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Speaker: Honourable Todd Broomfield

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Todd Broomfield
Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Daniel Pottle
President, William Andersen III
First Minister, Anthony Andersen
Minister of Lands and Resources, William Barbour
Minister of Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers
Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Women, Diane Gear
Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Darryl Shiwak
Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ben Ponniuk
Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, Kate Mitchell
Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen
Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney
Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Woman, Wyman Jacque
Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill
AngajukKâk for Nain, Sarah Erickson
AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Judy Dicker
AngajukKâk for Postville, Keith Decker
AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque
Ordinary Member for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Keith Russell
Chair Person for NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters
Chief Negotiator, Ches Andersen
Director of Communications, Karen Prentice
Executive Secretary, Debbie Dicker

Absent:

Deputy Minister of Lands and Resources, Doug Blake
AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Daniel Michelin

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Note Taker: Debbie Dicker

Meeting commences at 1:36 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Broomfield: Introduction lost, mic not turned on... Wilson Jararuse and Katie Pijogge, we have two pages for the benefit of Assembly members they are Thomas Tuglavina and Jarvis Abel. Before we get started I'd like to address a few items, first of all, I'd like to extend best wishes to Mina Campbell-Hibbs who has returned to the Labrador Interpretation Centre as the Curator.

Also, Dan Michelin is absent from this sitting, Dan is recovering from surgery at this time and we certainly wish him all the best for a speedy recovery. I would like to advise the Assembly that Dan Pottle, the Member for Canada will be reappointed as the Deputy Speaker for this Fall sitting. The appointment of the Deputy Speaker lasts for one session of the Assembly and on another note I'd like to congratulate one of Hopedale's own, Patty Pottle, she is the new member for Torngat Mountains and we certainly wish her all the best and I'm sure she'll do a good job in her position.

I just had a message from Toby and I'd like to extend our condolences to Ken Steele in Postville, to the family to Ken Steel, our condolences go out to his family. I'd like to call this sitting to order and I now ask that...will you be doing the prayer Marjorie? That

Marjorie open the sitting with a prayer, would everyone stand?

2. Opening Prayer

Mrs. Flowers: recites opening prayer for the House of Assembly.

3. Tabling of Documents and Petitions

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Marjorie. In moving on with our agenda, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources to table a document about uranium mining.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all it's not a document that I'm tabling, as all members should have a copy of a motion that I'm tabling and this motion I would expect that as Speaker that the motion is first read and that the Assembly Members and all would have time to consider possible amendments at the next sitting and possibly a later sitting. So with that Mr. Speaker, I put forward a motion with having the motion seconded by the Honorable AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque and with that possible debate Mr. Speaker. So, if you can bear with me, it's a fairly lengthy motion and I will just read it out (below)

The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has established the following policy on uranium mining in Labrador Inuit Lands

The Nunatsiavut Government will not consent to uranium mine and/or mill development on Labrador Inuit Lands.

As Minister responsible for Labrador Inuit Lands I would like the policy to have the support of the Assembly and to be part of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*.

This is notice of a motion to amend the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* so that it reflects the policy.

The purpose of the amendments is to prevent the mining of uranium on Labrador Inuit Lands.

Motion

Be it Resolved that subsection 2.11(1) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* be deleted and replaced with the following:

- 2.11 (1) No private interest may be created or issued in Labrador Inuit Lands:
- (a) unless the private interest is defined in part 4 and:
 - (i) has been applied for under this part; or
 - (ii) is issued on the basis of a traditional tenure recognized under part 3;
 - (b) within an Inuit Community, within a water lot, or in relation to specified materials without the written approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly;
 - (c) in a lot that is larger than 0.5 hectares, or in relation to
 - (i) commercial cutting of plants,
 - (ii) carving stone,
 - (iii) specified materials, or
 - (iv) mineral explorationwithout the written approval of the Executive Council;
 - (d) in a protected area established under any law;

- (e) for purposes of a development unless an Inuit Impacts and Benefits Agreement with respect to the development is in effect or has been waived by resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly;
- (f) for a land use that is not permitted or authorized under the Land Use Plan;
- (g) if the issuance of the private interest would, without the consent of the owner, conflict with a prior private interest in the same lands;
- (h) if, in the opinion of the Minister the issuance of the private interest would conflict with the collective customary or traditional interests of Inuit or a community or group of Inuit in the land; or
- (i) in relation to the working, production, mining, milling or development of uranium on Labrador Inuit Lands.

And Be It Further Resolved that section 10.7 of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act is deleted and replaced with the following:

10.7

- (1) No subsurface resource may be worked, produced, mined or developed in Labrador Inuit Lands except in accordance with a lease of the lands issued by the Minister with the approval of the Executive Council.
- (2) No lease may be issued or approved under subsection (1) unless:
 - (a) an impacts and benefits agreement in respect of the development has been approved or waived by the Assembly; and
 - (b) the environmental impacts of the development have been assessed and deemed acceptable pursuant to Inuit Law or, in the absence of such law, by the Minister.
- (3) Despite subsection (1) and any other provision of this Act to the contrary, no grant or lease of Labrador Inuit Lands may be issued for purposes of working, producing, mining, milling or developing uranium on Labrador Inuit Lands.

I propose that the policy behind these amendments be studied before the motion to amend the Labrador Inuit Lands Act is voted on by the Assembly. I there fore move the following motion:

That the proposed amendments to the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* to prevent the working, production, mining, milling or development of uranium on Labrador Inuit Lands be referred to a committee of the whole for investigation and study and that the Committee hear from witnesses resident in Makkovik and Postville as well as any industry representatives and experts it may consider advisable and that the committee report to the Assembly at its first sitting in the new year.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Minister Barbour. We have a motion on the floor from the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources and this motion is seconded by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Is the Assembly in favor of adopting this motion?

House of Assembly: Aye!

Mr. Broomfield: By the Assembly adopting the motion, this opens up the floor for debate. Does any members wish to express a view on this motion? We did have a lengthy discussion yesterday in caucus, I'm just wondering if anybody else would like to go on the record and state their views. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm, I'm glad to see that we tabled this because it's been on the, on our table for a number of months now and that we finally made a statement on uranium and hopefully we can start clearing the air on how Nunatsiavut Government stands on the issues and hopefully that our people now can at least understand and debate and it's in here says Makkovik and Postville but it's all of Nunatsiavut because we all I guess will see the benefits or not the benefits of uranium mining in Labrador and you know, the costs could be very high on our land and to me.

I'm just glad to see it here and at least now move forward or see that we can have you know, have our rights as people I spose in Nunatsiavut recognized and we can you know, make sure that we does, does this right. Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker and it's from my understanding in caucus that I wish to offer an amendment to the motion. That being the last 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 words that there is at the end the first sitting of the New Year and be replaced by the words "before the end of the fall session".

Mr. Broomfield: Will that give the Honorable Minster of Lands and Resources enough time?

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker, not only at Executive Council level in our discussions, not just this morning but also yesterday and also with the full caucus. It is my intent to push department staff and also the experts we plan to bring in to try and have this done by this 2007 fall sitting. It is the intent to try, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I know we had a big debate on this yesterday and probably this morning too and a lot was said but I think this give us a bit more time and we can you know, get the word out to our people in our community and we can come back here and make a decision, a sound decision on behalf of our community, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker, as it's already reiterated by members of this Assembly, I think it's important that the public understand our position on uranium mining and not allowing uranium mining in Labrador Inuit Lands was based on the fact that it has been given to us through research through the departmental staff of the department of Lands and Resources that there is no proven method of safely disposing of tailings associated with uranium mining therefore we accept that there will be no uranium mining in Labrador Inuit Lands out of respect for the health and well being of the Inuit of our homeland Nunatsiavut and in consideration of the health and safety of all beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, nakummek Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In putting together this motion Mr. Speaker, when I say committee and bringing in the panel of experts Mr. Speaker, the Assembly itself then becomes the committee and that the panel of experts be including the departmental staff will answer questions. Not just on tailings but on all aspects of the project of this nature, I just wish to make that clear. We're not limited to just tailings, we will ask the panel any and all questions that we want answered, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would just like to remind on this topic

the Assembly to keep an open mind because we may see uranium mining adjacent to Labrador Inuit Lands and in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and outside of that as well. So, we may see some environmental effects from other developments not on Labrador Inuit Lands. So, when we do assemble this committee and the panel of experts we have to understand that we do have control of what is on Labrador Inuit Lands but we do not have control adjacent to that. So, development may be coming anyway so we have to make sure we are fully prepared and invest the time in educating ourselves and in member of our communities, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm for development but not development at all costs. I think we need to ensure that our land is protected for generations and generations to come and I think this is the first step in that process, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Mrs. Erickson: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to make an amendment to the motion to include all residents of Nunatsiavut instead of just Makkovik and Postville, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, these amendments that are being proposed could probably be taken into consideration when we do a second reading. I would assume that would

happen but, I would recognize the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources to provide some clarification.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank the AngajukKâk for Nain for her comments as well. We did discuss that to some degree, while the communities of Postville and Makkovik stand to be the most effected by a development of this nature, I think this Assembly has to recognize that we represent all of the Nunatsiavut communities and I fully endorse the proposed the amendment put forward by the AngajukKâk for Nain to include any member of a Nunatsiavut community, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: I'd just like to further state on that that we have many, many beneficiaries in the Canadian Constituency and the Upper Lake Melville Constituency who don't happen to reside in a community within Nunatsiavut so they may have to be considered as well. Because, I mean, when we are talking about the environment we are talking about a large water table that does extend into Upper Lake Melville as well. They should be involved in the process, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English Translation*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like the member for Upper Lake Melville to understand that when we are

discussing this issue, all of the members will have to be here. We will not leave anyone out Mr. Speaker and our representatives Mr. Speaker has to remember that in yesterday's debate about Uranium Mining, the policy is in the talks. We also have to keep an open mind from yesterdays meeting at the table we would like people to know that at anytime there will be no uranium mining, maybe in the years to come mining will go ahead as long as we know that there will be protection measures in the policy, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank the President for just the comment that he made. While we're using the word "not consent to uranium mine and or mill development" that does not close the door. Once we are convinced whether it's today, next year, five years from now that it can be done safely, I think that in terms of where we are right now, I think safety is the first and foremost thing in our minds and we have to make sure that we are making an informed decision and I thank the President for his comment, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, I think at this time I'd like to seat the chair to the Deputy Speaker as I would also like to comment on the issue.

Mr. Pottle: The Chair recognizes the Honorable Ordinary Member of the community of Makkovik.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As a resident of Makkovik and a member of Nunatsiavut Government, this issue is very dear to my heart as I have a great respect for Nunatsiavut and the lifestyle that it offers to the people who live in this great land. You know, we can never be too careful by allowing a development to proceed without any safeguards in place. You know, I always held a belief that the true value of a leader isn't recognized until you're faced with confrontation and faced with dealing with difficult issues.

As an Assembly, we are cast to finding an answer to this question. To date, there is no technology available to anybody as a means to safely dispose of uranium tailings that will respect the environment and that we can be comfortable with and be assured that these contaminants will not get into our environment. I think the final decision as to allowing a development will rest with us and from the discussion that we had from caucus and the discussion we're having today, I think we're on the same page.

We're not against development, we see development as providing economic opportunities for beneficiaries that's greatly needed and we see need in communities for infrastructure, for housing, for other projects and maybe revenue from mining can allow us to deliver these programs. But if our environment is contaminated then these things don't really matter. You know, we need to ensure that, first and foremost our land is protected for future generations and the onus is on the Assembly to ensure that we do this. We're not closing the door to any development in Labrador Inuit Lands but we need to be assured beyond any

reasonable doubt that this project can proceed and still respect the environment in a way that we do. I think that's all I have to say for now and I'd like to say it's good to see discussion happening, it's very needed and I'd like to thank everybody for expressing their opinion, thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Ordinary Member for Makkovik. The Chair relinquishes the duties back to the Speaker of Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. Broomfield: Are there any other comments? At this time the debate will be closed. The motion from the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources has had it's first reading and will go to a committee of the Assembly to be brought back at the first sitting in the New Year or if time permits, for the Minister to bring it back at the end of the Fall Session.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker, I just didn't wait for you to finish what you were going to say. It is the intent of the department to try to conclude this session before the end of the 2007 fall sitting.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. Is the Assembly agreed that this motion has had first reading in the House?

House of Assembly: Aye!

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also heard one other possible amendment to change the wording on the last page to hear witnesses resident in Makkovik and Postville to change to residents in Nunatsiavut. That's what I heard the AngajukKâk for Nain say that so I think that's part of the amendment of the motion as well, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister and these things will be noted for the next reading of the motion. These amendments that have been proposed by the Members. Before we move on to the next item, we will first have a five minute break.

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Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon folks, I would now like to call the House back to order. There will be an open house here tonight at the department building from 7:00-8:30. So, the Nunatsiavut Assembly will be having an open house tonight, you can come and talk to a member or you can just for a meet and greet. The discussion on uranium mining in Nunatsiavut seem to be pretty, I guess tame, I guess people are kind of intimidated of speaking in a formal sitting but we did have great discussion during caucus yesterday and this morning on uranium mining in Nunatsiavut. So, it was discussed at great length. Moving on to our next item, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm going to read my briefing notes because there's a lot of figures in it so, to the Honorable Members I would like to

present copies of audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007.

In front of you, you will find 3 separate audited statements. The first one is non-consolidated statements for the Nunatsiavut Government which does not include affiliates such as Department of Health, Inuit Pathways, Post Secondary Student Support Program or Labrador Inuit Development Corporation.

The second set of financial statements is for Department of Health and Social Development, the final statements included in this package are for the Inuit Pathways. Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that these statements can also be requested in Inuktitut. If there are members or beneficiaries that request a copy, please inform our department. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to point out that the Post Secondary Student Support Program is being translated as we speak and should be ready for viewing at the next sitting of this House. In addition, the financial statements for our development corporation are expected to be completed by December 1, 2007.

I realize Mr. Speaker that there is much information presented in these statements and the Honorable Members around this table will require some time to review these statements and ask questions. I'm also, I'm therefore suggesting Mr. Speaker that I point out some highlights in these statements and then I'll let the Honorable Members take these statements back to their constituency for review and if there are any questions, the Honorable Members can put forth their questions in writing to my department for answering. As I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, I wish to only highlight certain items in these

statements. The first set of statements is for the Nunatsiavut Government, the total revenue for the fiscal year was \$51,080,453 and the total expenditure was \$53,087,769 creating a current net year deficit of \$2,007,316. However, we also carried over the third revenue from previous years of \$2,267,030 thus creating a net surplus for the fiscal year end March 31, 2007 of \$267,214.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is in possession on March 31, 2007 of \$14,526,323 in current assets and have current liabilities of \$13,627,103 thus creating a net current asset surplus of \$899,220,000. In addition, Nunatsiavut Government has in its possession on March 31, 2007 over \$92,000,000 in Land Claim dollars. These figures are shown on page 7 of the report under the title "Non Consolidated Statement of Finance Position."

The remaining figures are supplemental information for your review. Mr. Speaker, the second set of audited financial statements in your position shows the operations of Department of Health and Social Development. The annual revenue for the fiscal year was \$13,947,310 and the expenditure is the same.

The Department of Health did have a small surplus and this amount has been deferred over to the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Mr. Speaker the regular funding for the Department of Health comes from the fiscal financing agreement which in those agreements allowed those departments to carry surplus over to the following year for disbursement. Note the Department of Health current asset shows \$1,957,347 and current liabilities are \$3,174,637 thus creating a net current liability deficit of \$1,223,290

which will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Please note that this deficit has accumulated over the years but has been substantially reduced over the past number of years as we have implemented new financial controls. Mr. Speaker, our department feels by the end of the fiscal financing agreement which ends in 2010 this deficit will be all but eliminated.

Mr. Speaker, the final set of audited financial statements I have to present is with Inuit Pathways. The annual revenue of Inuit Pathways for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007 is \$1,276,718 and an annual expenditure of \$1,273,317 thus creating a small surplus of \$3,401.

The net current asset of Inuit Pathways is \$1,354,835 and current liabilities of \$1,415,329 thus creating a net current liability deficit of \$60,494.

As well, Mr. Speaker, our department staff will be monitoring this deficit.

Also, Mr. Speaker, some amendments have been made in negotiations with HRSDC where the funding comes from and feel these amendments will enable Inuit Pathways to remove this deficit. Please note also, Mr. Speaker, this deficit was accumulated a number of years ago and have been implementing. Thank you Mr. Speaker, again and if any member has any questions, please forward it to our department in writing, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister, as the Minister suggests if you do have questions when you read the consolidated financial report you would be advised to submit a question to the Minister in writing. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English translation*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance stated the funds that was used up to today, she said that we had a surplus of \$899,000,000. It should read \$899,000; this has to be understood by everyone, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President, that's an important point to clarify. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Finance and Human Resources to table the Women's Conference and Shelter Study document.

Mrs. Gear: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry about the mistake, I apologize. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'd like to the Honorable Members copies of the reports prepared based on the women's conference that was held in Nain last year or this year of March this year. I have, as you can see in front of you, you all have conference reports, this is a revised report. The last one that we passed out had some typos in it so you can just take it home for review.

Mr. Speaker, these report is very comprehensive and has various recommendations from the women of Nunatsiavut and how the Nunatsiavut Government can assist in addressing the concerns they have brought to light within these reports. Please be advised Mr. Speaker this report is available in both languages, in front of you is the English version and I have, I don't have copies of the conference report but I do have some copies of the shelter report in Inuktitut if anybody wants a copy.

Mr. Speaker, there is much recommendations within this report and we wish to act on some of these recommendations as soon as possible.

In some cases our department has also acted such as hiring full time staff members to liaison between the women's group and Nunatsiavut Government. We hired Tracy Ann Evans from Makkovik and she's now our coordinator. I am requesting Mr. Speaker that all members around this table review this report and provide any comments or suggestions you feel will enhance our department in putting these recommendations into action. Mr. Speaker, when the members review this report you will all see the recommendations involves all departments within Nunatsiavut Government from the President's office through to health, economic development, culture, tourism and housing to name a few.

Over the next couple of months the Status of Women Coordinator will be contacting the various Nunatsiavut Government departments to discuss how these departments may assist in fulfilling the recommendations. Mr. Speaker it is the plan of my department to take these discussions and provide to the House of Assembly within the next 6 months the summary of the recommendations and how the Nunatsiavut Government and my department plans on addressing the concerns listed in this report. As part of our presentation to the House of Assembly our department will also analyze the recommendations and suggest the priority listings and the goals we hope to achieve in the years ahead, thank you Mr. Speaker.

5. Minister's Statements and Announcements

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Honorable Minister. We'll move on in our agenda

to Minister Statements, we normally do Ministers Statements by recognizing, oh sorry, it is Ministers Statements. The Speaker recognizes the President to explain the discrepancy between the Elections Act and the Constitution.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English Translation*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, what we negotiated in our Land Claims Agreement, coming close to the end we came up with the Inuit Constitution what is called the Labrador Inuit Constitution and when we were getting ready for the Nunatsiavut Government's first election, we also had to come up with an Elections Act.

We had to come up with regulations what is known in English as the Elections Act. The Constitution of the Nunatsiavut Government is the most powerful of all laws Mr. Speaker. So, the Elections Act seem to be in conflict with the Constitution which will have to be revised in some way.

We understand Mr. Speaker, for next year of 2008 the seat of the President of the Nunatsiavut Government will be elected upon in October. That will have to be filled Mr. Speaker because it states in our Constitution that the election for the President will have to be in May, 2008. So, the Elections Act will have to be revised in the fall of the year to comply with the Constitution, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President, are there any other Ministers who wish to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Education and Economic Development.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of updates to do...give you. The one is on the social work

training needs assessment research, it's going well. Research is showing a definite need and a lot of interest from beneficiaries. We hope to have the research completed within a month then start developing a training program for delivery.

The second one, this Assembly wanted something to be done about or dentistry problem in Nunatsiavut and so with our department we've got approval from the Executive Council to offer additional benefits to a beneficiary we have found who is interested in pursuing dentistry training. Education staff is now moving forward on that and another note on the economic development side as well as the tourism side though Mr. Ponniuk's department.

The Makivik Corporation asked the Nunatsiavut Government to come to Nunavik to Nunavut to meet on partnering with the cruise industry "Cruise North". We have done that and with the approval from the Executive Council we're moving ahead to begin more formal discussions on whether or not we would like to enter into a partnership in this cruise industry, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I got one announcement. I'm pleased to inform our people that we're going to be opening a pharmacy in Upper Lake Melville "Pharmachoice" with LIDC, Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and we will be opening on the 22nd of October and it's for all our beneficiaries and any general public who

want to use our services and it's going to be a great thing to happen for Nunatsiavut. We will have our own pharmacy called "Pharmachoice" so and letters are going out now to our people today to let them know they have the option of going with us as a preferred provider for our beneficiaries, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I've just got a couple of updates/announcements whatever you want to call. As you know, we are without a Director of Recreation and a Deputy Minister for the last little while. Good news on that part, the Recreation Director is coming on the 15th which is this coming Monday and when he is on or when this person is on shortly thereafter there will be an announcement of a Deputy Minister. The reason being, I'd like to have the three Directors in place before the announcement is made. It's a long time coming and I'm, personally I can't wait. I know what Darryl was going through when he was there, to see it first hand. Darryl I really appreciate what you went through.

On another note we got the launching of the Rosetta Stone which is a language tool which is always came up in our meetings whether it is was Executive Council or Assembly and it's a big step towards getting our language back hopefully. This launch will take place on October the 29th along with the Inuktitut Dictionary and I think its two children's books that will be done at the same time.

So, if any of you people are in the Nain area or even if you're not if you're available if time allows and you're schedule is not too busy we'd like to see you there although in saying that there will be some, there will some, there will be brought back to the other communities simultaneously. So, if you're in you're home communities there you will be able to view it through well, the technology these days lets us take it in from basically wherever we're at.

One more thing I'll bring up is the with Greg Flowers from Hopedale, the Minister in Hopedale and me as Minister of the in the Recreation Department we went to St. John's to meet with the appropriate people to get funding for the Hopedale arena. That is done although I think we're a little bit short and I'll mention this because it's a good new story, obviously with an arena in place, well it won't be just an arena it will be a sportsplex if we call it that. I think it's very significant, we'll involve the youth and as well each community basically is in the same position in regards to some kind of infrastructure whatever for, for the youth. So, I think this is a big step, a positive step for what we're trying to accomplish with them and that's all for now Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to give members of the Assembly just a quick update on the two important pieces of infrastructure that has been a while in coming. Namely, the Nunatsiavut Administration

Centre in Nain, we did have some problems with the land and contamination, that being said, we have all those issues now straightened out.

The drawings are now complete, we are now ready to go to tender and it's we will go to tender early in the new year with construction beginning as soon as the shipping season opens in the summer, summer of 08. For the Hopedale Assembly Building, now in possession of concept from the engineers that we have last week or some weeks ago that was reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee last week by the Executive Council and I'm going to leave, we're going to provide our field offices with plans and for your office as well, Dan, copies of the concept that we've received from the Engineers on the Hopedale Assembly Building.

We hope that we'll have a complete price quote as well regarding this building for by the end of October end of November and as well, it will go to tender sometime before the shipping season opens in 08 and at long last those two pieces of infrastructure will be built, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. First Minister, the Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first of all while I put a motion forward earlier this afternoon on uranium policy and uranium mining, I'd like to take the time to recognize Mark O'Dea with Aurora Energy. He is the President and CEO along with his team of people here, when we were formally notified by Aurora Energy, I, on August 29th of their

intention to register, I responded on September 14th and I am pleased to see that they are here to hear what we have done.

We've not made a decision but we will inform them promptly of our decision whatever that may be, hopefully at the end of the fall sitting, first of all. Second one is also just like Minister Ponniuk a more of a good news one, I have been informed by my Deputy Minister that the Joint Secretariat staff are starting to come in place for the Wildlife Management Board. I can now inform the Assembly that we have an Executive Director in place, we have an administrative assistant in place, an office should be made very shortly for a finance and administration officer and also interviews are anticipated by the third week or very shortly for a biologist for that board.

So, we are well on our way to get our Wildlife Management Board up and running and that you should see that group of people start to visit your communities, thank you Mr. Speaker.

6. Member's Statements

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, at this time we'll move on to, to Members Statements. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker, well first and foremost it's been about a year since we've began in our newly formed government here. I'd like to deeply thank my constituency, the people of Upper Lake Melville from Mud Lake through Goose Bay into North West River for their continued support from their e-mails, from their phone calls, from sitting in their living

room having tea with them they've told me they are in full support of most of the things that I've been doing and most of the strategies I've been implying to try and get ahead in aiding them in any help that they may need.

Having said that, there's still a lot of change that needs to happen before this government, I think can work right and help serve better my constituency.

First and foremost communication, there's been no change. Time and time again we've been promised that there's going to be increased efforts to communicate to every constituency to every elected official in order to help them to their job and to serve the public in a better fashion. That simply hasn't happened, I simply, I'm as well informed as the average person on the street in Upper Lake Melville except for the odd e-mail I get with the public press release, that's about as far as it goes. I've made time and time again requests for information that were not, was not delivered and I have made requests for time with Ministers, they simply do not have time and it's not time for me but time for my constituency. That disturbs me.

Secondly, this government seems to revolve around the Executive Council. Even the sittings we have are at the whim of the scheduling of Executive Council.

There are more people here, there are AngajukKâks that are not on that Executive Council, there are Ordinary Members that are not on the Executive Council. The Speaker himself is not on that Executive Council, we have to be privy to what is happening in our government. When these meetings of the Executive Council are held in closed sessions we can't see what is going on,

we don't get the minutes, we don't know what's happening.

When people ask us on the street what's happening in some cases they know more than I do, and that again upsets me and upsets the constituency that I have to deliver information to.

Third, we still have, time and time again you've heard me talking about membership issues in Upper Lake Melville, we're still seeing inconsistencies. We're still seeing people that can't be helped by the internal staff and the public service and I myself just cannot get involved in this process because I am outside of that Executive Council so I have no say. Having said that, we have to have an overhaul in this process because Upper Lake Melville and I guess the Canadian Constituency are the only ones not being served by what's in place.

There don't seem to be too many other membership problems around, as far as I'm concerned.

And last but not least, keeping this short in the interest of time, I'd just like to mention about professionalism, common courtesy. As the rep for Upper Lake Melville, I haven't been made aware of events, meetings all kinds of things that happen in my own community, in my constituency. For example, delegation from Nunavut come down, I'm not even made aware of it. Not invited, not even asked. I went to see my colleague, Mr. Shiwak, speak at the Lab Expo only to find out that I can't even be admitted because I'm not even registered as a delegate. This event takes place in my community, having said that I can take being ignored and I can take being left out of the loop because I'm a big boy and I can handle it but by doing this, you're ignoring and insulting the

constituency and over 2,000 beneficiaries of this agreement that I represent and that is unacceptable, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any more statements from members? The Speaker recognizes the Member for Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker, I'd like to reiterate and reinforce a couple of comments that the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville just presented. The Canadian Constituency also believes that there are some shortcomings in communication and overall accountability with respect to elected officials and members of the public service.

Recognizing Mr. Speaker, that we have made great strides in this government, there is still a need as reiterated by the Member for Upper Lake Melville and need for improvement. I have been working, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents for Canada in conjunction with the Department of Health to resolve some of the issues related to the non-insured health benefits and how the administrative change has effected the ability for Canadian Constituents to access those benefits in a right that they're entitled to. I have also continued to and I will continue to work with the membership office to address some of the concerns that are coming my way. These are the constituents in the Canadian Constituency therefore Mr. Speaker, I am working to resolve some of the issues relative to the Canadian Constituency and I believe that's the right and proper way and that's the way that the Nunatsiavut Government elected officials should work together with each other and with members of the public

service to ensure that the rights coming out of the Land Claims Agreement for beneficiaries are adhered to, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Are there any other members who wish to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain.

Mrs. Erickson: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'd just want to congratulate the Nain Husky sports team. They had the fall sportsmeet, that's the big sportsmeet that is held on the coast ever year. This year we had the privilege of having Sheshatshiu join the sportsmeet, I think this was the first time they ever actually brought a full team. It was great sportsmanship, a lot of camaraderie and just excellent, just great sports to watch and again, congratulations to the Nain Huskies for winning the overall sportsmeet.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you. Any other members wish to make a statement? I guess this concludes members statements, before we move into question period we will take a short recess for 5 minutes.

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7. Oral Question Period

Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We'll continue with our agenda and the next agenda item is question period. Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker, I think my question Mr. Speaker, is a timely question given that the President

in his statement regarding the discrepancies between the Labrador Inuit Constitution and the Nunatsiavut Elections Act regarding the date for the next presidential election and given the President will be proposing an amendment to the Constitution to bring it in line with the Elections Act or vice versa.

I'm not sure which comes first Mr. Speaker, it's like a question of the cart and the horse. Given Mr. Speaker that I have asked this question in the House in February and March and I have asked the First Minister to take my question period for consideration, take my question for consideration to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, I believe Mr. Speaker that I have not received a satisfactory answer to bring back to the Constituency of Canada.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker I am asking my question again to the President of Nunatsiavut. Given the Labrador Inuit Constitution, Part 4, Section 4.2.3 regarding additional representation for each constituency and given the number of beneficiaries I have been informed by the membership office in Canada currently stands between 669 to 727 members in Canada. When will the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act and the Nunatsiavut Elections Act be amended to bring it in line with the Labrador Inuit Constitution so that the constituency of Canada will be represented by two ordinary members as provided for by Section 4.2.3 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution, nakummek Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker we have in place Membership Committees, they're not

completed with their work as of yet. So this issue is not quite done with yet. Mr. Speaker, when we know for certain who is on the beneficiary list, we will also have to give our members an opportunity to appeal the membership list. I would like to be understood Mr. Speaker, that which-ever government it is in Canada, whenever they request for another constituency member, they have elections only when the day and month is up for elections, so we already had our elections last year, so after the four years are up we are prepared to vote for another member for the Canadian Constituency, and we are also hopeful that we will have another representative for Upper Lake Melville sometime in the near future. When we have to amend our Elections Act we would like to go through the whole document as a whole. We as elected officials can't say who is going to be beneficiaries to our Land Claims Agreement, that is the job of our Membership Committees. Mr. Speaker, we are not sure when they will finish all their reviews, I can only say Mr. Speaker, we can't say to the committees, you now have to finish your job, the committees have to review all applicants just to make sure all the details are in the application. We will certainly look through the whole beneficiary list when it is completed. Thank You Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Member for Canada to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker and thank you Mr. President but I think you missed the boat on some of your responses to my question. Let me qualify, Mr. Speaker, that the constituencies...constituents in Canada recognize what benefits they are entitled

to as a result of the Labrador Inuit Lands Claims Agreement but coming out of the Labrador Inuit Constitution, the Labrador Inuit Claims Agreement, Mr. Speaker are also right.

Our Constitution makes allowances for a constitutional right for representation in Canada and for the benefit of those standing around this, sitting around this table and for the benefit of those people sitting in the gallery, Mr. Speaker, I want to read the provision from the Labrador Inuit Constitution that sets out our constitutional right.

This is law Mr. Speaker, if there's a number of Labrador Inuit in a constituency exceeds 1,000 the constituency will be represented by two Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and if the number of Labrador Inuit in a constituency exceeds 3,000 the constituency shall be represented by 3 Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and if the number of Labrador Inuit in a constituency exceeds 4,000 the constituency shall be represented by 4 Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. My supplemental question, Mr. Speaker, to the President is why to we have legislative process in place if we're not going to follow them? This is Inuit law laid out by the Constitution therefore the Canadian Constituents in Canada have a right for additional representation given the numbers are fluctuating.

When I first asked this question, Mr. Speaker, in February I was told in March by the First Minister that there were 1,470 members in Canada. That number has now gone up to between 1,669 as I reiterated in my question to the President Mr. Speaker and the numbers are also indicative of there is 1,727 members currently in Canada.

Given that the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement calls for annually from the effective date a review of members, I don't understand Mr. Speaker why these numbers at this point in time have not been confirmed given that the Labrador Inuit Registry was presented both to the Government of Canada and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we have a right constitutionally to extra representation in Canada therefore I ask that our laws be followed, nakummek Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English translation*) Mr. Speaker, in our Constitution we have the right of the Canadian Constituency member is asking for this right away. We can't rush it. If we're going to follow the Elections Act Mr. Speaker, in the next election we will know better and his constituency will have another representative. And Mr. Speaker we have to keep in mind our Land Claims Agreement is new, at this time we have not yet got all our funding. It would be very hard for Nunatsiavut if we were to have an election for another Canadian Constituency rep. This Agreement is for Nunatsiavut, not Canada. The Canadian Constituency member has a right to vote, what we negotiated belongs to Nunatsiavut, not Canada. At this time with lack of funds we cannot go ahead with the members REQUEST. We are not breaching our Constitution, Mr. Speaker. There will be nothing to stop us from what we have to do. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Member for Canada to ask one more supplemental question.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you Mr. Speaker, again I would just like to reiterate that the President of Nunatsiavut has fully understood my question and he has not answered it to my satisfaction. Mr. Speaker, the President refers to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement sets out benefits and rights to the membership regardless of where we live. Mr. Speaker, again I believe the Constitution the Labrador Inuit Constitution speaks loudly and clearly for itself and it needs to further to be said that if the numbers warrant then there shall be additional representation. Do the additional numbers, Mr. President, not create a vacancy in the Canadian Constituency and do the Canadian Constituents not have a constitutional right to the rights set out in the Labrador Inuit Constitution, nakummek Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Although the Member for Canada directed his question to the President, the First Minister will respond.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think you know, we are, we're quite clear on what the Constitution says. I think what needs to be answered is that there is perhaps a difference on how it is interpreted. I, for instance don't see that Constitution says an immediate election for extra representation. We could in a process of a term have a constitute changes then, you know, before this four year term is over. The numbers in Canada could very well warrant another member as

well, it's in my opinion and perhaps my opinion is different from the Ordinary Member from Canada if I'm hearing correctly what the Member is saying that he interprets what the Constitution says as an immediate election. I would seem and I hope that this answers somewhat your question at least from my position that we would respect the Constitution that amendments, the necessary amendments would be made to all the Acts that apply in this case and that an election in 2010 there would be extra representation for Canada and the Upper Lake Melville and any other constituency that has the numbers to warrant extra representation.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. First Minister, are there any other Members who wish to ask a question? The Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to Mr. Tony Andersen our First Minister. Mr. First Minister, would you accept an open invitation from the constituency of Upper Lake Melville to sit side by side with myself and Mr. Ponniuk and I'll even invite the Ordinary Member from the Canadian Constituency in Upper Lake Melville to have a public hearing to hear the voices directly from the people about the membership issues that I'm facing questions on and the frustrations they're experiencing. Would you commit to a public hearing to sit side by side with us and feel these questions and then perhaps have a workshop and a meeting of the minds, if you will, to address some of these issues in the very near future? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased at your earliest convenience if when you post sufficient notice to your beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville that I would attend such a meeting for the benefit of beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and Canada if necessary and I hope appropriate staff to hear questions. Well in the manner that you suggest, certainly I would and I am available as soon as we can arrange between our schedules, you and I. Certainly I would accept such an invitation.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. First Minister, are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English translation*) Thank you Mr. Speaker, our member for Upper Lake Melville has a question for the First Minister, if there is going to be a meeting in Upper Lake Melville, I would certainly be available to sit down with them as well, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to be understood by the Assembly Members Our staff in Nunatsiavut Mr. Speaker has tried to the best of their ability to answer questions from members of Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency, sometimes our staff ignore our own Nunatsiavut members on a daily basis just to satisfy other members. In the Nunatsiavut Government offices in Upper Lake Melville, our staff try to get ahead, but it's sometimes hard for them. So Mr. Speaker we are not against anyone, I would like the Members to understand that we have used enormous amounts of money to see how we can

move forward, Mr. Speaker, even more than what we use at Nunatsiavut, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President, the Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville to answer a supplementary question.

Mr. Russell: Well, not so much as a supplementary question Mr. Speaker thank you but I would like to say that you would be most welcome Mr. President at such a gathering and such a hearing or meeting of the minds or whatever we shall call it. But I would just like to say that when you have a beneficiary in Upper Lake Melville who is trying their best to utilize the staff and utilize their representatives in order to make sure that their bloodline remains recognized and that their children can take advantage of the same right that they have had and that they will be recognized as Inuit in the next generation of their family should certainly not be considered an interruption to any of the staff that is put in place to do the work of helping these individuals get a fair shake at an application to have beneficiary status to our agreement, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, the Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: (*Inuktitut to English translation*) Mr. Speaker, let us all understand that we have in place Membership Committees in Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville and Goose Bay. We as elected members don't look after who is going to be enrolled as members as a beneficiary, if we try that Mr. Speaker, we are in the way of the

Membership Committees in their functions so we have to understand that membership is not for the Assembly members. And the applicants themselves have a right to apply to become members. We as an assembly can't say "this person can become a member" we can't say that Mr. Speaker, it's the Membership Committees job, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. A. Andersen: Point of order Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to remind the Member from Upper Lake Melville and the President that they have stepped outside of I think our agenda item which is question period and they have entered into a mini debate if you will and the reason I've raised this point of order, Mr. Speaker, is because I am the Minister responsible for the membership file but I do believe the President and the Member from Upper Lake Melville are at this time out of order.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. First Minister, you're point of order is well taken. We will move on to another Member to ask a question, I was hoping you would raise it or somebody would. Next, any more questions? If there's no more questions, we've used up our time for question period. Okay, I'll allow it, we have a message here from Dan I guess. The Speaker recognizes the Member for Canadian Constituency.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker, I've just been passed a note by one of our pages, it doesn't say who the note came from but the note says that "at the proposed meeting that was discussed from the Member from Upper Lake Melville and the First Minister that is recommended to go ahead that there should also be legal council there to

provide legal opinions on the matters regarding representation as per the Constitution and some of the implementation issues" I'm not sure what the implementation issues refer to but given that this note was passed to me Mr. Speaker, I just want to on behalf of the person who passed me the note recommend that there should be a lawyer present as well to give legal opinion on the matters under discussion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

8. Written Questions

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, I'm sure this issue will be dealt with by the First Minister when it does arise. Are there any more questions? We'll move on in our agenda to "Written Questions", are there any written questions that members wish to present? We'll move on to "Reports from Standing and Special Committees" The Speaker recognizes the Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Committee to give a brief report to the Assembly.

9. Reports from Standing and Special Committees

Mr. A. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, my report is oral. We have started to as we have promised to provide communities, beneficiaries and interested groups that were part of the hearings that gave, presented recommendations to the panel of the Transitional Assembly. We have started or community visits to report our progress, so far Mr. Speaker we've visited Postville, Goose Bay, North West River and as many of you witnessed last night, I thank you for coming out, Hopedale. We still have two more, three more communities, three more

communities left and hopefully we're at that time we will have more detail report we hope by the end of the fall session that we will bring forth to the Assembly. I also wish to tell the Assembly and mostly to Ministers that some people have worked very, very hard on this report and that there is some information that we have required from departments, our government and the response has been a little slow in coming.

So, in order for us to do a proper job we would like to encourage the different departments who have had requests from the Department of Health and Social Development that they would try to make some effort to respond so that we can get our report done and we can move on with this promise that we have made to our beneficiaries, the commitment that the President had initiated that we would try to make our communities once more healthy and fun, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. First Minister, the Honorable First Minister is the Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Committee. At this time the Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Development who is the Chair of the Education Committee.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I must apologize to the Assembly. Our Committee is...hasn't progressed a lot since our last Assembly meeting at all due to holiday, schedules, my busy schedule unfortunately, that's not a very good excuse. We were planning on meeting at this Assembly meeting but due to weather and time constraints we never got that done. Tonight we will be me and my Co-Chair Mr. Russell doing up a meeting, we will have a date and time, place set in which we will have our

next Education Committee meeting and hopefully like as our First Minister said we'll have a better report for our next sitting, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister, at the time the Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituency and the Chair of the Code of Conduct Committee.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Mr. Speaker, my report is also verbal and it will be very brief. For the information of Members of Assembly, the Code of Conduct Committee met for the fourth time of the 27th of September. We have redrafted our code of conduct given some commentary given to us by legal council.

We have integrated those comments into the code of conduct. Currently, Mr. Speaker, we are at a standstill with respect to further reviewing to legal council because we currently do not have legal council and I'm working in consultation with the First Minister who is responsible for legal affairs and once we have been successful in recruiting a new legal council I understand that our lawyer has left the government. Once that person is in place we will be referring our fourth draft code of conduct to legal council for further advice.

Mr. Speaker, we have had some discussion at the committee level with respect to the possibility of conjoining our current conflict of interest guidelines with the code of conduct and we're also asking for legal advice of which way we should proceed to present our recommendations to the Assembly via the code of conduct whether or not we should ask that the code of conduct

become Inuit Law or will it be a stand alone code of conduct to guide and direct Assembly Members in their duties. That's where we stand in this point in time Mr. Speaker and it's the hope of the committee that we will have a document to table in this House before the end of the fall session, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, there's one more committee it's the language committee. I think we're falling on, I guess you call a hardship as of late but I'll leave it to the Member for the Canadian Constituency to give an update to the Assembly.

Mr. Pottle: Thank you again Mr. Speaker, again this is a verbal report. The language committee has not met since March 07. We were waiting on information which we received from the government of Nunavut on how they put forth recommendations so that Inuktitut would become the working language of the Nunavut Government. Mr. Speaker, since we met last in March we have had some changes with respect to the composition of the Language Committee. As we are all aware, the Chair of the Language Committee Mina Campbell-Hibbs from the Inuit Community Corporation Sivunivut in North West River has resigned her duties and we are waiting for a new replacement.

Another member Danny Michelin as we are all aware of is recovering from surgery, we don't know when Danny will return and the other member of the committee that we had on the committee who is not a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly has also left our committee. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we believe that

it's important that we refer the membership and the composition of the membership committee back to the committee on rules and procedure for further appointments to the committee if they so feel necessary, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you, before we get into the report from the Upper Lake Melville Corporation we will take a short recess as we are nearing the agenda items that we are covering for today so we will recess for five minutes.

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Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon folks, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time we will have a report from the Chair of the Upper Lake Melville Corporation.

Mr. Winters: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it's just an oral report. The NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation of Happy Valley Goose Bay held its first AGM on the 27th of September which about 50 people attended. The main topic for discussion was the community freezer which opened on May 15th. A lot of good questions was asked, the question/answer period lasted for about 15 minutes. When that was over quite a few of our elders thanked the board for the service of the community freezer and how good it was to have access to fresh caribou and salmon, they were very appreciative of that. The meeting lasted about 45 minutes and when that was over we had a luncheon that were fresh char and smoked char was the main dish. I might add that, thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

10. Notices of Motion

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Max. Our next agenda item has been moved to the next sitting, I think that the President stated that it should be the Land Claims Trust Report but that will be presented at the next sitting.

Next agenda item "Notices of Motion" I think we already covered that by the Honorable Minister introduced earlier. Before we clue up this sitting, I'd like to make one clarification to a item I mentioned earlier to the outset of the sitting when I was presented a note regarding the family of Ken Stelle. I'd like to give some information to the Assembly that I didn't have is that this individual was the pilot of the helicopter that crashed in, in Postville. So, certainly our condolences go out to the family of this individual.

For the information of Assembly Members our travel arrangements have been made for tomorrow by Debbie and the plane will be arriving in Hopedale tomorrow afternoon at 2:00. I think that covers everything that we have to do and at this time I would like to close this sitting of the Assembly and say thank you to all the Assembly Members for everything we accomplished today, thank you.