating loans for all self-governments. And if an entity had paid in their loans to repay back that money, all that money was repaid back to the Nunatsiavut Government and put into the *Settlement Trust*. There's an Inuit law that speaks to the chapter 19 monies going into the *Settlement Trust*. So, I just wanted to highlight that. We had taken it out because it had been about five, six years ago that all this happened. But I just wanted to highlight it. So, I'll go back to the presentation on the slide, "Eligible Beneficiaries." Eligible beneficiaries are the Nunatsiavut Governments an Inuit Community Government, another *Inuit Settlement Trust*, any Inuk and Inuit, any registered charity or non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*, that directly or indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. And these eligible beneficiaries are exactly as per the terms of the

Tax Treatment Agreement. So, the *Tax Treatment Agreement* and the *Settlement Trust* indenture completely align. I'll pause here if there are any questions so far on the *Settlement Trust*. So, if we go to, "distributable cash flow," during the first 11 years of the fund there was no distributable cash flow to be made to any eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government. Distributable cash flow is defined in the trust indenture with a specific calculation. It is a very technical calculation. It covers about a page and a half of the trust indenture. So, it's a little bit more difficult to try to put into laymen's terms 'cause you have to look at income received. There's percentages like dividends, interest income, capital gains, et cetera. So, it's not a simple formula that I could put into this presentation. And there are restrictions to the distributable cash as defined in the trust indenture. indenture. Year 12 was 2021. There were delays in accepting funding requests from distributable cash flow which occurred due to the global pandemic. Applications and procedures are now completed. The application process. Yeah?

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Chair. I'm wondering, in relation to the distributable cash flow, is there a set amount that's available to apply on annually or how does that process go?

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD: There is no minimum amount. So basically, you have to start with what is the, as I noted, the different type of investment income. You have to take off certain types of expenses, income tax, or not income taxes, but certain nuances of these investment incomes, whether it's 50 percent of capital gains, et cetera, expenses of the trust deed to get down to what is distributable cash flow. There is no minimum or maximum set amount. It's strictly by, you know, the numbers of what you earn that year.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any other questions at this time? Ms. Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Just for my clarification. After all the fees or whatever is taken off, you know then that's how much you can apply for any amount. Like if you had 20 million as cash flow for the year 2025 for instance, and you, you had 21 million in applications, you could only disperse 20 million? Is that what I'm understanding, for one year?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: That is correct. We can only distribute up to what is that calculation of distributable cash flow. We cannot exceed that. So, if there was 20 million - If the distributable cash flow calculation was 20 million, and we had applications for 21, we would not be able to support \$21 million of applications. Our maximum would only be 20.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. So, prior to 2021 when, when you first distributed cash or the disbursements, the money that was accruing, that can't be accessed anymore?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD: The distributable cash flow calculation is only based on that one year. It's not a cumulative calculation. So, if you had \$10 million of calculation in year 12 and we gave out 5, you don't carry forward the 5 to the next year. It's just based straightly on what's available in that particular year for distribution.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there further questions at this time? Seeing none, Ms. Crawford, you may continue.

MS. CRAWFORD: So, 2024 was the first year that we went through an application process. So key details, there's one application deadline per year. It is upcoming, November 30th, as a reminder to everyone who may want to apply. The Statement of Principles and purpose is consistent with the trust indenture. There are, as we noted, distributable cash flow calculations and restrictions, and disbursements occur in the first quarter of the year. So, on the next page the 2024 disbursements based on the applications received that met the criteria, there was \$430,500 disbursed in 2024 to three organizations. The details are noted below, but just to give a highlight, NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation for cultural programming, Community Freezer, language programming, outings and gatherings, the Nain Inuit Community Government for their wooding initiative and for their senior's band and snowmobile program, and the Nunatsiavut Government for Hebron and Nutak reunions. The next slide speaks to the qualifications of the Trustees. To carry out the powers and authorities found in the trust indenture, Trustees should have the

following characteristics: ability and desire to learn advanced investment theory, skills to develop, revise and implement an investment policy, ability to review, assess the performance of investment managers, and the ability to make difficult funding decisions. Trustees undergo continuing education to stay abreast of investment theories, policies and practices. Annually we schedule an education day during one of our set meetings, where we are taught and learn about very many different investment theories, different types of funds, new things that might be coming out in terms of monitoring, fund managers and sometimes even to go back and refresh ourselves on some of the things that we do when we monitor and look at each of our funds that we have invested. Current Trustees, on the next page are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, myself, as Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, I automatically sit on the *Settlement Trust*, or whoever would be the comptroller of the Government automatically sits on the *Settlement Trust* - Daniel Bennett and Sarah Leo. Composition of the Trustees is outlined in the trust indenture. There are parameters around the number of Trustees who are employees of the Nunatsiavut Government, a minimum number who are Inuk, minimum number who live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, and gender, to name a few of the parameters that we look at for the Trustees. So now we're going to get into the investment section of the *Settlement Trust*.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I wanted to ask a question.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Oh, sorry. In the eligibility and the disbursements, it also should be noted that the money can only be used the one fiscal year. You can't have it carry over like some other trusts.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD: Yeah, it can be used for the purposes outlined in your proposal and in the timeframe of the proposal that was applied for.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any other questions at this time? Mr. Andersen, Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess this is a comment. There's lots of misinformation going around social media and that kinda thing. So, the Trustees, do they take it upon themselves to answer or, yeah, try to bring that stuff into line? And as - I find it a lot of things go quite viral when people say that the Nunatsiavut Government is taking all this money for themselves and all that stuff online when in fact, we are accountable. Just wondering how we go about countering some of the misinformation?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: I'll give you a quick answer. We have not done any of that to date but, however, there was a post probably about three weeks ago that we are trying to write a response to and to put some facts in there and some truth because it was very incorrect and false information that was out there. So, It is something that we're trying to look at. The question is always whether you engage or not, you know, what is the bet approach

to that. But there were so many - so much misinformation and false information that we are looking at - we've started drafting a response to that - to one of those posts.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there further questions or comments at this time?

MS. CRAWFORD:

I'd just like to make one other comment on that. It's really difficult in the social media and digital age because there's a couple of things always to remember. One is, does the individual or the people who are commenting on it actually even care about the truth, is one thing that we have found. And two, you know, there are avenues where we're trying to make sure the, like, the facts and the information are given. So, this is one avenue right now, you know, our Assembly is public; it's publicly broadcast, and these documents are public documents. So, we encourage all of you in your capacity and roles, when you're hearing individuals talking to you about it or even letting them know that there is annual reports presented by the Trust to the Assembly, these documents are public documents. They can be requested from the Assembly and they can be reviewed there. So, these are the facts on, you know, the Trusts that we're presenting here today. And so please, you know, as you're having conversations with beneficiaries sitting around your table or in your offices, just let them know that they can get that from here.

Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, Mr. Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the upcoming deadline what avenues of communications are shared with eligible beneficiaries to get this message out? Because I think a lot of the eligible beneficiaries are unaware of this *Settlement Trust* and with a short timeframe coming up, I would like to see the Trust put out reminders, not only for the upcoming date but months prior to, so we can share as elected officials with our beneficiaries and our constituencies. As we know, we have a lot of beneficiaries relying on old-fashioned communication such as radio, posters - we can use the new modern with social media, even interviews, maybe with CBC Labrador Morning and such because this is a prime time to enhance our eligible beneficiaries to access much-needed funds.

Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

We will definitely do that. And we've made note - both of us made notes to get those information out. Last year we sent it out right after we did the presentation in November as well. And I believe through the *T Trust* process where they have twice a year we also - well I'm not there as a T Trustee. They also let them know that there is another avenue for applying for funds. If they don't make the deadline for the *T-Trust* or aren't eligible or there's not enough funding in the *T-Trust* to address all the applications that come in, they do direct them to the *Settlement Trust* as well. But we do have this noted and we will definitely take your recommendation. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there further comments or questions? Yes, Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, this is a comment. Also, when you're getting the information out, if you could share it with elected officials and possibly the application form if people are looking for it, or a way that they can get it, 'cause I do know there's a few Inuit organizations that are looking for funding.

MR. WINTERS: Yes, Mr. Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE: Yeah, further to the application, is it possible to make it digital? This being the digital age? I noticed in other applications that it's, you know, you - it had to be hand-written. If it's possible to make them digital, and it's much easier to fill out.

MR. WINTERS: Witnesses?

MS. PAIN: The application for the *Settlement Trust* is a PDF fillable form. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* one is not. We have started that process, but we haven't completed it because once we started to that work, it meant we wanted to edit a lot of the what was in the application. So, it's just taking some time but that will be fillable too, hopefully in the next number of months.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*. Are there further questions or comments at this time?
Seeing none, you can continue.

MS. CRAWFORD: The next slide the Asset Mixed Policy. And I have gone over about four times to make sure it adds up to 100 this year, 'cause I had an error last year. I'm not going to read through - it's not fair to the translators to read through every single fund manager. I think what's important to know is that we as the Trustees have made a decision to have a very

diversified portfolio. And I'll just take you back to 2008, 2009 when the markets crashed. Our investments were in equities and bonds, a 60/40 portfolio was commonplace. But it meant you were completely tied to the markets. So, if there was a market down-turn or an up-turn, it 100 percent affected your portfolio. So since then, this trust has diversified into equities, a little bit of bonds, real estate, infrastructure equity, alternatives, private debt, infrastructure debt, farmland and timberland. So, some of these - what we call alternative investments had steady income streams. And then part of their income would be appreciation or depreciation of the asset itself. And even within the equities, and real estate, it's not just tied to one country. It's diversified. So real estate we have two funds, one with Canadian, one with global. Our global one under the *Settlement Trust* is still to be determined. We're in the final stage of selecting a fund manager for the global real estate, and at the same time there's a potential amendment coming to our *Tax Treatment Agreement*, which may allow us to invest in the Global Real Estate Fund that the other two trusts invest in. So those two things are simultaneously happening. That's why you'll see that one is to be determined.

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that the question that I'm going to ask we had discussed it last year as well. But I'm wondering because of the state of the world now, are any of our funds in any of the trusts, American-based? If so, has the Trustees considered that, and are they

concerned with that? And are there being conversations about whether or not we should continue with American-based manager funds?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

The answer to all your questions is yes. One, there are assets in some of these fund managers that are based in America. You also have to understand that about 75 percent of global companies are home-based in America. So, Coca-Cola, for example; it's a very steady company. It's not being impacted as much by the tariffs as we think. And it's a very - would be a very steady investment to invest in. We do and have had many discussions around the table. We have had discussions with our fund managers. We've monitored the fluctuations on our assets and on these fund managers because of the tariffs. It's actually even more than just the tariffs. It's sometimes the markets are very finicky, and someone can say something, and it can have an impact on the market, which may not - it's based on sentiment, market sentiment versus a reality of what's actually happening. And then you'll see it correct. So, the equity - there has been some volatility in the equities. We've had extreme upswings. We've had some downturns. But it hasn't made a significant impact on our funds at this point at all. It is very - we are having - we have had discussions about do you pool your money all out of the United States of America? And if you do, I think that's my opinion and what we see when we review all our things is that would actually be really detrimental to the fund. There are a lot of good companies that are based in the United States of America. So, we always have a long-term vision for our fund for

this trust and for the investments in the fund. And so, you have to kinda ride out what's happened in the last six months. Is that going to be the norm? What's going to happen, you know, and so we take a very pragmatic approach in monitoring everything. You know, you'll see that some of our - we have five percent in Emerging Markets. Those can be very volatile as well. Brazil is one example where inflation goes up and down. Presidents change very frequently. So - but it's a small portion. And then I'd like to go back to remind you that we have diversified the portfolio to protect the money against having a significant amount attached to equities and attached to one country and attached to - to have that impact. I don't know the word I'm looking for - the volatility, I guess.

MS. PAIN: Volatility.

MS. CRAWFORD: ...the volatility of it. But at this point we don't have a decision to pull all of the money from the Trust out of the United States of America.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I appreciate the answer. My other question around that would be is there a process or is there consideration given to the funds that you are investing in, and their relationship with the President of the United States, and if that's something that would make any impact and what decisions is made by the Trustees?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

I think you have to define relationship to the President. Do you mean as the President and owner of any of these particular companies? These companies are very large. Some of them are international companies. Some of them are based in Canada. Mostly, there's a significant amount of their ownership is actually with employees which makes it - means that the employees' compensation are also tied to the performance of this. Do I - I am not aware that one single investment company in all three trusts have any ownership by the Trump empire or the Trump family. President Trump, as you know, would have had to put all his assets into a blind trust upon him being sworn in as President.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other questions or comments at this time? Seeing none, you can continue.

MS. CRAWFORD:

On the *Settlement Trust* asset mix policy, as I noted we monitor the asset mix policy quarterly to make sure we're in compliance with those percentages or within the plus and minus on each side. That's all been approved into a policy. And for the *Settlement Trust*, investments must generally be eligible investments for RRSPs in order to enjoy the *Settlement Trust* status which is tax exemption on investment income under the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. And so, this requires careful monitoring to make sure that all of our assets meet this income tax requirements. We did add a slide this year on private debt. That was to try to give a little bit more information in response to a question that was raised last year at the Assembly. So private debt delivers superior risk adjusted returns in a primarily secured debt structure. So, the

characteristics of a private debt investment are regular income, low volatility, low correlation to other asset classes, capital preservation. A loan is secured against assets which is a cushion against default. The assets can be sold or operated to recover the loan that was made. And this investment into private debt have quality management teams in place. And these investment managers are renowned for the work in this area. Okay. Monitoring of fund managers. We do have a monitoring policy in place for the Trust. And the Trust has a qualified investment advisor who prepares quarterly monitoring reports which covers data such as performance relative to objectives, portfolio characteristics, price to earnings, dividend yield relative to expectations, performance analysis such as Beta, R Square, tracking error, volatility, the Sharpe ratio, up and down market capture, et cetera; monitor annualized performance over one year, two years, three years, four years and five years, and since inception of the fund. We also meet three times a year to review these quarterly reports in person. We meet annually with each fund manager face-to-face to review their detailed performance, their investment management style, the organization and other matters of importance. And when certain events occur, closer monitoring of the fund manager can and does occur. And this includes monitoring them on a monthly basis and more frequent face-to-face meetings, and more frequent face-to-face meetings as a group, and with the actual fund manager that's under closer monitoring. Are there any questions on the monitoring before I move to the performance? The next slide shows the Annualized

Performance as of December 31st, 2024. So, the total fund in the 2024 year returned 17.2 percent. The benchmark that we measure ourselves against was 18.63. We were just under on an absolute basis, the benchmark. That put us into a second quartile. So, the quartiles again, just as a refresher, is all these types of funds that are together, you would monitor and say, okay, where do they place relative to the benchmark? And your benchmark can vary depending on the type of investment. So, a Canadian equity, the benchmark would be the TSX. Low volatility investment, equity account would be against the low volatility index. Global equities against the MBSI, real estate company that we have hired had said we want - this is our objective. And so, when we hired them, we hired them with a particular objective, and do they meet or not meet it, and here's the percentage. So, this is for the total investment of all those different categories of assets. There is also a smaller chart there. The percentage time since this Trust has been created, but it's been in a particular quartile. The *Settlement Trust* has been in the first quartile 47 percent of the time since inception. It's been in the second quartile 28 percent of the time, third quartile 13 percent, fourth quartile 12 percent, and 75 percent of the time it is above the median. And as you can see over the last five years, we've been in the first quartile, three years ago, four years ago, five years ago, and the last two years we've been in the second quartile. And on the next page is the unaudited financial update. The value of the settlement fund is \$384.5 million. It earned \$6.3 million

investment income. It had realized gains of \$2.2 million and an unrealized gain of \$45.5 million.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: What is unrealized gains?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD: An unrealized gain, so if you put \$1 into the investment and it goes up to \$1.50 but you do not cash it out as cash, you have an unrealized gain of 50 cents. If you cashed it out and took the money into your pocket you would have a realized gain of 50 cents.

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, the - based on the value of the fund and based on the income earned in that year, at \$6.3 million, are the Trustees satisfied that, that was a good earner for the fund? And that was a good year, or how do you make that assessment?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: The assessment is based on more than just looking at the dollar value of the income earned. So, the overall Trust is 17.2 percent earned income. So, if you had \$1.00, you had \$1.17 at the end of it. So that was a - on an absolute value is a great year. It's a difficult question to say a 6.3 million investment income. That's the money that's actually paid out by each thing. So, you have to look at your realized income. But you also look at it based on each individual fund manager. Did they meet what you hired them to do? Did they do? We have one investment that is in closer

monitoring. We didn't feel that they were doing what we hired them to do. We were having very close monitoring of them. One we were in close monitoring and now they're out of closer monitoring and the reasons of why they weren't achieving goals have completely changed, and they've done a lot of great work. They never changed their philosophy or their investment style which is one reason for hiring them. And they've been able to improve. And so, we didn't have to make the decision to fire them or terminate them as a fund manager. So, there is one investment that we're - we do have on closer monitoring. We believe that's why we're in the second quartile and not in the first quartile. You know, I have - we talk about the investment monitoring statement report. So, it's a hundred-page document that we get every quarter that we review in depth. There is a summary page that breaks it down. We look at each individual investment against its benchmark, what quartile they're in, what percentage are they in? Et cetera. So, it, it's a little bit difficult to say we got 6.3 and that's a great year, or we made 17.2 and that's a good year - 17.2 percent sounds great, but if the market made 30 percent, then we did terrible. So, there's so many more different values than just looking at the actual absolute value number.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, based on that, was 2024 a good year?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: I would think we're satisfied. Could we have done better? Yes. We have one fund in closer monitoring.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any other questions or comments at this time? Seeing none, I will excuse the witnesses. *Nakummek. Nakummek.* As we have - we are now back in the Assembly, by-the-way. As one of our presenters is going to be available in about eight minutes, we're going to take a break until then while IT gets him on the line, and we'll start again at about five after the hour. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS: Welcome back. Mr. Dicker, I believe due to the presence of one of our witnesses, you had a request to make?

MR. DICKER JR.: Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the consent of the Assembly to next proceed with Motion 12-5(10) *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, 21-year-Anniversary discussion and resolution.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. Does the Assembly agree to move to Motion 12-5(10), *Tasiujatsoak Trust* 21-year-anniversary discussion and resolution? In favour? Any opposed? Seeing none, we are agreed. Minister, you may proceed.

MR. DICKER JR.: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas, pursuant to trust deed dated April 30, 2004, as amended the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* was settled to receive amounts payable under the *Voisey's Bay Impacts and Benefits Agreement* for the benefit of the beneficiaries named therein. And may be amended by three quarters approval of the

Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas it is in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, that the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly approve an amendment to the trust deed to clarify the ability of the Trustees of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* to allocate certain amounts computed pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* of Canada to the beneficiaries each year and whereas a presentation on the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* 21-year Anniversary has been tabled as Tabled Document 19-5(10), and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled document in the Committee of the Whole, with witnesses, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Ms. Melva Williams, that 1) Tabled Document 19-5(10), The Presentation to the Nunatsiavut Assembly of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* 21-year Anniversary, November 2025 to be referred to the Committee of the Whole for the consideration with Ms. Isabella Pain and Mr. Mike Flatters as witnesses, and 2) On conclusion of the Committee of the Whole the Assembly approve that the trust deed of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* be amended by deleting paragraph 10.1(k) of the trust deed and substituting the following: Allocation of income to declare amounts deemed to be included in the income tax of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* of Canada in a taxation year, payable to or allocable to eligible trust beneficiaries on or before the end of such taxation year.

MR. WINTERS:

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

MR. DICKER JR.:

No, Mr. Speaker.

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. DICKER JR.: I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: At this time, the motion is to move us into the Committee of the Whole who receive the presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. All those in favour? Are there any opposed? Seeing none, we are agreed. We'll move into the Committee of the Whole. I invite Ms. Pain into the room and Mr. Flatters online. Welcome into the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Flatters and Ms. Pain. You can begin your presentation when you're ready.

MS. PAIN Mike, did you wanna proceed with the presentation, please?

MR. FLATTERS: I just wasn't sure if you wanted to say something first, Isabella. But first off, thank you, for the honour of being able to attend before all of you. This is an important matter for Nunatsiavut, and I'm pleased that people have put a lot of effort into addressing it and tabling this proposal. By way of quick background, I have worked with Nunatsiavut Government since inception and I am a Trustee of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, *The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, and you'll see from the materials that we've supplied you with, I'll try and be as brief as possible and more than happy to answer any questions that unfold or that pique your interest as we go along. But not unlike the *Settlement Trust* and the *Implementation Trust*,

the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* was formed to create the opportunity to preserve monies that were payable under different payment streams, either the *Land Claims Agreement* or in the case of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Impacts and Benefits Agreement* which was then Vale and is now Voisey's Bay, to preserve these monies for future generations of *Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries*, and frankly, also to be in a position to support Nunatsiavut Government, in the event that some time in the future the support from the Government of Canada to enable the Nunatsiavut Government to perform or provide programs and services that are important to them, that they have already initiated and already are providing. The independence to continue to provide those and that is tied to the success of these trusts and the preservation of the assets and the monies in these trusts for future generations. The trusts have operated to date and hopefully well into the future with one maxim with regard to income tax, and that is, we do not wanna pay any income tax because that's a permanent erosion of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries' capital. It's gone if we end up having to pay tax in those trusts. And so, what we've done over the years to minimize the erosion of income tax is to ensure that amounts that have been paid or are payable by those trusts to beneficiaries of the Trust, exceed the income that's computed each year under the *Income Tax Act*, for those trusts. So just to take an example...

MR. WINTERS:

Excuse me, Mr. Flatters.

MR. FLATTERS:

Sorry?

MR. WINTERS: Would you mind slowing down a little bit for our interpreters' booth, please?

MR. FLATTERS: Slow down, sorry?

MR. WINTERS: Just a little bit for the interpreters' booth, yeah.

MR. FLATTERS: Yes, please, yeah.

MR. WINTERS: Yeah, thank you.

MR. FLATTERS: Understood. Thank you. So just to take an example, if the trust earned a hundred dollars of dividend income on shares of Microsoft that the Trustees bought. As long as the distributions to the beneficiaries in the year are \$100 or more, the Trust will have no taxable income, and therefore will have no tax to pay, and we will have preserved the capital of the Trust. In the connection with the 21-year anniversary, we not only have to take into account the income that we've earned in the year, so realized capital gains on shares of Microsoft, dividends on received on shares of Microsoft. Interest income paid on funds that were loaned or derived from alternative investments that we've made. All of those amounts, we receive. And so out of them we could pay tax or hopefully we don't have to pay the tax, if we declare an amount, a proper amount payable or allocable to the beneficiaries of the Trust. However, in the case of the 21st anniversary of the trust, the *Income Tax Act* specifies that the Trust will be deemed to have sold all of its assets in the year, regardless of whether they actually did sell those assets during the year. And it's referred to as the 21-year deemed disposition. To be quite

honest the concept is more applicable to trusts set up by family members for family-, other members of the family, and they say, idea here is that you cannot perpetuate the deferral of the recognition of the income of these trusts. Every 21 years, you're deemed to have sold and reacquired anything that you own. So, in the case of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, we've been working this year on calculating what is this number, this 21-year deemed disposition number? And while we're coming around the three quarter-mile pole and getting close to the final estimate, the, the number that you need to know is that it's a very material number. It's around \$120 million of capital gains on the portfolio that the Trustees have built up over the years. Current tax rules require one half of a capital gain to be included in income. So, we're looking at least \$60 million of what I've called phantom income, income that we're deemed to have realized but haven't actually received. And that, at this point in time is looking like it'll trigger about a \$40 million tax bill. Not something we want to do. And so what we want to do is to be in a position first off to avoid the payment of the tax and be in a position to do so, we want to be able to declare this excess amount because it will exceed actual distributions to Trust beneficiaries such as the Inuit Community Governments, the Community Volunteer Centres, the people who received distributions from the trust during the year-, it will exceed those distributions. And so, we need to find a method to reduce the income to zero again. And there is a method, and that is to make a declaration by the Trustees that the income of the Trust for the year will be payable or allocable to either the

Labrador Inuit Association or Nunatsiavut Government, both of whom are exempt from tax. And so just to stop even right there, what would be \$60 million of income in the trust will become \$60 million of income to Nunatsiavut Government under the tax rules. And the idea is that Nunatsiavut Government is not subject to income tax, and so the tax that would otherwise have been paid at the trust level is avoided, and the capital is preserved for the benefit of current and future generations of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. So, in order to do that, we would ordinarily pass a resolution before year-end to make this amount as finally determined payable. However, there is a Canada Revenue Agency position that we have to be mindful of. And it specifies that if your trust deed does not allow you - or let's put it this way - only allows you to pay amounts that are income of the Trust as computed under trust or ordinary law, you cannot make payable this bubble amount of \$60 million of phantom income that's deemed to have been received for income tax purposes, unless your trust deed specifically says deemed income is included in income and can be declared payable or allocable to a trust beneficiary and therefore is deductible in computing the income of the trust. So, at this point in time our trust deed drafted a long time ago, is vague on that point. There are - if we wanted into get into a fight and a brawl, I'd be the first one to lead the charge to context Canada Revenue Agency. But rather than get into wasting time and resources on a fight with Canada Revenue Agency, our view is we would prefer to clarify the trust deed provision that would enable us to say we're relying on this

clause. And so, the proposal that's before you refers to a section in the trust deed that itemizes a long list of specific powers that the Trustees have to administer the Trust. 10.1 is the section. And what we would like to do is change a clause that's in the trust deed right now, paragraphs K substitute for it, this desired amendment that would allow specifically for us to declare amounts that are deemed to be income for income tax to be payable or allocable under the terms of the trust deed. And the clause that is there right now, frankly is a clause that sort of, a statement of the obvious of the powers of the Trustees, and so I would just assume simply delete that old paragraph k and substitute this very specific wording to allow the Trustees to reduce the income of the trust for tax purposes down to zero again and thereby preserve the capital of the trust and not erode it permanently by having to pay income tax on this phantom income. So that's the nuts of, and of the whole issue, and it's a long-winded explanation, and your Executive Council listened patiently to our explanation and we're more than happy to answer any questions that you might have relating to the issue or the proposed solution.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any questions or comments for Mr. Flatters?
Recognizing Mr. Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Yes, so you're saying if we give \$60 million to the NG to, what, would they give it back to us eventually, put it back into the settlement or what, NG would have the money itself?

MR. WINTERS:

Mr. Flatters?

MR. FLATTERS: Sorry, I...

MR. WINTERS: Okay. Mr. Sheppard, ask again please?

MR. SHEPPARD: You're asking that we send \$60 million in phantom income over to NG. What are-, do the NG keep the money or what happens to the money then?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. Flatters, was that more clear?

MR. FLATTERS: Yes, thank you. On the first level, sir, the phantom income would become phantom income of the Nunatsiavut Government. It doesn't pay any tax on it. It sits out there as an amount allocable or payable and in the ordinary course we would hope that the Nunatsiavut Government turns around and assigns the benefit of that amount back to the Trust as a contribution to the capital of the Trust.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there further questions or comments at this time?

MR. FLATTERS: I should just say, to clarify that, the requested amendment is one that we need to make before December 31 of 2025. The contribution back to the capital can be done in a succeeding calendar year. It does not have to be undertaken in 2025.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Ms. Pain, did you have anything you wanted to add?

MS. PAIN: No, I don't have any comments. The only thing I was going to say is that we apologize for the shortness of bringing this issue and not a lot of background before now on this, but it is a-, because of the 21st Anniversary and we have been working on this throughout the year in terms of clarifying the amounts with our financial experts and we are just

getting this defined as we get close to the end of the year, and we are in a situation where we have to have a decision now before the end of the calendar year. So, it's a very urgent and timely issue that has to be resolved.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say that I think that Mr. Flatters referred to that he did-, we, the NEC was provided a presentation like this in - before it came to Assembly, so we had an opportunity to have our questions answered at that time. And I'm of the opinion, and I can state it here as I stated it there, I don't - I think that the - because this is a legal process that's not underhanded in any way and it's an opportunity for Nunatsiavut Government to obtain income for its, our people going forward, that we should - this is something that I feel that, you know, would be good to be able to have this amendment in place so that that can happen. And I just wanted to provide my own opinion personally because I think that, you know, we certainly don't want to have to give back \$40 million or \$60 million to CRA if there's a way that we can legally save it for our own people for use in the future. I just wanted to provide my opinion.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that, to thank Mike for explaining it really well. I fully understand what's going on, 'cause I was

reading this over and some of it I was getting a little tiny bit confused.

But I fully understand what's going on and I want to thank you, for that.

MR. FLATTERS:

Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there further questions or comments at this time? Seeing none, I feel as though we can excuse the witnesses. *Nakummek*. Yes, sir,

Nakummek. Thank you. That concludes the Committee of the Whole.

We are now back in the Assembly. Is the Assembly in favour of adopting the amendments to the *Tasiujatsoak trust deed* as outlined in the Minister's motion? A reminder that in order for this to pass, it requires a three-quarter majority vote. All those in favour? Seeing none opposed, the motion is passed. I will now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr. for the next motion.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker, I move as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, and whereas a presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* has been tabled as Tabled Document 16-5(10) and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled document in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Ms. Melva Williams, that Tabled Document 16-5(10), the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* presentation be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms. Isabella Pain as witness.

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

MR. DICKER JR.: No, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, does the Minister wish to make final remarks and close debate?

MR. DICKER JR.: I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: At this time, the motion is to move us into the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*. All those in favour? There are no, "Nays." We are in favour. The motion is passed. I invite Ms. Pain to the floor. Is anyone else having difficulty locating the presentation? Ms. Williams, do you, have it? Okay. Ms. Pain, whenever you're ready.

MS. PAIN: *Nakummek.* So, I'm presenting today on the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, and it's our report for the year ended 2024. So, this Trust was settled on May 7, 2007. The objectives of this Trust are to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, Chapter 23 payments, and to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of all capital transfers received from the Nunatsiavut Government and at least 15 percent of the income from the fund. Just a note that we have received all of the funds from the Government of Canada for those Chapter 23 payments. The eligible beneficiaries of the *Implementation Trust* is the Nunatsiavut Government. That is the only eligible beneficiary because from the title "Implementation," this is the fund that is to allow NG to implement the land claim. So that's its purpose is really to implement

that *Land Claims Agreement*. This trust has three Trustees; myself, Michael Flatters who was just on the screen on the - another issue, and Patty Dicker from Hopedale. The next slide is about qualification of Trustees. This is very repetitive of what we heard from the *Settlement Trust*, as this is the same requirements for all of our trusts. So, I'm not going to go through it unless people want me to. But it's the same slide, essentially. Where we're going to differ, a little bit is in relation to the asset mix policy. As Ms. Crawford discussed, there are certain restrictions on the *Settlement Trust*, and so we're looking for - we still had a to be determined on global real estate. We have that here in this asset mix policy. So, we again have a breakdown of equities, Canadian, global, emerging markets and fixed-income real estate, both Canadian and global. We have infrastructure, equity infrastructure, alternatives, private debt, infrastructure debt and farmland, timberland. I will just note that we have further broken down some of our investments, like Canadian Equities into two different managers. We don't have just one Canadian equities manager, so you'll see some of that in the description. Again, as Ms. Crawford talked about with the *Settlement Trust*, the objective is to create a very diversified portfolio that is not only tied to the equity markets.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now I'm a little bit confused. I've just totalled them up and I'm showing at 95 percent?

MS. PAIN:

It could be in addition, yes, I could check that. But we do have 100 percent. So, I might have had a typo from last year. I can go back and do that and correct and give you the right number, but it is supposed to total 100.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek.

MS. PAIN:

The next slide is on the asset mix policy. Again, as discussed with the *Settlement Trust*, this policy is monitored quarterly to ensure that all investments are made in terms of the approved policy. We have a similar monitoring of fund manager's policy, so I'm not going to discuss the next slide. It's the same process applies to the three trusts. So, I'm going to skip right ahead to the annualized performance slide, unless you had questions on the slides. They are the same slide in essence. Annualized performance - oh, this is a typo. It - my one says 2023. That's supposed to be 2024. The total fund was 15.99 percent. The benchmark was 18.63 percent and the median was 15.14 percent. That was a one-year return for 2024. So, you'll note that while the total fund did have a return of 15.99 percent, the benchmark that we're measuring ourselves against was 18.63 percent. And so, it is lower, although we're still in quarter two. The same rationale applies as to why we're a little bit lower including having the money manager under closer monitoring because they weren't performing as well as we had hoped. I will note that in our two-year was we were in quarter three in year - in - for our second-year annualized performance. Our three-year annualized performance was Q1, four years was Q1 and five years was Q2-plus, so very close to being

in the first quartile on a five-year basis. In terms of the value at the beginning of this particular trust, it was \$658.5 million in October to December 2024 but from an annual basis it was \$586 million with a value at the end - that was the starting of the year. The value at the end was \$655.5 million in the *Implementation Trust*.

MR. WINTERS: I think you mean 658. Is that what you were going to say, Ms. Williams?
Go ahead.

MS. WILLIAMS: No, I was going to say it looks like this fund has lost. Is that right?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain?

MS. PAIN: It's lost?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Sorry, on October - okay, this is January to December of 3031 [*sic*] and one is October 1 is, okay, yeah. So, yes, at the beginning of - at the end of December 31st, 2024 is showing it's 658 million but in the overall year it's showing 655 million. It's - is that correct, or?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN: Yeah, it is correct. Those are the numbers. So, as you see the column to the right is 586. That was our starting in January. We had income from October 1st, which is in the middle column, was 658. So, we did have an increase up to 658. There are no realized losses. So, I think that's the thing to remember as Ms. Crawford talked about what a realized or unrealized loss or gain was. So, the - so some of the investments went down but nothing was actually crystalized or realized.

MR. WINTERS: Are there any other questions or comments at this time? Ms. Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. So, the - my question is similar to the other fund, or other Trust. At the end of the year, do you feel as a Trustee or do the Trustees feel that this trust was, had a successful year?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN: I do. I think we've had positive earnings. So, we have, you know, grown the Trust value. Could we have done better? Yes. And as we say, we have in place our performance monitoring so that when an investment manager isn't performing the way we want, we have a process in place to say, "We're monitoring you very closely with more financial reporting, more conversation with us," and then if their performance starts to improve, which are one of - the manager has improved their performance this year, so it's not something that you have one bad performance and then you say, "We're going to fire you." Hiring and replacing managers is a long time. So, we give them the opportunity to improve their performance which they have. And you'll see the results from that particular manager in this coming year. So, I think we can always do better. I think we have a diversified portfolio so that we are not as impacted by the stock markets, the equity markets. We have other types of investments and we also try to diversify by some people will do better in down markets. Some will do better in up-markets. So, you're not, not everything is losing or, you know, losing value at the same time. So, it is to try and preserve our capital. But we can always do better. We would like to be in Q1 all the time. So, you know, personally,

my goal is to try always to be in Q1, in the first quartile, which we aren't - we were not in 2024.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

I'm looking around making sure I'm not taking the floor from everyone else. So, in relation to this fund, the only beneficiary is the Nunatsiavut Government. Has the Nunatsiavut Government availed of this trust, and what kind of priorities were actioned from that disbursement if they had them?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

So, this trust, unlike the other ones, it's not an application process. It - we have to, by virtue of the trust deed, provide an annual amount to NG. So, every year it's a percentage of our income has to go to NG every year. So, when you will get the budget request that comes through the Budget Bill that comes to Assembly, one of the financial resources that you'll see there is Implementation, from the *Implementation Trust*, and that becomes allocated through the budget that comes to this Assembly.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there further questions or comments at this time? Seeing none, I would like to thank our witness. That concludes the Committee of the Whole, and we are now back in the Assembly. We'll once again call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable David Dicker Jr. for his next motion.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports...

MR. WINTERS: Minister Dicker, I apologize. We're not hearing the interpreter right now, or at least I'm not. Is anyone - there we go. All right. From the top again, please, Mr. Dicker, Minister Dicker.

MR. DICKER JR.: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, and whereas the presentation *Tasiujatsoak Trust* Nunatsiavut Assembly November 2025 has been tabled as Tabled Document 17-5(10), and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly should consider the tabled document in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses, now therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Ms. Melva Williams that Tabled Document 17-5(10) the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* Nunatsiavut Assembly, November 2025 presentation be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms. Isabella Pain as a witness.

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

MR. DICKER JR.: No, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, does the Minister wish to make final remarks and close debate?

MR. DICKER JR.: I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: At this time, the motion is to move us into the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. All those in favour? None are opposed. The motion passes. We are now moving into the

Committee of the Whole and I invite Ms. Pain to join us. Maybe you can just hide under the table next time. Whenever you're ready, Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

Nakummek. Similar to the last presentation, there's gonna be some slides that are similar to the ones we just did in *Implementation and Settlement Trust*, which I'll skip over. But the background to this particular Trust is that it was created in 2002 as a result of the signing of the Voisey's Bay *Impact and Benefit Agreement*. The objectives of this Trust are to receive and invest payments under the 2002 IBA, to disburse funds to enable Nunatsiavut Government to meet its obligations under the IBA, to assist seven community volunteer centres to meet community needs, to reduce negative impacts of Voisey's Bay project, to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives, to promote development of Inuit culture, in particular Inuttitut, the improvement of the well-being of Inuit and the promotion of social justice for Inuit, education and training, protection of the environment, the establishment and maintenance of a supplementary harvesting compensation fund for Inuit, the delivery of social, health and recreational facilities, services and programs for Inuit, the promotion, advancement and development of financial, business, entrepreneurial, economic and employment skills amongst Inuit. The eligible beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, are the Nunatsiavut Government, charitable organizations with specific criteria or a community or class of Inuit. This trust makes funding available two times a year for eligible beneficiaries to apply. The application process is that it is a proposal-based application. Application deadlines are September 30th

and March 31st every year. And then funding applications, those applications are reviewed within four to six weeks of those application deadlines. And a note to just say that the total disbursement decisions to date, so since 2002 are valued at \$140 million - \$140.5 million have been disbursed through the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. The next page has the 2024 disbursements. You can see that the total of disbursements in 2024 was \$3.1 million and the allocations go to things such as the volunteer centres, the AnânuKatiget Tumingit Regional Women's Association, the Native Spirit Youth Centre, NICG for the wooding program and for their seniors' program. The Postville Inuit Community Government for a wood program and for a foodbank; Inotsiavik Language and Culture, which is operated out of here in Hopedale, Stitched by April, an Inuk fashion artist; the HICG for \$1.3 million for a Hopedale rink, and then the Nunatsiavut Government for funding the Voisey's Bay IBA and the Hebron and Nutak relocations. And just to note a process, a question which was raised by Minister Williams in relation to the *Settlement Trust*, this Trust has a requirement or a maximum of what it can spend in a year. And that is a very - it's a calculation-base on the income we receive from Vale in a year. So we have to do a calculation annually to determine how much we can allocate and if we have more funding requests over that amount, then we cannot allocate or fulfill all projects if we don't have enough money.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Point of order. Are we past, at 5:00 p.m., are we...

MR. WINTERS:

Oh, we're right there, yeah, good eye. Give me one moment.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Which Standing Order is your point of order?

MS. WILLIAMS: I do believe it's 5.

MR. WINTERS: No, the number of the Standing Order, I mean.

MS. WILLIAMS: It's on page 9 of 55. I mean, it's showing me 5(1) on Sittings of the Assembly.

MR. WINTERS: As per Standing Order 5(2), a Member may propose a motion without notice in the Assembly or in Committee of the Whole to continue a sitting beyond the hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of a specified business item. Do we have a motion on the floor to continue the work beyond 5:00 pm.? Recognizing the Honourable David Dicker and does this motion have approval? Seeing no, "Nays," you may continue. *Nakummek*, Ms. Williams.

MS. PAIN: *Nakummek*. The next slide I'm on is, "Qualifications of Trustees."

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: When I was at the, our local trust AGM a couple of weeks ago, they wanted to ask the question for all of the community volunteer boards. Is there a possibility of getting an increase because the cost of living went up so much since 2002 to 2025? You know, the 100,000 per year? Is that anything you may have considered?

MR. WINTERS: Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

It has been raised, and we have had that question come before. The issue for the Trustees is that the amount that's set on an annual basis to the volunteer centres is set out in the trust deed and the Trustees cannot change the trust deed. So that would have to come to Assembly if that were to - to amend the trust deed if that were something that people wanted to happen. But remembering that again, we have certain payment streams that we receive from Vale in a given year, is what we have to spend in that year. And so, we have all of our funds - if you were to increase that amount, which, you know, it - I'm not disagreeing with that - it may impact your ability to fund other application proposals. So - but it's - that's not a decision the Trustees themselves can actually make. Our job is to follow the trust deed, not to change it. We have to bring things here if that's something that the Assembly wants us to consider.

MR. WINTERS:

So, does that answer your question, Chairperson? Are there any other questions? Yes, Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

This one is related to the amounts per community. It came up at the AGM as well, is some communities are smaller than others. Like say, Nain is quite large compared to Postville, for instance. Is there ever a thought of maybe having it different amounts depending on the population?

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Pain.

MS. PAIN:

That is not something the Trustees discuss, but I recall in the - when LIA Board was reviewing and discussing and approving this trust deed, the thought was that there are certain costs that are the same no matter how

- what your population is. If you want to help with recreation, travel costs, population doesn't really make a difference. It's how close you are to Goose Bay, as an example. But all flights are expensive. If you're trying to ship in things to your community for events, it doesn't matter your population. The costs are - are the - are the same. So that was the discussion that all communities should have a base amount regardless of population size because there are some fixed costs that don't change based on population.

MR. WINTERS:

Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, and that makes sense when it's explained. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any other questions at this time? Seeing none, you can continue.

MS. PAIN:

Nakummek. The, "Qualifications of Trustees," slide I'm gonna skip over. We've discussed that. I will remind the Assembly of who the current Trustees are. Tiffany Flowers, from Hopedale, is a Trustee, Michael Flatters, myself, Sharon Pevie, and Daryl Shiwak. And there is a note here that the composition of the Trustees is outlined in the Trust indenture and there are requirements about the number of Trustees who are employees of NG. The minimum number who are Inuk, a minimum number who lives in the settlement area and gender is a specific requirement as well. So that is the current number of Trustees. I'm going to skip to the asset mix policy. Again, our investment policy was amended in July of 2022. And similar to the Settlement and Implementation Trust, it's the same investment policy. So, I'm not going to go back through that again because it is the same policy

that we have. I'm not going to talk about our private debt or monitoring of fund managers. We've discussed that already, but if people have questions, I can certainly talk about that. I'll go to the slide on Annualized Performance. So, the total fund in one year was at a realized 16.2 percent return. The benchmark was 18.63 percent. The median was 15.14 and our quartile ranking was Q2. You'll note that our three-year, four-year and five-year annualized performance was in the first quartile. So again, similar to the other trusts, the performance can be improved and hopefully with the improvement of one of the managers we had under closer monitoring we'll start to see some improvement in that and get back to a Q1. In terms of our unaudited financial update from December 31, 2024, the value of the fund was \$500 million. The investment income in 2024 was 11.2. The realized gains were 1.1 and the unrealized gains were \$54.1 million.

MR. WINTERS:

Are there any questions or concerns for Ms. Pain? Seeing none, I'd like to thank you, for the last time this afternoon. That concludes the Committee of the Whole, and we are now back in the Assembly. This brings us to Item 17, "The First Reading of Bills." There are no bills for first reading today. We'll move on to Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no bills for second reading today. Item 19 is, "Assent to Bills." There are no bills for assent today. Item 20 is, "Adjournment." The Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Thursday, November 20, 20225. And as a reminder, the 20th Anniversary Celebration event is happening at the Suki Aggek Centre this evening and we hope to see you there. *Nakummek.*

[Adjourned]

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...the time?

MR. WINTERS: 6:00 p.m.

Day 2 November 20, 2026

MR. WINTERS: *Ullâkut.* Welcome to Day Two. Item One is, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I see Mark Gillette, the Director of Legal Services upstairs. Item Two is, "Ministers' Statements." Are there Ministers' statements at this time? Recognizing the First Minister and Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Ms. Melva Williams, when you're ready.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just wondering, did we want to finish Minister Evan's statement? He was mid-statement yesterday. Did you want to...

MR. WINTERS: He'll have his chance to speak, but you can go ahead.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Department of Health and Social Development. Non-Insured Health Benefits:

Dental Visits: Dr. - oh, sorry, I should have this on so I could be tracking how fast I'm going. Dr. Power is scheduled for Hopedale, November 21st to December 1st, 2025. Nain, December 1st to December 11th, 2025. Dr. Toor is scheduled for Postville, November 14 to 16, 2025, and Makkovik, November 16th to the 21st, and Rigolet, November 21st to the 26th.

In Vision, Dr. McIntosh is scheduled for Postville, November 24th to the 28th.

Interpreter Translator: The job ad was posted August 18, 2025 with no successful candidates, and is open until filled.

Tuberculosis update: To date there are two active cases in Nain who are linked to each other. Case and contact investigation and follow-up is progressing really well. The weather did delay access to the CXR Clinic in Goose-Bay, but on November 13th, we did get several children and a few adults out. Another clinic is being planned to be held in Nain.

Labrador Grenfell Zone is working on getting a technician to fly in, hopefully next week. Our epidemiologist is going to Nain on November 24th to help support the team and data management for all the cases and contacts. The two active cases have been started on treatment and we have several children on Window prophylaxis until their second TST is completed. There are also a number of adults who will be starting treatment for latent TB infection.

Medivac Diversions: This continues to be an issue. In the past year we had 48 medivac diversions due to the Labrador Health Centre being over-capacity. A diversion to St. Anthony or Labrador City means that our most vulnerable people with language barriers, no support system, a history of mistrust and dislocation are once again sent further away from home. Part of the issue is that one half of the beds at the LHC are filled with individuals waiting for placement in a personal care home or long-

term care. We are having discussions with senior leadership within NL Health Services to find short-term and longer-term solutions.

Mental Wellness and Healing: The Mental Health and Addictions team have partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association to recruit staff and community members to be trained to host suicide loss support groups. Tina Davies with the CMHA and Vyann Andersen with Mental Health traveled to Nain and Hopedale to introduce the program. Tears were shed. And participants connected deeply with Tina and the support being offered. They strongly agree that this type of support was needed. From these sessions, we see the urgent need for a space where people who have been affected by suicide loss can gather, relate to one another and share lived experiences. These support groups will not be a standard educational group. But rather a compassionate peer-based support space. As Tina shared with participants, pain and joy can exist together again. And healing is possible even while carrying grief.

Food Security, Mr. Speaker. The shipping season for Nunatsiavut is very short, and transportation by air is very costly. Currently, there is very little storage within communities, which impacts the delivery of programs. The biggest program impact at the present is the school lunch program which recently received a large amount of funding, approximately \$1 million. We have approved funding under the Climate Change Health Adaptation Fund to secure storage solutions in Nunatsiavut. The most viable storage solution appears to be the purchase of Sea Cans that could be purchased and available in

communities before the shipping season ends. ATS Containers are able to provide new units fully outfitted with the basic electrical package, spray foam insulation, man door, insulated garage door, and shipping. We have ordered six units and anticipate at least four will be in Nunatsiavut before the end of the shipping season. We are making bulk orders to be sent to communities prior to the end of the shipping season, to support the school lunch programs. This year, each household in the communities will also receive a Christmas food basket, in addition to the monthly meal program.

Inuit Child First Initiative. Mr. Speaker, with the recent budget announcement, the Nunatsiavut Government is deeply concerned about the present and future landscape of ICFI and the gaps in service and supports for Inuit children where no services or supports presently exist. We know that there are many disparities for Inuit children, especially those who live in Nunatsiavut where Provincial and Federal services and supports are lacking. The ICFI has been a resource for children to rely on where there were no other services or funding options available to them, and has proven to be essential to their well-being. The NG, as the administrators of the ICFI ensure that services available at the regional, provincial and Federal level are availed of before recommending the ICFI as a platform, to ensure that there is no duplication of allocated funds, whether at the regional, Provincial or Federal level. Children who live in homes on a fixed income are at a greater risk. Here are some examples of gaps that persist for Labrador Inuit children and youth: There are long

wait times at the Provincial school level for psycho-educational assessments, there is no psychologist for Nunatsiavut region, therefore children must access ICFI for assessments such as for ADHD psychoeducational and autism. Food insecurity remains high in our region and Inuit *[sic]* Services Canada is not funding grocery support this for children who have received funding in the past, even if the food insecurity issues still persist because of fixed income or exceptional circumstances. There's a lack of food security supports in the region overall. Food banks are limited or do not exist. Food storage is a problem due to infrastructure and human resource personnel is lacking. In all areas of education and social service that prevent food programs from being available and accessible to Inuit children. Clothing, including winter, is not being approved. In-person private counselling, Pampers and formula are being denied. Stove oil is being denied for home heating. Household items such as fridge, stove, washer and dryers are not being funded. Respite care is denied for high-risk families, which put Inuit children at greater risk of entering the child welfare system. As of 2023, Labrador Inuit children are already 8.76 times more likely to be placed in care of a child welfare system than non-Inuit children. And half of Inuit children in care are placed outside of Labrador. And only 25 percent are placed within Nunatsiavut. We continue to advocate for the continuation of funding at levels that support the above critical needs.

Corte Real Building, Mr. Speaker. On October 25th, there was a small fire at the Corte Real DHSD Office Building in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, which

caused considerable smoke damage. As a result, many staff were displaced and we have been working diligently to secure temporary, approximately 8 to 12 months locations to - for those staff. We have secured leases and are working to get things in place for staff to move into these spaces in the near future. A big thank you, to all who stepped up on the work to securing office spaces, leases and work with insurance adjusters, IT support, organize the removal of files and personal belongings, et cetera. Also, an acknowledgment of staff who were displaced and their patience with the process.

Youth Elder Gathering. The Growing Inuit Youth Voices Gathering took place from November 4th to 6th in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The land-based day on November 4th brought together 11 youth from Nunatsiavut, 2 youth from Upper Lake Melville, ages 15 to 18, 9 Inuit elders in Upper Lake Melville, 3 helpers, 1 youth speaker helper, a photographer, and a youth drum dancer, and myself, I participated in the afternoon for that all events on that day. The three-day event focused on supporting Inuit youth in exploring health careers, research, strengthening their voices and promoting overall health and wellness.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We will now hear from the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, Mr. Gerald Asivak, when you're ready.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I didn't have a statement today.

MR. WINTERS:

Apologies, I thought I saw your hand. We will now hear from the Minister for the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. David Dicker.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, UKatti. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is also dependent on Information Technology functioning for its operations. A threat attack on the Government systems may take weeks or months to return to normal operations, especially if it is from a ransomware attack. There was a phishing attack on the Nunatsiavut Government this week. 7.5 of the users who received the email fell for this attack. While the percentage is low, Mr. Speaker, it should be lower. There was no impact on the Nunatsiavut Government operations. It is a good reminder to develop good habits when using technology. When you receive an email practise, pause and review, double-check the email address, read emails very carefully, keep all virus protections up-to-date and always be skeptical. Another simple practice is to use the STOP method. Number one, "S", suspicious, number two, "T", telling you to click, number three, "O", offering something amazing, number four, "P", pushing you to act quickly. Mr. Speaker, in November, Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency traveled to Postville and Rigolet to provide services. Clients were able to get assistance with records of employment, Social Insurance Numbers, dental, Canadian Dental Care Plan, Canada Pension Plan and other services. The Nunatsiavut Government through Finance and with the assistance of Communications Division facilitated these visits. Clinics planned for Hopedale and Makkovik had to be postponed

due to weather. The Human Resources Division has been exceptionally busy with job recruitment. Mr. Speaker, the division has released 150 job competitions since January 1, 2025. This number does not include the re-release of a job competition. Staff from the Human Resources Division supported by representatives from other departments also attended career fairs in St. John's and Halifax. This is a long-term approach to promoting Nunatsiavut as a place to work, Mr. Speaker. The videography project has made significant progress. The Videography Project has made significant progress with videos and photographs taken in Nunatsiavut. These videos and photos will be used for promotion of the Nunatsiavut Government as well as in the ads for job competition and other Human Resources-related materials. *Nakummek, UKattik.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We will now hear from the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, Mr. Tom Evans.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be reading my Education Division update. Current post-secondary students - we currently have approximately 263 students enrolled in post-secondary studies and are being supported by the NG Education Division Funding Program. A hundred and ninety-four are receiving full-time support, and 69 are receiving part-time support. We are currently supporting four AB students at our learning centres in Nain and Hopedale with one additional student having just graduated. We have one beneficiary supported under Self-Employment Benefits Program. Mr. Speaker, we have also completed delivery of a, "Train the Trainer," program for the Canadian Firearms Safety Course, the CFSC.

And we now have four additional people who can deliver this course:

Joseph Townley in North West River, Bruce Hope in Happy Valley, Goose

Bay, Emma Rose Murphy in Nain and Samantha Jacque in Postville. We

have since supported delivery of three Canadian Firearms Safety courses

and Hunter Education courses. We have 21 people trained in Rigolet, 11

in Makkovik and 10 in North West River, with additional delivery

scheduled for Nain November 22nd to the 23rd, and Goose Bay

November 29th to the 30th. I understood the engagement I'd just like to

inform, Kailey Webb our post-secondary student counsellor and Meghan

Green our student liaison, recently visited students attending studies in

St. John's. Kailey Webb organized various activities such as bowling,

movie night, visits to the Rooms, campus visits and suppers together with

students and their families. As part of her position as post-secondary

student counsellor, Kailey Webb organizes visits to areas where we have

a high concentration of funded students. These visits provide students

with a bit of a break from their studies, an opportunity to participate in

fun activities with other funded students. They also meet Education

Division Staff and feel supported. Kailey hopes to do two more trips this

year, possibly to Ontario and the Maritimes. Just a brief word on Inuit

Nunangat University. The consultation process is underway to select a

location in one of the four Inuit regions for the main campus of the Inuit

Nunangat University. We were pleased to see reference to the Inuit

Nunangat University in this year's Federal Budget. Although a specific

number was not announced. Inuit Nunangat University will reinforce

Canada's Arctic sovereignty. It will serve as a driving force for Inuit self-determination and leadership, a hub for research and economic growth and a space for vibrant cultural advancement. ITK released a statement stating that it looks forward to working with the Federal Government to realize this critical investment. And finally, I'll just provide an update, not update but just a party to what - anyway, to along with the First Minister had mentioned about construction on the new Nunatsiavut Government Regional Education Division building is continuing to experience delays. However, it is nearing completion. Delays have included waiting on remaining building material to finish work as well as Bell Aliant for phones and internet hookup. And as the First Minister mentioned they anticipate a hopeful start date to move in would be in January of 2026. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. If I may, I'd like to continue with my statement that I didn't have the time to finish yesterday.

MR. WINTERS: It's still your time. Use it how you choose.

MR. EVANS: Okay. Can I ask a question?

MR. WINTERS: What's your question?

MR. EVANS: How much time do I have?

MR. WINTERS: You have plenty of time.

MR. EVANS: Okay.

MR. WINTERS: Let me worry about the time.

MR. EVANS: Thankyou. So, what I'll do, I'll start from the beginning of my statement yesterday, the statement for the Economic Development Division. As a

reminder, our annual plan for the Division focuses on business development, community development, policy, data collection and offering supports. Business Development. As of the end of October, our Inuit Business Registry had 267 certified businesses. Three new business applications are under review. Regarding procurement, three packages were received from Vale with our division nominating four Inuit businesses and two qualified business entities nominations. There are total of 14 business clients, 11 in Start-up, 3 in Growth. The Business Development Company, or BDC continues to address business concerns and policy issues related to Voisey's Bay IBA implementation. We are continuing to explore possible training options and suppliers for program delivery. Due to lack of trainer confirmation, training is expected to be winter and spring of 2026. The Division is preparing its annual Christmas campaign promoting Inuit business, goods and services. This will be released on social media and SharePoint on December 1st. Under, "Community Development," we have two funding programs, the Community Economic Development Fund, the CEDP, and our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, FFA. We have approved 64,000 to the Rigolet to the Rigolet Inuit Community Government for their Tourism Coordinator position. Our new Community Capacity Program remains in Legal and Finance for review and it'll be presented to the NEC for approval once the review is complete. An internal committee including Economic Development, Department of Health and Social Development, and Nunatsiavut Affairs is prepping to apply to the \$1.7 million Northern

Isolated Communities Fund, the NICI. Quotes for proposal development are under review with contract awarded by December 5th. We anticipate submitting proposals to ACOA as of February 2026. Under, "Policy and Data Collection," the community economic profiles were updated in October. We will release these profiles through a social media and website campaign in December 2025. Staff Capacity training to reproduce these profiles will be launched in December also. We continue to review possible contractors for the development and operation of our Labour database. We are finalizing the contract to update our draft compliance policies and procedures. These procedures dictate how our Inuit Business Registry is managed. Policy updates are expected to be completed early in the new year. We have developed a customized Inuit Business Registry training module with Memorial University Professor Tom Cooper. All staff will complete the training on December 10, 2025. Under, "NG's Recruitment and Retention Initiative," the labour market assessment has received feedback from four departments. The request for proposals is expected to be released by end of December 2025. Under Self Employment Benefits Program, and this program is with both Education Department and Economic Division. The Self-Employed Employment Benefits Program provides EI-type benefits for six months to new business start-ups. We currently have one client in the construction sector assessing benefits and one application is under review. And I'd just like to say this program is open for applications. And under, "Business Financial Support," our new Business Grant Program still

remains with Legal and Finance for review. Once the review is complete this program will complete the required Government of Newfoundland consultation under our *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* provision 7.8.7. Once Provincial feedback is received and incorporated the program will be sent to the NEC for approval. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Minister. We will now hear from the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Terry Vincent, whenever you're ready, sir.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present my quarterly report as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. This update highlights key developments since my last statement.

Renewable Resources.

Fisheries. Mr. Speaker, our crab, turbot, arctic char and in-shore shrimp fisheries are now complete with the last landings recorded on November 11th. Any remaining shrimp will be sold offshore as per normal process.

I am pleased to report that the Torngat Co-op successfully landed a small quantity of cod in Makkovik to test their automated processing equipment. Testing went well and they will be ready to accept cod in Makkovik in 2026. The Nunatsiavut Government cod fishery is ongoing with two beneficiary fishers active.

Wildlife: Mr. Speaker, the 2025-2026 moose hunting season is now open. To date, four licences have been filled, three in Nain, and one in Rigolet. I am once again pleased to report that the department filled 34 moose licences in Gros Morne from October 22 to 26. The meat is now in Goose

Bay for shipment to the communities and we're planning to use the ferry for onward transport. Mr. Speaker, the Province, in partnership with Nunatsiavut Government recently completed the fall classification of the George River Caribou Herd. Preliminary results are promising, and final results are expected later this fall.

Lands Division: Mr. Speaker, 26 land-use applications have been submitted to date in 2025. And they are at various stages of processing. The Manager of Lands participated in the MUN CNA Career Fair in St. John's in September. The Director of Lands also participated in the Labrador Inuit Data Collection Engagement Session as well as a core strategy meeting alongside staff and NG's consultant.

Impact Benefit Agreement.

MR. WINTERS:

Minister, I'm have to ask you to stop there. We'll take a 10-minute recess and then you may continue your statement. *Nakummek.*

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

...the approval of the Assembly to continue Ministers' Statements beyond 35 minutes. Do we have the approval of the Assembly? There are no, "Nays." Minister Vincent, you may continue when you're ready.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Impact Benefits Agreement. Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay Mine and Mill continues to operate well. Vale has hired Brenda Jararuse as the Inuit Employment Coordinator effective October 27. Her responsibilities include Employment, Training and Retention of Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries

at Voisey's Bay. In September and October, Vale delivered the Career Exposure Program to 11 Nunatsiavut Government beneficiaries.

Participants traveled to Voisey's Bay for four nights, job shadowing in the mine, mill, mine maintenance and the warehouse. This exposure is a prerequisite for the Job Readiness Training Program. Vale has extended offers to 11 beneficiaries to take part in the one-year JRTP beginning in January. Mr. Speaker, Evoke Architecture will meet with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Innu Nation on November 26 to provide an update on the 66 percent design phase of the Beaverbrook Visitor Experience Hub. The next step will be community engagement sessions in Rigolet, expected in early December.

Non-Renewable Resources. Mr. Speaker, Aurora Energy completed its program on October 31st. The Division conducted a mineral exploration inspection prior to seasonal shutdown. Aurora plans to continue exploring the region. They have also been approved to fly a drone survey over their claims. However, due to weather and the end of the season it is anticipated the survey will occur some time in 2026. Mr. Speaker, Churchill Resources Completed a short program that included soil sampling and an airborne geophysical survey of their claims. As of October 30, the camp has been winterized and all personnel were demobilized on November 1st. Mr. Speaker, on October 14th, the Non-Renewable Resource Division and the Environment Division visited Vale's mine site at Voisey's Bay to conduct the Annual Environmental Performance Review. Staff observed operations and provided

environmental recommendations directly to Vale. Mr. Speaker, quarry workplan renewals are underway for NICG, PICG and RICG. The Division has completed the inspection of PICG's quarry and plans to complete inspections for NICG and RICG before the end of the season. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Non-Renewable Resource Division and the Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources attended the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, Newfoundland and Labrador Branch Annual Conference.

Mineral Resources Review from November 4th to 7th in St. John's. The delegation presented attended technical talks, met with Provincial and Federal Counterparts, company representatives and prospectors. It was a productive conference despite challenging weather.

Environment Division. Mr. Speaker, at the end of October, Lands and Natural Resources participated in the Inuit Canada Table on Clean Growth and Climate Change. We presented on Nunatsiavut Government's Climate Change Strategy, discussed Implementation Plans and heard opening remarks from ITK President Natan Obed. And ECC Minister Julie Dabrusin. The second day included breakout sessions with 15 Federal Departments across four themes related to Climate Change and help us to address Inuit concerns and priorities in Nunatsiavut. The fall research session has been successful with many projects underway throughout Nunatsiavut communities. The Torngat Mountains and the Labrador Sea. This includes the deployment of a third hydrophone mooring, an underwater microphone that will monitor marine mammals and ship

traffic year-round in the Torngat Area of Interest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Minister. Are there any other Minister's Statements around the Table? Recognizing the Honourable Melva Williams, First Minister and Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to add a couple of items to my Department of Health statement that I just presented. As we all know team leaders and community offices in our DHSD offices, all our communities are key positions that are very critical to our community. In Rigolet, the Community of Rigolet we have recently had a turnover. Lorraine Allen retired and the new team leader, Karen Adams took up the role on Monday of this week, so I'd like to wish every success to Karen in her role for this important position. And another thing I did want to mention is that I've tabled the Annual Report for DHSD at this Assembly and I would encourage Members to review, and also to share widely with your constituents. Lots of great information and hopefully we'll see the Annual Report become an annual thing at the Assembly. *Nakummek, UKattik.*

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Are there any further Ministers' Statements? Seeing none, we are on to Item Three, "Members Statements." Are there any Members' statements at this time? Recognizing the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready, Chairperson.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Our audit is finally completed, and it cost us \$23,557.92 which is over 23 percent of our budget we receive from Nunatsiavut. They said they had to pay - we had to pay extra because of the extra \$5,000, sorry, plus HST because there was a payroll error in the past. The cost of audits is astronomical.

Financial. We applied for funds from Food Banks of Canada Northern Programming and Maison Canada Grocery Grants, as the funds we received for our Community Freezer it's very expensive, about \$70,000 a year to operate.

Community Freezer. 271 elder and disabled families came to the Community Freezer in October. We have 460 elders 60 and over. We have been busy giving out elk, bison and boar to people 60 and over in Happy Valley and Mud Lake. Ordinary Member Wally Andersen, Deputy Minister Tim McNeil, Joseph Townley, the conservation officer, Belinda Andersen, our casual call-in and I, delivered to people 75 and over in early October. We started giving out in our office on October 6. Ordinary Member Andersen and Deputy Minister McNeil also delivered throughout the month to people when they could. All the elders have been contacted about the meat that we received from NG. We want to thank the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the meat, but we wished it could have been for all the Nunatsiavut Beneficiary households. We will receive 40 cases of arctic char to our freezer from Lands and Natural Resources. I want to thank you again. And thank Lands and Natural Resources for harvesting our moose that we had a

licence for in Gros Morne and for increasing our allocation to seven percent. We had a cultural day outing on October 21st. Twelve elder women attended. We had a wonderful traditional meal. People sat around the outdoor firepit and laughed and had so much fun. Some people picked berries. Everyone really enjoyed it, especially the newly widowed, as they're very lonely. We want to thank Diane Montague for hosting the elders. Mr. Speaker, on October 8th, a group of people involved with Indigenous Services Canada's Nutrition North Program, staff from the Nunatsiavut communities and one person from Food NL came to visit and tour the Community Freezer. The group were over 25. They were very impressed in what we could accomplish with only one staff member which is Debbie Hynes. They also asked quite a few questions, and they were very interested in our farm project and corned cod. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the youth who wrote the heart-felt letter regarding the social and health concerns that Ordinary Member Vincent read in the House yesterday. It was very heart-felt and very emotional and I think we need to listen to our youth more. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. We will now hear from the Chairperson for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. When you're ready, Mr. Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 18th, Sivunivut held its AGM where the Audited Financial Statement and Budget were presented and accepted by our members in a unanimous vote. These documents were then forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and

Information Technology to present to the NEC for approval. Our Winter Supports for Seniors program has restarted and we have been holding weekly social activities such as bingo and arts and crafts every Tuesday afternoon. This week we began opening the North West River Community Centre so folks can come in and do indoor walking, have a coffee or tea or just chat. Our Community Freezer now has a stock of red berries, blueberries, cod fish in various forms, partridge and we did have some porcupine that didn't last long. With great appreciation, we just received the moose that had been harvest with the not-for-profit licence in Gros Morne National Park to our Community Freezer. I can't express enough how much this means to our seniors. Minister Vincent, Deputy Minister Goudie, the conservation officers, all those involved with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. We thank you all. And lastly, this being our last sitting before Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, I bring good tidings to all, to our families, our elders and our children. May this Christmas remind us of the strength of our community and the kindness that binds us together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any other Members' statements around the Table at this time? Recognizing the AngajukKâk for the Community of Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen, when you're ready.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to bring to the attention of the Assembly, and I think I emailed Ordinary Minister [*sic*] for Makkovik, Mr. Evans, earlier this fall, it's been brought to my attention by local small

businesses in Makkovik that they can no longer cash cheques in their facilities, in their own personal businesses for reasons from their bank. So, we do have, still have members in our community, elders especially that are very leery of online banking. So, it would be nice to have the visit from Service Canada coming back to Makkovik since they got weathered out there last week. So, it would be good to have Service Canada back in our community to maybe chat with the elders and some people who still don't - who are not set up with online banking, so that they can cash their cheques in, with peace of mind. So, I just wanted to bring that forward. And it's no slight on the businesses. It's not them. They'd love to do it but their banks are telling them no. And it's the exact same thing with the ICG's. We used to provide that service but our auditors said, no, you can't do that anymore. You're not a bank. So, I just wanted to bring that forward in this statement. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. We'll now hear from the AngajukKâk for the community of Rigolet, Mr. Chesley Sheppard, when you're ready.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the year is coming to an end, I'd like to thank the RICG staff for all their dedication and hard work as we are understaffed all for, well, since I've been in office we've been understaffed. So, I appreciate the team that's behind me and all their over-worked, over-loaded, worked, their dedication. I, I thank them so much. It's, yeah. And I also would like to thank the Committee of the Sybilla (inaudible) Memorial Dart Tournament Memorial Dart

Tournament that happened this past weekend. Members are Ms. Melva Williams, Lorraine Allen and Beulah Allen. The community looks forward to this every year, there is a wicked turnout. And also, this year the graduation staff partnered with them fundraising which they did an awesome, what do you call it - fundraiser and they made a nice bit of money for their grad which hopefully they have a big one. Secondly, RICG has partnered with NG in preparing for the 20th anniversary this year. We are planning on having a parade, supper, fashion show and some games and the end we'll have some hot chocolate, redberry muffins and a fireworks show. All is welcome. Hopefully we get a good turnout. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. We will now hear from the Ordinary Member for the Community of Makkovik, Mr. Tom Evans, when you're ready.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My AngajukKâk for Makkovik mentioned what I was going to mention. So thank you for that. However, I'd like to also to continue what Minister Dicker and AngajukKâk Andersen had mentioned. I feel like we need to congratulate our youth from Nunatsiavut. Our Makkovik girls, A and AA, winning the regional gold. The Nain boys and girls in AAA winning the regional gold in volleyball. The Natuashish Boys A winning the gold. But we also have to mention the incredible play of the Hopedale Boys and Girls A. I'd just like to say as Ordinary Member for Makkovik and a beneficiary from Nunatsiavut it was so heartwarming to see all the youth coming together at - in the community of Happy Valley - Goose Bay at the regionals. And even though some did not win

the gold, their efforts in the silver and the comradery that we saw, it made the parents, coaches and beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut proud. I'd just like to say that. Having said that, I was a bit taken aback yesterday and I'd like to congratulate Minister Vincent for reading the AngajukKâk Flowers's statement. What we heard took a lot of courage for the young individual to put out there. And this is what we need to hear. I was just - I was a little bit taken aback and put out that he, thankfully, he was allowed to continue and finish what he was saying. And because of time constraints or whatever, I can understand the Ministers' Statements, 'cause we can put out that information in our community meetings. But I feel that the...

MR. WINTERS:

Member, I'm going to ask you to stop, specifically because - and you can turn of your mic - specifically because the Standing Orders of the Assembly are the rules that we are here to follow. You do not get mad at the clock for the pace that it's, that which it's moving. It is on every Member of the Assembly to know that you have five minutes to speak. You can speak for up to five minutes and then pause and then speak again. You cannot get mad at the clock for your inattention to it. I want to be very clear. It is not my responsibility to make sure that you finish speaking in the time that is allotted to you. Respectfully, I will ask you to move on.

MR. EVANS:

Point of order.

MR. WINTERS:

What's your point of order? Identify the Standing Order you're referring to.

MR. EVANS: My point of order is a point I'd like to make. Can I say that?

MR. WINTERS: If you can identify the Standing Order that you're referring to, you can make it.

MR. EVANS: Okay. I, I don't have the Standing Order in front of me but if I could just make the point or I could maybe have the conversation with you later?

MR. WINTERS: I would suggest that that is the best route to take.

MR. EVANS: Thank you. So in conclusion with my statement, I just want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year. And I realize everyone here carries a heavy load but please keep up the good work. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* We'll now hear for the Ordinary Member for the community of Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. I think Ches or AngajukKâk Sheppard had said some of the stuff that I wanted to speak about in relation to the upcoming 20th anniversary event in Rigolet. It's going to be held on December 8th and I appreciate that the planning committee was able to work around my schedule as I have a lot of travel. So I'm glad to be in the community. I want to recognize the RICG because I know that it's been challenging for our committee to plan the event and to fund the event. So, the RICG is coming onboard and providing a lot in relation to resources and access to facilities. So, thank you, to the RICG and Ches. Ches and I are going to be making the redberry muffins during his fireworks display so we've got some cooking to do when we get home

and just before that. Usually when I speak at the, as a Member, I like to recognize different agencies and groups in my community that provide such vital services. So, I want to recognize St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Reverend Sarah Baikie, lay minister Jennifer Michelin and the organist Jean Tooktoshina. They host the weekly church service. As well, they've begun Bible study in our community which is a welcome addition to the offerings that the church provides. I also wanted to recognize the RCMP in Rigolet. They are working hard to engage with, in our community and the members of our community. They come out to whatever or event or activity that we ask. They participate in the local seniors' card games, so they're building relationships and rapport with people in our community, which is key to preventative services that they offer. And the other group that I would like to recognize at this time is the Seniors Group in Rigolet. They, on their own have their own facility and they offer a number of card games weekly. And community residents as well as other seniors can take part and participate in that. And it's a good social event that allows our elderly to get out to events that they may not necessarily avail of with the others, and chat. I think it's pretty fun times down there at the card games. My husband participates and last week he came home with a pack of toilet paper. So, there's all kinds of prizes to be won. So come out. And the last thing I want to say is it is soon going to be the Christmas season. So, I do want to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and to be - and a prosperous new year coming forward. So, everyone, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. *Nakummek, UKattik.*

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any other Members' Statements around the Table? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item four, "Returns to Oral Questions." There are no returns to oral questions today. That brings us to Item Five, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions around the Table at this time? Recognizing the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeff Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've got a question for the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Minister, as the Chairperson for NunaKatiget was saying in her Members' Statement, the amounts that's paid out to the auditors, you know, we're bound by law to use these auditors and it's taking a toll on our programming and the amounts are just escalating every year. And it's very hard to keep up with, you know, it is no exaggeration that the costs are astronomical. I'd like to ask if there could be some relief from the department or the Nunatsiavut Government to help us shoulder these costs, because, you know, we wouldn't be using this auditor if we had a choice. But because we're bound by law, now we're compelled to use them. So we'd like to find, you know, find, just find some help in shouldering these costs.

Thank you.,

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. Minister Dicker, when you're ready.

MR. DICKER JR.:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and *Nakummek* Chairperson for Sivunivut. I'll take the question under notice and thank you.

MR. WINTERS: The Minister is taking the question under advisement. Do you have a supplemental question, Chairperson?

MR. MONTAGUE: I do. In relation to the current auditor, I - perhaps we could get an explanation - I think we spoke about it in previous Assembly sittings that regards to the auditor and the contract that they have. Could we perhaps get an update as to - who the new auditor is going to be? Is it going to be the same auditor or has the bidding gone out? Perhaps just an update just so we can have an understanding. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Minister Dicker?

MR. DICKER JR.: *Nakummek, UKatti, and Nunatsiavut Chairperson* for the supplementary question. I'll take this under notice and get back to you. *Nakummek.*

MR. WINTERS: The Minister has taken this supplemental question under advisement as well. Does the Chairperson have a second follow-up question? Shaking his head, no. The next question is from the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, when you're ready, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Acting Minister of Health and Social Development's statement, she mentioned a Christmas hamper program. I was wondering, is that just for Nunatsiavut or will it also be open to Upper Lake Melville? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MS. WILLIAMS: *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and Nakummek, Chairperson*, for your question. I do not have those details to hand. I can provide them offline.

I know I do have 10 days, but I hope to have the answer before that.

Nakummek.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Does the Chairperson have a supplemental question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there further questions around the Table at this time?

Yes, recognizing the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister Vincent. If meat is distributed again in the future such as caribou or elk, would you consider having enough meet for all families in Happy Valley and Mud Lake as there's quite a lot that really would love to have meat but they're too young. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Minister Vincent.

MR. VINCENT:

Thank you. Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Chairperson, for your question. As you know, we have a shortage of meat to go around and our priority is Nunatsiavut communities first and then we try to distribute what we can to Upper Lake Melville. If we take away from give more to Upper Lake Melville then this will take away from Nunatsiavut, which has a higher cost of living. So also, this would have to go to NEC for approval. So, I could take it to NEC and see what their reasoning would be. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Does the Chairperson have a supplemental question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. We do not want to take away from any groups. And from Nunatsiavut communities. We were just wondering in the future if

that's something you might consider increasing the allocation. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: I don't believe that there was a question there, Chairperson. Was there? Minister Vincent?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson. Yes, we will consider it.

MR. WINTERS: Minister, even when responses are short, I would still appreciate if you would stand while making them. *Nakummek*. Are there any further - yes, recognizing the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeff Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've got a question for the First Minister. This is, you know, an ongoing thing that we pretty much as almost every Assembly is regarding Area 12E. With the new Government, do we have any update as any progress with, you know, with Area 12E? And with both the spring goose hunt and as well the salmon licences each year? Thank you.

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

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson for your question. Following last Assembly's report, I do not have an update from the IC. And - but that wasn't your question, so that's the information on that piece. The question was whether or not the new Government we've had an opportunity. We haven't had an opportunity at this stage. As mentioned previously in my report, I'm working to set up meetings with

the Ministers of departments which my files intersect with, both Provincially and Federally, actually. And I will ensure that this is an item for discussion when we get those meetings arranged. Thank you, Chairperson, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Does the Chairperson have a supplemental question?

MR. MONTAGUE:

Further to what we were just - what I was just asking about, you know, we ask this every Assembly, would it be possible to have this, an update included in your report? I know that you have a lengthy report already, but perhaps you could just add something with regards to 12E in your report to save us - we could focus our questions on something else. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. Minister Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson, and thank you for the suggestion. And I will include an update during my report at the next sitting. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Does the Chairperson have a second supplemental question?

MR. MONTAGUE:

No, I don't. Thank you, Minister and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek. Are there any other questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, I will ask the Deputy to take my Chair so I can ask a question.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you. Do you have a question, Mr. Winters?

MR. WINTERS: Yes, my question is for First Minister and Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Melva Williams. The OBGYN in Goose Bay, Dr. Adolf Hamann has been publicly accused of malpractice, including by Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and residents. Any abuse by medical professionals is unacceptable obviously, but historically Inuit and our Indigenous cousins have been harmed more than any other group in this country. Has the NEC or the Nunatsiavut Government been in communication with health authorities about these accusations?

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Winters. First Minister?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank you for Ordinary Member Winters for your question. I will take this question under notice and return an answer. Thank you.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, First Minister. Mr. Winters do you have a supplemental?

MR. WINTERS: Yes, I do. The doctor is still practising in Goose Bay and I'm just wondering if there's been any communication from the Nunatsiavut Government to Labrador Inuit women about these accusations?
Nakummek.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Winters. First Minister, would you like to reply?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member. I will also take this under notice as well.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, First Minister. Mr. Winters do you have a second supplementary?

MR. WINTERS: I do not, but I look forward to reading your response. *Nakummek.*

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Winters and thank you, First Minister.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Deputy Speaker. Are there any other questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, that brings us to Item Six. Are there any, "Written Questions around the Table at this time? Seeing none, we are on to Item Seven, "Returns to Written Questions." And there are no returns to written questions at this time. Item Eight is, "Petitions." Are there any petitions today? Seeing none, we are on to Item Nine, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses to petitions. So, we'll move on to Item 10, "Reports of Standing Special Committees." There are no reports of standing in special committees. We'll move on to Item 11, the "Tabling of Documents." There are no documents being tabled at this time. Item 12 is, "Notices of Motion." I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 21, 2025, I will move, as follows: Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* establishes the Nunatsiavut Assembly and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly provides for the appointment of a clerk to serve the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resources Division of the Nunatsiavut Government, to hold open competitions for candidates for the position of clerk, but the position remains vacant, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has previously established the position of Deputy Clerk of the Assembly and whereas the committee of the Assembly is responsible for hiring for the position of clerk has determined that Ms. Darlene Winters,

Deputy Clerk of the Assembly has demonstrated qualifications for the position of clerk; and whereas the committee of the Assembly responsible for hiring for the position of the clerk recommends that Ms. Darlene Winters be promoted to the position of Clerk, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeffrey Montague, that Ms. Darlene Winters be appointed as Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And that the appointee will hold office during good behaviour at the pleasure of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in accordance with the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, and that the Speaker be authorized to establish the effective date of the appointment. And, Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today.

MR. WINTERS:

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. All those in favour? Are there any, "Nays?" Seeing none, Mr. Saunders, you have consent to bring your motion today at the appropriate time. There are no more notices of motion today. We will move on to Item 13, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motion for first reading of bills. So, we'll move on to Item 14, "Motions." I would like to again recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move as follows: Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* establishes the Nunatsiavut Assembly - gotta turn the page - and whereas the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides for the appointment of a clerk to serve the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and

whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has been assisted by the Human Resources Division of the Nunatsiavut Government, to hold open competitions for candidates for the position of Clerk, but the position remains vacant. And whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly previously established the position of Deputy Clerk of the Assembly and whereas the committee of the Assembly responsible for hiring for the position of clerk has determined that Ms. Darlene Winters Deputy Clerk of the Assembly has demonstrated qualifications for the position of clerk, and whereas the committee of the Assembly responsible for hiring for the position of clerk recommends that Ms. Darlene Winters be promoted to position of clerk, now, therefore I move, seconded by the Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Jeffrey Montague, that Ms. Darlene winters be appointed as Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and that the appointee will hold office during good behaviour at the pleasure of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in accordance with the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, and that the Speaker be authorized to establish the effective date of the appointment.

MR. WINTERS:

Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Ordinary Member. Right after question period, my apologies. Do you wish to speak to the motion?

MR. SAUNDERS:

No, Mr. Speaker, not at this time.

MR. WINTERS:

We're all Ministers this afternoon - this morning. Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister *[sic]* wish to make final remarks and close debate?

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

MR. WINTERS: We will then proceed to vote on the motion. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried.

[Applause]

MR. WINTERS: This brings us to Item 15, "The First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. So, we'll move on to Item 16, "The Second Reading of Bills." There are no bills for second reading today. We'll move on to Item 17, "The Assent to Bills." There are no bills for assent today, which brings us to Item 18, "Adjournment." We have now reached the hour of adjournment. This concludes the November 2025 sitting of the Assembly. I hope that all of your travels here to home and throughout the holidays are safe and that you have a wonderful holiday season, all constituents and all Members. *Nakummek.*

[Adjourned]