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**KAVAMALIGIJET  
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**PARLIAMENTARY  
REPORT**

*October 16-20, 2006*

*Speaker: Honourable Todd Broomfield*

Nunatsiavut Government Assembly  
Meeting

Nunatsiavut Government Boardroom  
Nain, NL

October 16 – 20, 2006

Note Taker: Debbie Dicker

Meeting commences at 2:22 p.m.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Good afternoon everyone, to start off the Assembly Meeting, I would like to call upon one of our community elders, Julius Merkuratsuk, to come up here and do an opening prayer

**Mr. Merkuratsuk:** (*Recites prayer in Inuktitut*)

**Mr. W. Andersen:** It's very warm in here but we have to be prepared for getting a little bit warmer. I would like to have a few words before the actual swearing in takes place and I would ask that our interpreters don't need to do this because I want to say it in both Inuktitut and English. (*speaks Inuktitut, translation below*)

Just a few words before we move into the swearing in ceremony, I'd like to echo what Julius had to say. I thank and congratulate every one of those candidates who put forward their name to seek a position, an elected position in the upcoming Nunatsiavut Government. I also would like to congratulate and thank all of those who have had the honor to be elected into the first Nunatsiavut Assembly and as well thank and congratulate those who were the victors if you will in our community government elections as well as well as the Upper Lake Melville Community Corporation which we have two of. Having said that, I certainly look forward to working with each and every elected member that's sitting around this table. Without doubt we have a huge

challenge ahead of us but when I look around here I know that we can as a team be up for this challenge. I think there are going to be time perhaps when individuals may have issues with one another or with the leadership but I would hope that rather than turn our back on each other if and when differences arise that we can work them out as leaders and as representatives. I assure you for the next two years as leader of Nunatsiavut Government, that if I see something that I don't necessarily agree with whatever, whomever member is doing I will sit down with you and talk to you about what my feelings are and find out from you what your feelings are.

I think it'll be best for everyone to come into this government understanding that not everything is going to be roses and understanding that some of the things we do are going to be really questioned by either an elected member or by one or more or all of our communities including Upper Lake Melville. It's something we have to be totally prepared for.

I believe the other thing we have to prepare ourselves for as a team and hopefully we can, we will develop as a team is that when we are doing something as a government and we recognize that the people who we represent are unhappy with what we are doing. We are the ones who are going to have to sit down and do some soul searching and figure out what we're going to have to change in order to assure that Beneficiaries people that we represent are happy with what we are doing. Because it's for certain and without doubt that we will run into situations were some of the polices we develop or laws or acts aren't going to suit the needs of the majority of the

people that we represent and in that regard we as a team when that happens have to be prepared to adjust ourselves and adjusting yourself doesn't always mean you're happy with what you are doing.

But I think you know for me recognizing aspirations of our membership as a whole is going to be far more important than your own individual desires or my own individual desires and this is a real challenge that we will be faced with for you in next four years for me the next two years. But I certainly look forward to it and believe me I'm very prepared to work with anyone and everyone of you and please don't ever think I'm unappreciable, I've never been like that and even more so we have to be more open to individuals especially to those of you who are new to being elected.

I see some old faces here who have been down that road before but at the same time I see some brand new faces who have not been down that road before and believe me I don't want to have to hold your hand but be able to walk with you side by side as a team and all I can do is offer to give you my best and in return once you have put out your own best, we'll be happy with that. But it's going to be a team effort, not a William Andersen III effort. Not our Deputy Minister's effort but a combined effort of everyone sitting around this table. Some of the challenges we need to address immediately and I think we failed again in the past couple of years is our short comings in terms of communicating to our Beneficiaries what Nunatsiavut Government is doing. Some of the issues are known but not of them and I think in that regard not you as individuals but us collectively have to work together on how better we're going

to inform our own people of what we're doing. The owners cannot be put on one individual again the owners have to be put on us as a team and our public service we have to get the full support and I certainly look forward to working with you in that regard.

*(Translates into Inuktitut)*

Just before the swearing in, one last comment for each and every elected member here there is without doubt we has a group and as well you as individuals including myself at some point in the near future or further down the road are going to make mistakes there is no doubt about that and when with you the people who elected us to represent them certainly will be a part of those who let us know we're going wrong. But at the same time I want everyone to feel that you can't hold yourself back because you're afraid of making mistakes. Mistakes are a part of the learning process and I think if we show a willingness to adjust where we make mistakes, we'll get a deeper respect from the people we represent and as well as individuals will become better for it and in that light I certainly look forward to working with all of you and I think now we will start the swearing in process. It's always been controversial how we start but I'd like to start from south and work my way north and since we're here in Nain we will end with Nain with the swearing in process.

*(Translates into Inuktitut)*

So I'll have to go by memory, start with Upper Lake Melville. I'd like to call on Ben Ponniuk to come forward. Take this in your left hand Ben.

**Swearing in of Ben Ponniuk**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. Ponniuk:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Ben Ponniuk

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I Ben Ponniuk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Ponniuk:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful to the Inuit

**Mr. Ponniuk:** that I will be faithful to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut and will obey

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and to Nunatsiavut and obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold

**Mr. Ponniuk:** respect and uphold

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Ponniuk:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Ponniuk:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a Leader

**Mr. Ponniuk:** as a Leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Ponniuk:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Ponniuk:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. Ponniuk:** so help me God

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations  
Ben.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** Thanks.

**Swearing in of Keith Russell**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Keith Russell. In  
the presence of everyone assembled  
here,

**Mr. Russell:** In the presence of  
everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full  
realization of the high calling

**Mr. Russell:** and in full realization of  
the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a  
member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Russell:** I assume as a member of  
the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers  
entrusted to me

**Mr. Russell:** and that the powers  
entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit  
of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Russell:** are for the benefit of all  
Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Keith Russell

**Mr. Russell:** I Keith Russell

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear

**Mr. Russell:** swear

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and affirm

**Mr. Russell:** and affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be  
faithful to the Inuit

**Mr. Russell:** that I will be faithful to  
the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut  
and will obey

**Mr. Russell:** and to Nunatsiavut and  
will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold

**Mr. Russell:** respect and uphold

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit  
Constitution

**Mr. Russell:** the Labrador Inuit  
Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit laws

**Mr. Russell:** and all Inuit laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly  
promise

**Mr. Russell:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my  
responsibilities

**Mr. Russell:** to fulfill my  
responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Russell:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Russell:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Russell:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Russell:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Russell:** so help me God.

**Swearing in of Darryl Shiwak**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Keith. Darryl Shiwak. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

**Mr. Shiwak:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Shiwak:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Shiwak:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Shiwak:** and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Darryl Shiwak

**Mr. Shiwak:** I Darryl Shiwak

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Shiwak:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful to the Inuit

**Mr. Shiwak:** that I will be faithful to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut and will obey

**Mr. Shiwak:** and to Nunatsiavut and obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold

**Mr. Shiwak:** respect and uphold

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Shiwak:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Shiwak:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Shiwak:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Shiwak:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a Leader

**Mr. Shiwak:** as a Leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Shiwak:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Shiwak:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Shiwak:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. Shiwak:** so help me God

**Mr. W. Andersen:** congratulations Darryl.

**Mr. Shiwak:** Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** We've run into a technical problem here we ran out of oaths in English. Okay, we'll continue and have the forms signed afterwards. So now I'd like to call on Todd Broomfield. Hi Todd.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Hi.

### **Swearing in of Todd Broomfield**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. Broomfield:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Broomfield:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member

**Mr. Broomfield:** I assume as a member

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. Broomfield:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Broomfield:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Todd Broomfield

**Mr. Broomfield:** I Todd Broomfield

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Broomfield:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. Broomfield:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Broomfield:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Broomfield:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Broomfield:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Broomfield:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Broomfield:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Broomfield:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Broomfield:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Broomfield:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Broomfield:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. Broomfield:** so help me God

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Todd.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you

### **Swearing in of Diane Gear**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Now I really have to watch what I say here because Diane Gear when I talk about you I always says Diane Jacque. So I'd like to call on Diane Gear to come up. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mrs. Gear:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mrs. Gear:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Gear:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mrs. Gear:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Gear:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Diane Gear

**Mrs. Gear:** I Diane Gear

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mrs. Gear:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mrs. Gear:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit

**Mrs. Gear:** to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mrs. Gear:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mrs. Gear:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mrs. Gear:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mrs. Gear:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mrs. Gear:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mrs. Gear:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mrs. Gear:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mrs. Gear:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mrs. Gear:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mrs. Gear:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mrs. Gear:** so help me God

### **Swearing in of Greg Flowers**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Diane. Judy Dicker. Oh right, sorry, Greg Flowers. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mr. Flowers:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Flowers:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member

**Mr. Flowers:** I assume as a member

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Flowers:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. Flowers:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Flowers:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Greg Flowers

**Mr. Flowers:** I, Greg Flowers

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Flowers:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. Flowers:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Flowers:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Flowers:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Flowers:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Flowers:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Flowers:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Flowers:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Flowers:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Flowers:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Flowers:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Flowers:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. Flowers:** so help me God

**Swearing in of Danny Pottle**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Greg. Well, just before we do Nain. I have I spoke earlier of us making mistakes and I was the very first one to do so and I hope you'll forgive me I should have really started with our Canadian Constituent representative who is from St. John's and I would like to call on Danny Pottle to come up here. In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. Pottle:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Pottle:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Pottle:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. Pottle:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Pottle:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Danny Pottle

**Mr. Pottle:** I, Danny Pottle

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Pottle:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. Pottle:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit

**Mr. Pottle:** to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Pottle:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Pottle:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Pottle:** respect and uphold and obey the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Pottle:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Pottle:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Pottle:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Pottle:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Pottle:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Pottle:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Pottle:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. Pottle:** so help me God

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Dan

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you.

**Swearing in of Anthony Andersen**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Now, Tony Andersen. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. A. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. A. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Tony Andersen or Anthony Andersen

**Mr. A. Andersen:** I, Anthony Andersen

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. A. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. A. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. A. Andersen:** to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. A. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. A. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions as a member

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and to perform my functions as a member

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. A. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. A. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God

**Mr. A. Andersen:** so help me God

### **Swearing in of William Barbour**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Tony. William Barbour. (*Speaks Inuktitut*) In the presence of everyone assembled here:

**Mr. Barbour:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Barbour:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Barbour:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. Barbour:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Barbour:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, William Barbour

**Mr. Barbour:** I, William Barbour

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Barbour:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. Barbour:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit

**Mr. Barbour:** to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Barbour:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Barbour:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Barbour:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Barbour:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Barbour:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Barbour:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Barbour:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Barbour:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Barbour:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Barbour:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Barbour:** so help me God.

### **Swearing in of Malcolm Winters**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations. I would like to call on the two community chairs who will be sworn in as regular members starting from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Max Winters. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mr. Winters:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mr. Winters:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Winters:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. Winters:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. Winters:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Max Winters

**Mr. Winters:** I, Max Winters

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Winters:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. Winters:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit

**Mr. Winters:** to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Winters:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Winters:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Winters:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. Winters:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. Winters:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Winters:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Winters:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. Winters:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Winters:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. Winters:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Winters:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Max.

**Mr. Winters:** Thank you.

### **Swearing in of Mina Campbell-Hibbs**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Mina Campbell-Hibbs. In the presence of everyone assembled here,

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** In the presence of everyone assembled here

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in the full realization of the high calling

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and in full realization of the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** I assume as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and that the powers entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Mina Campbell-Hibbs

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** I, Mina Campbell-Hibbs

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the Inuit

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** to the Inuit

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and all Inuit Laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly promise

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and I solemnly promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** to fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to perform my functions

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** and to perform my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my ability

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Mina.

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** Thank you.

**Swearing in of Daniel Michelin**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Now we'll start the process of swearing in the AngajukKâks for the Inuit Community Governments. I'd like to call on Danny Michelin to come forward. In the full realization,

**Mr. Michelin:** In the full realization

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that the high calling I assume

**Mr. Michelin:** that the high calling I assume

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as AngajukKâk

**Mr. Michelin:** as AngajukKâk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Inuit community

**Mr. Michelin:** of the Inuit Community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of Rigolet

**Mr. Michelin:** of Rigolet

**Mr. W. Andersen:** has been entrusted to me

**Mr. Michelin:** has been entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** for I, Danny Michelin

**Mr. Michelin:** for I, Danny Michelin

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear that I will be faithful

**Mr. Michelin:** swear that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the residents of the community

**Mr. Michelin:** to the residents of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Michelin:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. Michelin:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold and maintain

**Mr. Michelin:** uphold and maintain

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Michelin:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all laws and regulations

**Mr. Michelin:** all laws and regulations

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mr. Michelin:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all other laws

**Mr. Michelin:** and all other laws

**Mr. W. Andersen:** applicable within the community

**Mr. Michelin:** applicable within the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. Michelin:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. Michelin:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. Michelin:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. W. Andersen:** strength and talents

**Mr. Michelin:** strength and talents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. Michelin:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and ability

**Mr. Michelin:** and ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** true to the dictates

**Mr. Michelin:** true to the dictates

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of my conscience

**Mr. Michelin:** of my conscience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. Michelin:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Michelin:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Michelin:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Dan.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you.

### **Swearing in of Herb Jacque**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Herb Jacque. In full realization of that the high calling,

**Mr. Jacque:** In full realization that the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as AngajukKâk

**Mr. Jacque:** I assume as AngajukKâk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Inuit Community

**Mr. Jacque:** of the Inuit Community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of Makkovik

**Mr. Jacque:** of Makkovik

**Mr. W. Andersen:** has been entrusted to me

**Mr. Jacque:** has been entrusted to me  
**Mr. W. Andersen:** for the benefit of all residents

**Mr. Jacque:** for the benefit of all residents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mr. Jacque:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Herb Jacque

**Mr. Jacque:** I, Herb Jacque

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear that I will be faithful

**Mr. Jacque:** swear that I will be faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the residents of the community

**Mr. Jacque:** to the residents of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Jacque:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. Jacque:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold and maintain

**Mr. Jacque:** uphold and maintain

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. Jacque:** the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all laws and regulations

**Mr. Jacque:** all laws and regulations

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mr. Jacque:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all other laws applicable within the community

**Mr. Jacque:** and all other laws applicable within the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. Jacque:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. Jacque:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. Jacque:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. W. Andersen:** strength and talents

**Mr. Jacque:** strength and talents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. Jacque:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and ability

**Mr. Jacque:** and ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. Jacque:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. Jacque:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Jacque:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Jacque:** so help me God.

**Swearing in of Glen Sheppard**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations  
Herb. Glen Sheppard. In full realization  
that the high calling,

**Mr. Sheppard:** In full realization that  
the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as  
AngajukKâk

**Mr. Sheppard:** I assume as  
AngajukKâk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Inuit  
Community

**Mr. Sheppard:** of the Inuit Community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of Postville

**Mr. Sheppard:** of Postville

**Mr. W. Andersen:** has been entrusted  
to me

**Mr. Sheppard:** has been entrusted to  
me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** for the benefit of all  
residents

**Mr. Sheppard:** for the benefit of all  
residents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mr. Sheppard:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Glen Sheppard

**Mr. Sheppard:** I, Glen Sheppard

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear that I will be  
faithful

**Mr. Sheppard:** swear that I will be  
faithful

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the residents of  
the community

**Mr. Sheppard:** to the residents of the  
community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mr. Sheppard:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. Sheppard:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold and  
maintain

**Mr. Sheppard:** uphold and maintain

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Labrador Inuit  
Constitution

**Mr. Sheppard:** the Labrador Inuit  
Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all laws and  
regulations of the community

**Mr. Sheppard:** all laws and regulations  
of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all other laws  
applicable within the community

**Mr. Sheppard:** and all other laws applicable within the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. Sheppard:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. Sheppard:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. Sheppard:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. W. Andersen:** strength and talents

**Mr. Sheppard:** strength and talents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. Sheppard:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and ability

**Mr. Sheppard:** and ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. Sheppard:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. Sheppard:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mr. Sheppard:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Sheppard:** so help me God.

### Swearing in of Judy Dicker

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Glen. Judy Dicker. In the full realization that the high calling,

**Mrs. Dicker:** In full realization that the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as AngajukKâk

**Mrs. Dicker:** I assume as AngajukKâk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Community of Hopedale

**Mrs. Dicker:** of the Community of Hopedale

**Mr. W. Andersen:** has been entrusted to me

**Mrs. Dicker:** has been entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** for the benefit of all residents

**Mrs. Dicker:** for the benefit of all residents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mrs. Dicker:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Judy Dicker

**Mrs. Dicker:** I, Judy Dicker

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear

**Mrs. Dicker:** swear

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful to the residents

**Mrs. Dicker:** that I will be faithful to the residents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mrs. Dicker:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mrs. Dicker:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mrs. Dicker:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mrs. Dicker:** uphold and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all laws and regulations of the community

**Mrs. Dicker:** all laws and regulations of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all other laws applicable within the community

**Mrs. Dicker:** and all other laws applicable within the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mrs. Dicker:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to discharge my functions

**Mrs. Dicker:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with all my wisdom

**Mrs. Dicker:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. W. Andersen:** strength and talents

**Mrs. Dicker:** strength and talents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mrs. Dicker:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and ability

**Mrs. Dicker:** and ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mrs. Dicker:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mrs. Dicker:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mrs. Dicker:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mrs. Dicker:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Judy.

**Mrs. Dicker:** Thank you.

**Swearing in of Sarah Erickson**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Sarah Erickson.  
You're lucky I never called you Leo.

**Mrs. Erickson:** I was half expecting it.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Is that right?

**Mrs. Erickson:** Yeah.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** In full realization  
that the high calling

**Mrs. Erickson:** In full realization that  
the high calling

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I assume as  
AngajukKâk

**Mrs. Erickson:** I assume as  
AngajukKâk

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Inuit  
Community

**Mrs. Erickson:** of the Inuit  
Community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of Nain

**Mrs. Erickson:** of Nain

**Mr. W. Andersen:** has been entrusted  
to me for the benefit of all residents of  
the community

**Mrs. Erickson:** has been entrusted to  
me for all benefit of all residents of the  
community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Sarah Erickson

**Mrs. Erickson:** I, Sarah Erickson

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear

**Mrs. Erickson:** swear

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be  
faithful to the residents

**Mrs. Erickson:** that I will be faithful to  
the residents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the community

**Mrs. Erickson:** of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and will obey

**Mrs. Erickson:** and will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mrs. Erickson:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold and  
maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mrs. Erickson:** uphold and maintain  
the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all laws and  
regulations of the community

**Mrs. Erickson:** all laws and regulations  
of the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and all other laws  
applicable within the community

**Mrs. Erickson:** and all other laws  
applicable within the community

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and  
sincerely promise

**Mrs. Erickson:** and I solemnly and  
sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to discharge my functions

**Mrs. Erickson:** to discharge my functions

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with all my wisdom

**Mrs. Erickson:** with all my wisdom

**Mr. W. Andersen:** strength and talents

**Mrs. Erickson:** strength and talents

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mrs. Erickson:** to the best of my knowledge

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and ability

**Mrs. Erickson:** and ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mrs. Erickson:** true to the dictates of my conscience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mrs. Erickson:** and in accordance with my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader

**Mrs. Erickson:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mrs. Erickson:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Sarah.

**Mrs. Erickson:** Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Did I miss anyone? We're done now? For those observing

*(William speaks Inuktitut, translation below)*

For those who and I thank you for coming. For those who came to observe, this is Nunatsiavut Government we're ready to start serving our communities but before we move forward, I see some members that are on they're way out. I'd like to thank Antone Nochasak, Antone stand up please. Julius Merkuratsuk am I missing anyone?

**Mr. T. Andersen:** Silpa.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Silpa.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** For having served in the past ten months on our Transitional Assembly, the Nunatsiavut Transitional Assembly.

*(translates into Inuktitut)*

We're going to take a few minutes break before we move on. You're those who came to observe, you are more than welcome to take the time to meet our new elected representatives. I would like to take a few minutes break, I'm pretty much drying out and soaked apart from sweat so I need to cool down a little so we'll take a ten minute break fifteen minute break.

Nunatsiavut Assembly breaks at 3:55 p.m.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** We're ready to reassemble *(translates into Inuktitut)*. Since we aren't able to start our training

sessions for Members today as has been planned because the Institute of Governance is only about now arriving, I think we'll cut our session fairly short this afternoon. However, so that we can get the day started properly tomorrow, go through the process of the Assembly electing a Speaker. It's my, it's the President's responsibility to nominate a Speaker of the Assembly and I have spoken to an individual who has indicated interest in becoming Speaker and that's our Member from Makkovik, Labrador, Todd Broomfield. But this nomination is subject to approval to the table here in that regard as President of Nunatsiavut Assembly I am nominating Todd Broomfield to become Speaker of Nunatsiavut Assembly and normally like in accordance with the Labrador Inuit Constitution the President nominates there is not a need for a seconder unless somebody got issue with it. If someone has issue with it, please say so and if not we will do the swearing in. Danny?

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. President. I don't have an issue per say but I don't have an understanding of this process and as you said today, there are many new faces sitting around this room and I don't know if I am speaking on behalf of anybody else but for myself I don't understand this process and how it's laid out. I as an ordinary member recently elected was not provided with any sort of guideline any sort of decorum or debate whatever name you want to attach it for a lack of a better word right now but I feel in the process right now that I for one am in the dark. I don't know how the other Members feel here but I'd like to have a little bit more understanding of this process and maybe see. I cause I can't see anywhere in the Constitution with respect to the

nomination or the Speaker of the House unless that's some sort of process that has been established at the Assembly level that maybe I'm missing and have not gone to the section of the Constitution where that is laid out. But for me I would like some more time to think about this and maybe have a better understanding of this process before we actually agree on it.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I think to respond to that for our Member from the Canadian Constituency at large I would like to call on our legal counsel, Loretta Michelin to point out what section of the Constitution.

**Ms. Michelin:** Actually, the designation of Speaker is found in the Nunatsiavut Constituency Act and it is Election of Speaker Section 25, I could read it out to you if you would like.

**Mr. Pottle:** Would it be possible if we could get a copy of that Act?

**Ms. Michelin:** I'm sure, yes I know that they do have all of the Acts here and maybe it would be a good idea to get a copy. So, the Acts for the ordinary members?

**Ms. Prentice:** We're yeah, by the end of when you leave then we're gonna get you all these Acts and everything that has been passed so you could look at them so.

**Ms. Michelin:** Section 25, I'll just read it out to you so that you, you can understand it. The Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly shall be an ordinary member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly elected by the Assembly on nomination of the President of

Nunatsiavut. So the President nominates and the Assembly elects. If the Assembly doesn't agree and doesn't elect than it goes back to another nomination by the President.

**Mr. Pottle:** I still if you don't mind would like to see a copy of that Act.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** William? (Barbour)

**Mr. Barbour:** I not so much trying and hold it up either too and not even questioning your nomination for Speaker but I'm just like Danny I think that as members of the Assembly and after taking our oath today, that we have to uphold the Constitution well if we don't have it in front of us to uphold and to interpret for ourselves I think we can't wait until Thursday. I think we have to have you guys go to work tonight and get copies tonight. We go to selection of First Minister and Ministers tomorrow and my understanding William, simple understanding of those selections they are chosen by the Assembly and not nomination by the President anyway. So I think we have to copy a copy of those things there.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I understand what you're saying and we will have a copy of the Act that allows you to move forward and I'm so that we could move forward in the morning and I've spoken to and as it was read out by our legal counsel, we're following the procedures that we are required to for election of the Speaker. I'm not talking about the appointment of the Ministers that's begun through another process. If the process puts people on hold tomorrow will be better explained after you've had a chance tonight to review the Constitution and the Elections Act

yourself. But the process is quite clear for us to move forward that it's the President's responsibility to nominate the Speaker of Nunatsiavut Assembly, which is done and we'll by tomorrow if the Assembly is in agreement today, that takes away the need for me to be the one in charge of the proceedings tomorrow. So if the Assembly is in agreement I would like to move forward and anyone is welcome to speak out if they have questions or concerns about this.

**Mr. Pottle:** Mr. President, can you share with the Assembly please your reasons for and you're rational for your nomination and how you came to consider an individual and why other individuals may not get the position.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Ever since the election was completed Dan, I have been trying to think as your leader how we could move forward with an elected and effective Assembly. I, from my own knowledge of Todd Broomfield and my own experience seeing him act in a public manner; to me Todd is the ideal person to be Speaker of our Assembly. I've thought about it long and hard and there I've done some personal research on individuals if you don't mind me saying so and Todd is an individual to put first and foremost with even more patience than me and I'm I could be a very patient individual and to have a Speaker that can maintain the patience is going to be very important in the early years of our Assembly. Because without doubt it is quite possible that there will be some huge debates and we need a Speaker who is not going to go off their heads like two people might be at the table and from my knowledge of Todd to be the brave one, is the individual who carries with him that kind of personality

and I think it's very important for this Assembly.

**Mr. Pottle:** And I take it that it is also important for the members of this Assembly to be fully aware of how decisions are arrived at when it is that I heard you Mr. President speak to in your introduction was that this is a team of people that comes around the table to make a decision and my concern is already in this early stage that the decision may have been and if I'm out of line here correct me if I am are contrarily or unilaterally made without consultation of this Assembly.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I think Danny one of the things that hopefully people around this table will learn over the next number of weeks, months and years ahead to come is how governments operate. A leader is elected, and it's the leaders responsibility and in our case subject to the approval of the Assembly. Put a team of Ministers together, you know the appointment of the Ministers were the nominations are made by the First Minister and in turn as you said earlier the First Minister is nominated by the Assembly and is subject to the approval of all concerned. But in any government you know to build a team often times a new government getting in has (whole say?) as new members coming in from different districts. They're appointed to their portfolios, they're not (?). They are made aware a certain amount of time before and you know sometimes this gets people backed up, but that's the way governments are and not everyone is always going to be happy but that's something we have to learn to work through and you know the process everyone is dually elected by their own constituency but there's a

process by which we are going to have to work on developing closely among each other and not challenging of going with it.

**Mr. Pottle:** I'm not challenging you for the sake of challenging, I'm challenging for the sake of negativity here for the lack of a better word and this is certainly new to each and every one of us as I said before and I would like to understand the processes and how they unfold and in order for me to do that I and if I don't understand that then how can I effectively do my job. The question is for the sake of information seeking, not for the sake of debating or arguing.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** And I think when we bring in the Institute of Governance who will be doing the training sessions with all elected members, by the end of the second day you will be leaving hopefully with a great deal of understanding.

**Mr. Russell:** I'll be clear Mr. President that obviously this position becomes a mediator of sorts I mean to facilitate the discussion, just for my own information and for everyone around this table I would like to know if this is a purely voluntary responsibility and what the length of the term would be if it is okay and whether or not I guess we'd designate the individual as unable to hold responsibilities as a Minister.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** The responsibility of the Speaker in an Assembly is a huge responsibility. We're going to be required to put in a staff in place but the Speakers role as an individual is to control how the house operates, how our Assembly operates. Once that Speaker has been appointed, it could go

the full four years but that also depends on the Speaker as well. Whoever the Speaker is may want to step down after a year or two or three and then it would be the Assembly's responsibility from the nomination of the President to appoint a new one and it is my hope that once everything is settled in accordance with the Elections Act, the Speaker can on a nomination of the Assembly appoint a member at large to be Deputy Speaker. But for us to move forward, we're going to need one.

**Mr. Russell:** I was, yeah, just looking to clarify there I mean like you said it is a huge responsibility.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Yes.

**Mr. Russell:** Is it a common occurrence then to have the Speaker of the House also a Minister and have another portfolio as well?

**Mr. W. Andersen:** No. The Speaker is equivalent to a Minister but there sole responsibility is to ensure that the House is operating as it should. Any other comments or questions? So Todd has indicated to me that he is interested in the Speakers role and I have nominated him to be Speaker. Does the Assembly have issue with that? We have consensus that Todd Broomfield will be appointed as Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I don't see any objections. So, okay, we have an oath here that allows us to swear in Todd Broomfield as the Speaker of Nunatsiavut Assembly. Since I see no objections I will now call on Todd Broomfield to come forward please.

**Mr. Pottle:** Before we proceed can I just have one more point of clarification?

Maybe I misunderstood I never heard right but are we being presented with a copy of the Elections Act to have further understanding and I don't object, you're not hearing me object to this process or your nomination but I thought we were informed that we would have a copy a this act and make this decision tomorrow, did I hear wrong?

**Mr. W. Andersen:** My understanding is that with all of the other appointments that we have the responsibility to carry out that the Speaker is very straightforward. The appointment of the First Minister and Ministers is something different and you will have a copy of the Act so that once that takes place tomorrow you certainly can you know do your own interpretation as how it should be done, but the appointment and the election of the Speaker is very straightforward and so that Todd can have an opportunity to found out if Chesley and Kate and myself and whoever else to have a little time to learn what the responsibilities will be tomorrow when we're electing all those other positions. I would prefer that we have it held today.

**Mr. Pottle:** The only thing that I would like to say today is that I would like to have an understanding of that process as well. So I could understand what Mr. Broomfield's role will be clearly.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** You will have an understanding Danny. Our legal counsel read out to you the section that applies to the appointment of the Speaker and it's really straightforward. The other thing you need to understand for yourself in the Act and the Constitution you will have before the day is over so that when we start to proceed again tomorrow

you'll have a chance to go through it yourself.

**Mr. Pottle:** Carry on.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I think I'd like to say a few words before I take the oath. I'd like to thank William for nominating me and I accept this nomination on your behalf and I mean like Danny said we don't know what the responsibilities of a Speaker is but you know I accept the nomination and I'll try to do the best I can and see what happens. So, does anybody have any objections, or? I'll certainly do the best job that I can do on your behalf.

#### **Swearing in of Todd Broomfield**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Well said Todd. In the presence of the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly,

**Mr. Broomfield:** In the presence of the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and in full realization of the responsibilities

**Mr. Broomfield:** and in full realization of the responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that has been entrusted to me

**Mr. Broomfield:** that has been entrusted to me

**Mr. W. Andersen:** by the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** by the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Todd Broomfield

**Mr. Broomfield:** I, Todd Broomfield

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Broomfield:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will obey

**Mr. Broomfield:** that I will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. Broomfield:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold

**Mr. Broomfield:** uphold

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and maintain the rights and privileges

**Mr. Broomfield:** and maintain the rights and privileges

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the standing orders

**Mr. Broomfield:** and the standing orders

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and procedures

**Mr. Broomfield:** and procedures

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. Broomfield:** and I solemnly and sincerely promise

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to represent

**Mr. Broomfield:** to represent

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** and to speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with integrity and honor

**Mr. Broomfield:** with integrity and honor

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to preside over the business

**Mr. Broomfield:** to preside over the business

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and enforce the rules and procedures

**Mr. Broomfield:** and enforce the rules and procedures

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Assembly with independence

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Assembly with independence

**Mr. W. Andersen:** fairness

**Mr. Broomfield:** fairness

**Mr. W. Andersen:** impartiality

**Mr. Broomfield:** impartiality

**Mr. W. Andersen:** patience

**Mr. Broomfield:** patience

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and understanding

**Mr. Broomfield:** and understanding

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to promote the efficient operation

**Mr. Broomfield:** and to promote the efficient operation

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and prevent the obstruction

**Mr. Broomfield:** and prevent the obstruction

**Mr. W. Andersen:** of frustration of the Assembly

**Mr. Broomfield:** of frustration of the Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** in the conduct of its business

**Mr. Broomfield:** in the conduct of its business

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Broomfield:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Todd.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Our Speaker, Todd Broomfield. I with the appointment of the Speaker, I just lost a very important role and in order to give Todd some briefings from myself, Chesley, Kate, Tony whoever else wants to be involved. I suggest we conclude our day and start tomorrow morning at 9:00 and I notice that our friends from the Institute of Governance has arrived so they'll be ready to start the training program for us tomorrow, and I suggest that we adjourn for the day. Congratulations everyone, just before we adjourn, I'll give each member an opportunity to say a few words if you want. Okay, and for those of you who did not sign their oath this afternoon, I would like for you to come and sign them. We ran out of unsigned oaths earlier, they are now ready and for those of you members who were here this morning and didn't sign the oath we'll be back this afternoon. But does anyone want to speak? Danny?

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. President. I don't know if I'm a hot hear or not but I don't appreciate being called a hot head in your speech there. But I would like to say that I am really grateful and honored to be a part of this Assembly of our government, Nunatsiavut Government. I would like draw the community of Rigolet, to be the AngajukKâk and I am here to help and to help all the other communities get

along and get more than what has been given to us in the past. I have, I am so overwhelmed right now with happiness it has given me pride to be able to sit up here and be a part of the Nunatsiavut Government. Our First Assembly, elected Assembly from Nunatsiavut and I will do my best as I swore an oath to, to help the communities right up and down Northern Labrador to Upper Lake Melville. I will do my best. Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you for that Danny. There has already been a misinterpretation, I didn't call anyone a hot head. But you know without doubt, what I'm saying is that in the future months and years to come there will be huge debates and when I spoke of Todd who is someone who doesn't lose temper. I don't know if you are or not but Todd is certainly not a hothead. Judy you had your hand up?

**Mrs. Dicker:** I did. I'm right honored to be here and I guess I'm like Danny. I have no idea what I'm supposed to be doing. There isn't any packaging, there is no communication so I'm wondering if I could get a copy of is it an Act or a constitution? for tomorrow.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Everyone will have a copy of the constitution and all the acts that have been passed by the Transitional Assembly. To be very honest with you Judy, we're all new brand new to this, we're a brand new Assembly and it's going to be growing pains, growing process and I hope everyone will be open about their own questions about the constitution or their own questions about the Acts.

Once the new government is in place during the last election process there are things that are in the act that I am going to be tabling with the Assembly as real

questions are concerned about the act. But I think you know that one of the things that we have to do is go in, go in understanding that we're a brand new government. It's not an institution that's been there before. So, every day we sit at an Assembly, we'll be breaking ice. So, don't feel that you're left out because we're all in the same boat right now and whatever shortcoming we see or you see or any individual see is in our constitution or act please raise it because we're going to need to do a lot of discussing.

Now, dealing with acts is our educators will tell us and I already understand it's not going to be such a huge deal. But to deal with the constitution is going to be a huge deal because every time we need to amend the constitution it will mean calling for a referendum of our membership whereas an act can be repealed by December or amended by December. But these are things that our friends from the Institute of Governance will be going through with us over the next couple of days, anyone else? Danny?

**Mr. Pottle:** I won't take up too much more of people's time but elders, youth, fellow members of the Assembly, I like Danny am humbled to be here and I think this is a wonderful opportunity and only the beginning as we're starting to embark on something new. I would just like to send the Assembly the message from the Constituent in the Canadian Assembly they finally feel that they're included in this government and their issues and their concerns can now have a can now have a venue for discussion.

People living outside of Nunatsiavut for a long time have felt unrepresented, like Judy repeated a while ago. Many of us

felt there was not enough information, not enough communication from our government now I believe not only the Canadian constituents but the constituents from all the other varieties do now have finally a voice. A voice that's been elected to speak on their behalf and I believe that we must do our utmost to ensure not only acts but our constitutions and our provisions of the constitution are in line with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and that everybody's rights and access to benefits under this Land Claims Agreement are given equal and full consideration.

We have felt that for too long a time that they have not been included in this process and I hope on behalf of Canadian constituents and all our Beneficiaries that they won't feel that way anymore and I thank and I am grateful toward the people for voting me into this position and I believe that each and everyone of us I will do my utmost to ensure that our people are represented to the best of my ability.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Danny. I would suggest that each member note this very closely and write it in your own notes. Even though we have a constitution one of the things that Assembly members must remember is that the real bible to this Assembly is going to be the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. The Land Claim Agreement that was ratified December 1, 2005 is the bible and it's better for you to understand that if there is anything in the Labrador Inuit Constitution or Act that conflict with the Land Claim Agreement the Land Claim Agreement has authority over those conflicts, Acts, or constitutional sections of the Labrador Inuit Constitution. So everything we do as an Assembly has to

be in accordance with what's set out in all sections of our Land Claims Agreement. Diane?

**Mrs. Gear:** I won't be very long. I'd just like to say that it is an honor and privilege to be here to get elected to this Assembly, I look forward to working with all of you and I'm sure that we're going to have any curves along the way but if we all work together as a team, I'm sure that we could accomplish whatever we set out to do.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Diane. Keith?

**Mr. Russell:** I would just like to reinforce Diane's point there; it's a really good one. All the acts and the constitution and the Land Claim's Agreement we'll slowly become masters of those documents over time but the most important thing here is that the people have spoken and the people who are all sitting around at this table have had their communities put their faith in them so be proud and be confident in yourselves that you're here for the right reasons and that the people have chose you to be their voice in this Assembly and if we work together and grow together then we shouldn't worry about where we are today but just keep working together and we'll get there together.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Herb?

**Mr. Jacque:** Me too, I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank the people of Makkovik. I am here to support them and I will do my utmost best working together with all of you. There is gonna be no doubt a lot of challenges and a lot

of learning and I am looking forward to it. Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Herb. Glen?

**Mr. Sheppard:** Yes, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words Mr. President as I look around in the back and around the table, I see faces that was have been around here you know for many years and you know what the real backbone the reason why I think we are sitting around the table today forming self government for our people, for our land stems from a long ways back. You know there's people sitting in this room have been involved with Land Claims years on end and you know there was many headaches, many hurdles to cross through and this is the only reason why we're sitting here today as forming our own government. As Anjajukakâk for Postville, I feel more than privileged to represent my community you know I'm not very old but you know there's many times I've spent on the land and you know my great grandfather is dead and gone now but he talked so much of the land and I feel so privileged today to be able to be one of the people to have a say over what goes on within Labrador Inuit Lands and in some cases in LISA we'll have some control so having said that I'd just like to congratulate those who have spent many, many years grueling years, hardships, away from their families you know that's the real reason why we're here today and I repeated what some people have already said and Mr. President you stated it a good many times, you know the only way that this show is gonna work and our people is gonna be satisfied, we'll never satisfy everybody no doubt.

But to satisfy our people to you know a certain point where they see fit where they cast their ballot on that day for us to elect for us to be elected to represent them you know I can't help but reread that the only way this is gonna work is as a family. You know there's gonna be disputes as Mr. President stated but you know what it all boils down to as how does things go on at your home. You know if there is an argument at the end of the day it's settled. So this is the only way that we're gonna get ahead and we're going to see great accomplishments I feel in the great in the near future and I just see a hand there and somebody else might want to have a word to say but I feel real privileged and thank you very much for your time.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Glen, anyone else? Ben?

**Mr. Ponniuk:** Thank you Mr. President, like what's being said, it's an honor and privilege to be here sitting with all the new faces. As everybody knows or I think everybody should know that there is three or four of us here that came from the Transitional Government and that was a team that we had together worked that I thought very well and it's gonna be a challenge now to get together with the new faces that are sitting around and I think with dedication and hard work we can get through where we want to go. As said by more than one person, this is brand new, I've mentioned the Transition but that's over and done with. That's a whole new ballgame and as I said I think with at the end of the day we can accomplish with what we set out to do. I can't wait to get it going proper.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Ben. Mina?

**Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs:** Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to congratulate everybody here today that's been elected to sit around this table. I would like to congratulate Todd Broomfield for taking on the responsibility as Speaker and I'd like to thank the people that are that came out today and thank the people that brought us from 30 years ago up to today. I look forward to representing my community of North West River and I also look forward to representing the Nunatsiavut Government and I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Mina. Tony?

**Mr. A. Andersen:** I guess those older people that the young member from Postville referred to was I'm not one of them hey Ben?

**Mr. Ponniuk:** No comment.

Mr. A. Andersen: I would this is my home constituency and I would very much would like to say the people of Nain that I'm very grateful and I'm very humbled to be a representative of Nain. I was not born in this community, I have I am an adopted son. I am very truly feel that I might somehow might drop that word adopted now that I've been elected and recognized by these very fine people of Nain as one of your representatives in this Assembly.

I also would like to welcome all of the other members and the AnjajukKâks from the other communities and from Canada and North West River and Goose Bay to Nain. It certainly doesn't need to be said by me I don't think but I also look very forward to the task of working together and I think that's the

only way that we will achieve is that for all of us for all parts of Nunatsiavut and Canada and the Upper Lake Melville, North West River. I happened to say that the I always have to remember not to say it only Upper Lake Melville I always have to say North West River now.

The mistake I made in the last Transitional Assembly but I too am very proud to be here and I look forward to being a part of this government and working with everyone and I think you know we had I was fortunate enough to be a part of that transition with some of the people who are here today, Antone Nochasak, Silpa Edmunds and that we did I think work very hard in those ten months and we did put some structures in place that will be of so much benefit to this new government. It's a new government but we did put some structures in place that will allow this government to move forward from day one to build a better way of life. Thank you very much for your time, thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Tony, any other comments or Sarah?

**Mrs. Erickson:** I figure I was the last one sworn in so I'll be the last one to speak. First of all I just want to thank the people of Nain for voting me in and giving the chance to work with them from here in the Assembly but also to act as their AngajukKâk for the challenge. I'm, I'm rather overwhelmed by everything yet, so it's a little surreal and you know it's just amazing what's happening here today. A lot of most of the people here I've seen around or heard of, some of you I've actually dealt with in the last little while so I really look forward to working with everybody. I welcome you all to Nain,

thanks Tony. As AngajukKâk I officially welcome you to Nain. I hope you enjoy your stay here and again I look forward to working with everybody here and thank the people of Nain for giving me the chance to come here and represent them.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Sarah. I think it was in 1982 or 1983, I took you over to the Voisey's old place in Voisey's Bay as high school students and never did I dream that the day would come that you and I would be sitting in the same Assembly and I certainly look forward to working with you. Congratulations, thanks. Greg?

**Mr. Flowers:** I would just like to say to everybody around the table that having being elected by the people and the people spoke and this is who they this is the people they have chosen to represent Nunatsiavut for the next four years and I guess the one that's on us now that you know to see if we could deliver it to the people and there's just one disappointment from Hopedale and I think everybody's aware of it. I'll make a point that they were hoping that this Assembly meeting would be in Hopedale and that is one of the things that is in the constitution that we have to address as soon as possible and other than that we'll I'd just like to thank everybody for their time and for, for you know. See if we can work together as best we can and like everybody said there's probably gonna be lots of debates but that's good because that's healthy. I think that we that we needs a mix of everything to keep, we are a mix of everything when it comes down to it. Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thanks Greg. Darryl?

**Mr. Shiwak:** I'd just like the time to thank the people who elected me into this government and I look forward to working with everybody here. I know I'm young compared to some people around here but I think I got some good ideas and I look forward to debating and building a strong government for the future. Thank you.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Darryl. Max?

**Mr. Winters:** Mr. President, I think I maybe the only one here that haven't got to thank the people for voting for me. I certainly look forward to working hard for the Upper Lake Melville area and working with all of the people here in the Assembly and together I'm sure that we can come up to some great decisions when the going gets tough they say the tough gets going so this is why we were elected and I'm sure that everybody here will do a good job. Thank you and I also not forgetting our elders back there, I'm sorry. Thanks for coming and thanks for your involvement over the last thirty years.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Any others? Will?

**Mr. Barbour:** I think I'm the only one left, I wasn't going to say anything but everybody else did so I gotta say something. (*translates into Inuktitut*)

Just again, just like I said I just say very quickly and briefly, I'd just like to thank the residents of Nain to have me as a member and to have voted me in as a representative of the community. I'll also go back to the point I just made and

I'm doing my own translation here, William you and I are the only two Inuktitut fully proven speaking members at the Assembly right now. It's an issue I want to be at the forefront at times and also I think that as a part of life my fast forward seeking an election for the Nain LIA and I think that at the end of the day we will hold ourselves accountable to the Beneficiaries out there and that when we when I say that there's part of us making sure they know what's going on and that's something I'm going to do. Nakummek Mr. President.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** And I've been talking all afternoon so I don't know that I need to say a whole lot more, other than well sitting around here even though we only started around like around 2:30 this afternoon it seems like it's been a long day and I'll make reference to you know a couple of years ago I lost, I lost one of the best friends ever I had in my life and that was my brother in law, Albert Ford who died tragically in an accident. But I recall Albert when he and Bertha my sister had people at their house, sometimes they get little bit fed with people lingering on and his way of dealing with it and if I had a wife sitting me next to me I'd say it now. He used to say to Bertha, "Bertha, I think we should go to bed now, these people might want to go home" and I think to give you food for thought overnight, we'll break now and if the Constitution and the Election Act is ready please pick it up and I remind all the members who didn't sign these documents I have to sign them too. We're going to be here for a few more minutes to get the swearing in documents done so we'll adjourn until tomorrow morning and tomorrow

morning I won't be the chairman, we'll have a new chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Assembly meeting reconvenes on October 17, 2006 at 9:00.

October 17, 2006 9:07 a.m.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would now like to call the Assembly of Nunatsiavut Government to order and the chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the members sitting around here, put on your equipment.

*(Speaks in Inuktitut, translation below)*

**Mr. W. Andersen:** (Mr. Speaker, today we are grateful that our government will be in it's sitting to appoint our future ministers, Mr. Speaker, we will be following the Nunatsiavut Government Constitution, to appoint the Minister, under our Constitution, 3.2.6, the President must appoint a Minister. Under 3.2.7, The First Minister appointed must be agreed upon consensus by the Assembly. Also 4.1.5, the assembly will have to be in consensus for that issue as well. We will also have to follow 4.15.2, in appointing the First Minister; someone from the table will have to nominate the First Minister. Mr. Speaker, 5.3.1 procedures of our government is that the First Minister is to be chosen by the assembly, after being appointed, the First Minister shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. Under section 5.4.1, Mr. Speaker, if we can't nominate a person to fill the

position of First Minister, we will have to do it by an election.)

Mr. Speaker, under section 5.3.1 and 5.3.3 subject to section 5.3.3 the First Minister shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that this is a brand new government, this is really our second hour on the job, we had our first hour yesterday. I don't know if it's appropriate, you may correct me if I'm wrong. Having thought about it ever since election closed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, I got the last call on October 3 at 2:30 in the morning with the final results which was a fairly long day and an especially a long day for our elections workers in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and North West River.

Ever since then I have lost a lot of sleep in the nights on how you know I am going to approach all our new members for us to become a team for Nunatsiavut and Mr. Speaker, not only a team for Nunatsiavut but a team for our Beneficiaries who live in Upper Lake Melville region and as well as for our Beneficiaries who live throughout the country. Mr. Speaker we have upwards of 2000 people living in from Cartwright, Western Labrador, Newfoundland and right across Canada and they have chosen their representative, I congratulate Danny Pottle as the Canadian representative for those members but Mr. Speaker, in arriving at this point, it took the Labrador Inuit Association some 32 years to achieve this objective. Earlier today Mr. Speaker, when we were doing our workshop and looking at the highs and lows of the history of the Inuit of Labrador and their contact with the Europeans, people from elsewhere,

Moravian Missionaries, Catholics, Pentecostals, governments. We've gone through possibly a low for nearly 250 years and when I think about it in that way, what the Labrador Inuit and its team of negotiators and the Labrador Inuit Association has been able to accomplish since 1974, is Mr. Speaker nothing short of amazing because what took 250 years of assimilation took in thirty years, we now have the opportunity Mr. Speaker to start reversing that trend and if we commit ourselves to it.

Mr. Speaker I know for a fact that it could take us a lot shorter a time to bring our language and culture back but Mr. Speaker, in order to achieve that every individual sitting at this Assembly, must make a commitment to it., not only verbally but in our actions as well. Mr. Speaker, during the transitional year for the Nunatsiavut Assembly, from December 1, 2005, I almost said 2006, to when the Assembly was came to an end after the election, we've had the opportunity some of us to start growing into what is going to be the future for our people.

Mr. Speaker, every individual here must sit back and recognize that whatever decision we take from now onwards, we're not going to have anybody to blame but us. In the past and I think we have been very good at it Mr. Speaker, we always had someone else to blame for whatever shortcomings we faced in Nunatsiavut and for whatever shortcomings our Beneficiaries face elsewhere for living either in Newfoundland, Southern Labrador, Western Labrador or the rest of Canada.

In that light, Mr. Speaker following the Constitution requirements for this

government, I would like to make a nomination and anyone else around this table will be able to do so too. Largely due to the fact that we have worked together for many years not only in the past three, three and a half years, but for many years, as leader and right hand man and whether or not it is appropriate and I can be certain I am certainly subject to correction. I would ask that the Assembly consider in light of how we worked together, Anthony Andersen as a candidate as First Minister of the new Assembly. I say this very openly and I am certainly open to you know other suggestions or to criticism which ever way you want to put it. But at the same time I want to build not only a team but a group of people that will move forward with dignity, trust and commitment to Nunatsiavut to its Beneficiaries no matter where they are.

*(Mr. W. Andersen translates into Inuktitut)*

*(Mr. W. Andersen speaks Inuktitut)*

Mr. Speaker, we now have to move forward, without any conflicts, we have to work together. Today, there is a lot of new faces, who is here sitting for the first time. There is no doubt in my mind, in the years to come, that we will accomplish what we have to do, Mr. Speaker, we will have to work together for a period of time before we understand each other. So, Mr. Speaker, the government representatives we have now, if they have any concerns with what we are putting forward, let's discuss what problem areas they have, solve the problems we have and move ahead. In closing Mr. Speaker, what I just talked about, if we can work together that would be very satisfactory to me, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Do we have anybody else who would like to say something? The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you Mr. President. As you say there are a lot of new faces around this table and some old familiar faces. I believe in conversations with many people that every person elected as Ordinary Member for the Assembly to have an equal opportunity and consideration to not only First Minister but for other Ministers under the portfolios within this Nunatsiavut Assembly.

I have lived away for a long time and I believe that it's time for a change within this government, we've elected new people, we've got new people to the table and all I'd like to say is for people to consider other people for nominations or First Minister and take a consideration in the people who may have come to this table for other Ministers. Not that I have problems with anybody who have been nominated and I too have worked side by side with many people around this table over the years and I have worked closely with the Beneficiaries not only as Implementation Planner with the Land Claim Agreement Mr. Speaker, but also as Coordinator of the Inuit Ratification Vote and some time as Coordinator for the Transition Plan for the Nunatsiavut Government.

For the LIA to become to the Nunatsiavut Government. I have been told time and time again that it's time for change within this organization, time for people to be responsive to the needs of the Beneficiaries and as President said, it's time for us to work together and I

believe in considering who should be First Minister and Ministers of this Assembly I would encourage you to take some time to think about who you believe would be in the best position to serve the Beneficiaries under this Nunatsiavut Assembly.

I believe that we must reach and come to an agreement through consensus and in order to do that, my understanding of consensus government is that each and every one of us should be given an opportunity to be heard and to speak like I'm speaking today. With that being said, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like again to say to the people, go with your heart and go with who you believe would serve the Beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut to the best of their ability. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour: (*Speaks Inuktitut*)** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have a short comment, given that we are a new government, I have a feeling that we are some what afraid to say anything, we are all so new to this. One of these days we will get the hang of things, I also think that we need to talk with the Deputy Ministers, and our Legal Council. Mr. Speaker, that is something that I would request, if it's impossible to do so, than be it. I also heard our President while he was talking, he said that we have to help each other, not just help each other out, we have to be seen and heard, I also agree with our President that we have to work together. I would like to ask the speaker of the house, is it possible that maybe we could just recess with out leaving the issue of selection of First Minister, maybe some of us who are sitting around here for the first time , in a

brand new assembly, we want just a little bit time and be able to come back more fully on this issue, if we need clarification and I will stand corrected if I am out of line, Mr. Speaker, I would ask maybe at Deputy Minister level, if we can recess just for a bit to be able to come back to this issue later on this evening, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Does anybody else have any comments? The Honorable Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, again maybe it was lost in some of the translation but if I may so ask the Speaker of the House, is it possible and here was my question to you Mr. Speaker, is it possible that maybe we could just recess without quarreling the issue of selection of First Minister. Maybe some of us who are sitting around here for the first time in a brand new Assembly maybe we want just a little bit of time and be able to come back more fully on this issue here. If we need clarification and I will stand corrected if I am out of line Mr. Speaker, I would ask maybe at Deputy Minister level if we can recess just for a bit to be able to come back to this issue later on this evening. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** In light of the comments that have just been made I guess the Assembly will recess and reconvene in one hour so that people can have some time to think about the decision that they are making. So will adjourn for one hour.

*Assembly recesses at 4:50 p.m. for one hour.*

*6:00 p.m.*

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would now like to call the Nunatsiavut Assembly back to order. We have a nomination on the floor, if there are any objections and I'll keep the floor open for debate. The chair recognizes the Honorable Member for Rigolet.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would just like to know if the nominations are still open for Ordinary Members.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Yes they are.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The chair recognizes the Honorable Member for Rigolet.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to nominate the Ordinary Member for Canada for First Minister, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The floor is still open for debate if anybody does have anything to say. The chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, at this point Mr. Speaker, as a government, Members are going to and I am one of them we're going to have to learn to develop a trust among each other and I'll be very upfront and frank with the Members sitting at the table.

At this point the nominee, our Canadian representative, I don't know if there is a trust between a trust at this point.

I want to work on developing a trust with all members including our Canadian representative but Mr.

Speaker, I'll be honest and say that less than a year ago, the member for Canadian constituents left the then Labrador Inuit Association very bitterly and if we're going to work in a trust type of situation, I have to say some of the things that have been said about our officials by the member for Canadian constituency, right now tells me deep in my heart that there's not that trust there and like I said, I'll work with each and every individual to work on developing, trust, dignity and the pride of working together.

But that Mr. Speaker is going to take time and I am committed to it and I do hope that each and every member around this table is committed to it as well. But again, Mr. Speaker, we have developed a public service I believe is as far as Aboriginal governments organizations and all that go a public service in an Aboriginal community that is second to none and my fear is if we bring on Ministers who have in any way shape or form, degraded these people who have worked for us tirelessly, hours and hours and hours and days and days and days and years in some cases. They're right to enjoy their work with Nunatsiavut Government is paramount as well if we're going to work effectively for our Beneficiaries and in that light, Mr. Speaker, maybe it's unbecoming of the President to do so, but my heart tells me that at this point, I have to object to that nomination. As I said, and I will be true to my word because I respect the fact that Canadian constituency chose this individual that we have to work on developing a working relationship, a trust relationship. One that carries with it pride and dignity and to be very honest, that doesn't exist right now, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The chair recognizes the Honorable Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, in response to President Andersen's statement I don't want to personalize this issue, nor will I but I think it is important that this Assembly hear why I left this organization a year ago.

I left this organization because of things that were committed to me repeatedly, over and over and over and commitments were never followed through on. Three years, three and half years ago, prior to that, five years ago, I asked this organization to bring me home to Nunatsiavut to complete the work that I began for the Land Claims Agreement, the Implementation Plan. Mr. Speaker I at that time was told that it's not time and place for me to come home, we need you elsewhere.

When we had our leadership change two years later, Mr. Speaker, I approached the current President and he was the only person who would consider and even respond to my request to come back to Nunatsiavut. The President's response to me was "when do you want to come home?" I came home to Nunatsiavut and I worked hard and diligently to complete the Implementation Plan for the Land Claim Agreement.

I was given commitment that were not only commitments made to me in terms of compensation for a job that I was doing but time and time again I was committed to attending meetings that never took place. I would go to Goose Bay I would go elsewhere and I would have to return back home to my community of Rigolet without things happening that they said would happen.

Mr. Speaker, it's our President's issue of trust, not mine. I am willing and I have put aside differences a long time ago. I can separate the personal from the professional, Mr. Speaker, and the constituents of Canada voted overwhelmingly for Danny Pottle to become their representative. Danny Pottle received the highest number of votes of all these Ordinary Members in this election, therefore, I believe I have the trust and the confidence of the people and its certain individuals, Mr. Speaker, hold that things personal against me than that's their issue, that's not mine and I would like to say at this point in time that I will not again make things personal. I am more of a professional person to that than that, I can stand and work side by side with people who are willing to work side by side with me.

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Assembly and everybody gathered here today, I will do my utmost to ensure that if I had your confidence as First Minister that I will work side by side with each and every one of you as I have done in the past and have proven. I left with my integrity intact, I left at a very tumultuous time in my life, Mr. Speaker, a year ago. In addition to the pressures that were on me with respect to my job and the things that were going on inside my mind with respect to promises being made and broken time and time again certainly had an effect on me. I never personalized that, I put my reasons Mr. Speaker in a letter stating my reasons why I was leaving my position as Implementation Planner. In additions to my professional reasons for leaving this organization, I also left to deal with the death of my partner who died through a suicide. Therefore, I take offense to

these kind of statements being made in public and if our President has issues of trust I again Mr. Speaker, would like to end of by saying that's our President issues, not mine. Nakummek.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The chair recognizes the Honorable President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. That's exactly why I got up and objected to that nomination. At this point, I want each and every Member to know and I will reiterate, I am prepared to work with each and every one of you and in one or two cases trusts have been broken and we have to redevelop them and to this end I assure you with the Canadian Constituency Member, I will do my due diligence in redeveloping that trust. Make no mistake about it, but at this point where we're a brand new government, we have to go in knowing that you know as a leader, I have to go in knowing that whoever the Minister might be that there's going to be that trust there and that's why like I had to get up and say at this point I don't know that there's that trust there with the Member for Canadian Constituency.

But we have to work on it and when I see that I will be more than happy to see the Member for the Canadian Constituency give the role that right may be at the Executive Level and be given the same opportunity as everyone else. But to be very frank Mr. Speaker I need to know when I go somewhere of if I'm here in a community or in any other community or in any constituency that someone isn't going to stab me in the back. There's no worse feeling than that, and I assure you they're around this table that from me your leader, there's no one here in this room that I will stab in the back. But the trust has to be

developed Mr. Speaker and it can't be developed over two hours of sessions, it takes time to develop those things. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I think that votes the Member for Canada and the President of Nunatsiavut, they have both stated their cases very well and we will move on to see if we have more nominations. The chair recognizes the Member for Canada.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, before you move on I would just like to say one thing. I'm surprised that our President's statement given the fact that yesterday I was approached by our President, asking and soliciting my interest to be Deputy Speaker therefore, I don't understand where his issue of trust and he feels that I stabbed him in the back. I, as I said before Mr. Speaker I will end of this and I'm not going to personalize anything. I have no issues with our President personally, I have issues professionally like anybody else and I believe I am professional enough to work side by side along with people work those differences out. Thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Do we have any more calls for nominations from our Members? Member for Nain, the chair recognizes the Honorable Member for Nain.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I feel that perhaps I should say something. I'm, I've been nominated and I feel that with all due respect to my college from Canada, he has in his statement put forward what I would call some words of campaign so I think it would be fair that the Assembly heard from me as well. I was elected as an

Ordinary Member in this Assembly for the great Northern Constituency of Nain, I am very proud of that as I'm sure that other members are proud of their constituency. I have to say that there was an exchange between the President and the Member of Canada about trust and working together and that is fine. Make no bones about it, to anyone that I set out in this election to get elected for Nain but should the opportunity arise whether it was to be a First Minister or some other Minister.

I came to this house prepared to accept such a challenge. When I was asked by the President if I would accept nomination, if my name was put forward by him, certainly I did and I would have expected that. Not everyone around in this around this table perhaps agree that I might be the best choice. That too Mr. Speaker was acceptable by me but I have to say that I have only been a member in the Transitional Assembly for ten months and I very much know a little bit about what trust is. I know a little bit about what back room accusations are made and how members put their names forward.

I have to say to this Assembly that I believe that the word trust goes beyond because I was prepared to accept that kind of news and I at this point in time I just still very much accept that nomination. But I did hear in the last couple of days that there was a move, there was a move that was initiated perhaps by a member from a certain constituency blocked me.

We heard from the Canadian Member before we broke for lunch that people are calling for a change, well you know, with all due respect from the member from Canada and his constituency, my constituency, that a ballot box voted me

in as a member and they believe I suspect that they elected me to carry forth to work on their behalf and as well as work for all of Nunatsiavut, all Beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville to Canada as well.

I believe that it, when the time for change has come, it is at the ballot box. Time for change has not called at this table, any nominations that are put forward. I respect the process and want to assure you Mr. Speaker, members that we have it is a new process are going through. We have a Constitution that tells us the process and I for one want to ensure Mr. Speaker, that the Constitution is followed. Thank you for allowing me to speak, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Anybody else wish to speak on this issue? Any nominations? We have two nominations on the floor, at this time I would like to ask if there are any objections or comments or if any other members of the Assembly would like to nominate somebody else as the First Minister also. Now is the time to do it and so anybody got anything to say? The Honorable Member from Postville.

**Mrs. Gear:** Section 5.3.1 says "The First Minister of Nunatsiavut shall be chosen by the Assembly and be appointed by the President of Nunatsiavut from among the ordinary members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and shall, subject to section 5.3.3, hold office at the pleasure of the President." so shouldn't we be giving names to the President and he appoint who he want from them?

**Mr. Broomfield:** There is provision in our Constitution that deals with this matter. I'm just calling to see if we have

any more nominations or any more comments at this time. I guess the chair recognizes that we have, the chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. President, since there has been no more nominations coming forward as you said Mr. Speaker there are few nominees for First Minister, member for Nain, Anthony Andersen and the member for our Canadian Constituency Danny Pottle. As a result, Mr. Speaker, it's my duty to call for a vote on this nomination. I would also be remised if I didn't remind my words, the objection I just read, Mr. Speaker and with that in mind I suggest rather than prolonging this issue we put it to an end by a vote, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I think that in recognition that this process is new to us, I recommend that the Assembly take a ten minute recess before we have a vote for First Minister of Nunatsiavut. The chair recognizes the Minister, the Honorable Member for Nain.

**Mr. Barbour:** One of the, thank you, thank you Mr. Speaker, in having asked for a recess just over an hour ago one of the things that, I think we're all a bit nervous here, I know I am. I just want that known and I think that if having asked for a recess of just over an hour, I think what I was trying to look for was some breathing space and the question that I and I'm just trying to look through the selection and then ultimately the appointment by the President of the First Minister. The question I then have of you Mr. Speaker is that in choosing one of the two nominees for First Minister will we vote publicly or the question I ask now can we go by secret ballot? It's

just a point of rule, I'm not finding it in the Constitution in this sense. Will be asked to raise our hand? Maybe legal counsel can clarify this for us please?

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Assembly will recess for ten minutes while we clarify this question with our legal counsel.

**Mr. Barbour:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** So we'll reconvene in ten minutes.  
Ten minute recess called at 6:25 p.m.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would like to call the Assembly back to order. At this time, it states in our Constitution that we have to have an open vote and so you as Assembly Members will be asked to vote for the person who you think would serve the Assembly best as First Minister for Nunatsiavut and the President of Nunatsiavut does not have a vote. In the event of a tie, the President will have a vote to decide who gets to be positioned as First Minister so at this time, I'd like to ask Assembly Members by a show of hands in favor. Tony was the first nomination so if you are in favor of Tony Andersen being the Member, First Minister of Nunatsiavut I would like to ask you at this time to raise your hand. Do we count the AngajukKâks as well?

**Mr. C. Andersen:** Yes, they are a part of the Assembly .

**Mr. Broomfield:** Okay, alright put your hands up. Okay, at this time. Thank you. We will now have a vote for Daniel Pottle as First Minister of Nunatsiavut. All those in favor, I would like you to raise your hands. It is hereby decided by the Assembly that Tony

Andersen has been chosen as the First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government.

*Mr. Anthony Andersen received 12 votes, opposed by 3. Mr. Daniel Pottle received 3 votes opposed by 12.*

**Mr. Broomfield:** I will now pass the proceeding over to President Andersen for the swearing in of the First Minister.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I call on Anthony Andersen to come forward and take his oath of office.

**Swearing in of First Minister,  
Anthony Andersen**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** In the presence of everyone assembled here.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** In the presence of everyone assembled here,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I, Anthony Andersen,

**Mr. A. Andersen:** I, Anthony Andersen,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** swear that I will be faithful,

**Mr. A. Andersen:** swear that I will be faithful,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. A. Andersen:** to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** the Inuit of Labrador

**Mr. A. Andersen:** the Inuit of Labrador

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will obey

**Mr. A. Andersen:** I will obey

**Mr. W. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. A. Andersen:** observe

**Mr. W. Andersen:** uphold

**Mr. A. Andersen:** uphold

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and Inuit Law

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and Inuit Law

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect the standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. A. Andersen:** respect the standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** hold my office as First Minister

**Mr. A. Andersen:** hold my office as First Minister

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with honour and dignity

**Mr. A. Andersen:** with honour and dignity

**Mr. W. Andersen:** be a true and faithful councilor

**Mr. A. Andersen:** be a true and faithful councilor

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the President of Nunatsiavut

**Mr. A. Andersen:** to the President of Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. A. Andersen:** fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader in accordance with all applicable

**Mr. A. Andersen:** as a leader in accordance with all applicable

**Mr. W. Andersen:** ethical standards and codes of conduct

**Mr. A. Andersen:** ethical standards and codes of conduct

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and perform the functions of my office

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and perform the functions of my office

**Mr. W. Andersen:** conscientiously

**Mr. A. Andersen:** conscientiously

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to the best of my ability

**Mr. A. Andersen:** and to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulation Tony.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** That takes care of our business for tonight. The Assembly will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 for the selection of Ministers. I hereby declare the Assembly adjourned.

Assembly adjourns at 6:45 p.m.

*October 18, 2006 9:05 a.m.*

**Mr. Broomfield:** I will now call the Assembly to order and at this time, the chair recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. *(Speaks Inuktitut)*

*(Mr. W. Andersen now translates into English)* Just before we get underway officially, I was reminded this morning and I should have remembered because I'm one of them, even though I was just a child when it happened. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the relocation of Nutâk and in memory of that and in memory of those who didn't have the benefit of seeing the apology from the government of Newfoundland and Labrador on December 1, 2005. I would ask that the Assembly stand for a moment of silence in memory please. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the next order of business is the appointment of Ministers and I would now ask Mr. Speaker that

it's your call to call our First Minister to start proposals, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker before I get into that process I would like to address the Assembly, time was short last night and I didn't have the opportunity to show some words of appreciation and your confidence in me as electing me as First Minister so if you will allow me to do that then we will start to begin the process of the selection of Ministers.

I would like to do that and again I would with your mutual words with your blessing I at times may address the gallery as well and I hope that in this case you will be understanding and not declare me out of order. I appreciate your patience, thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to Mr. Speaker, address the Assembly and let me say that I am humbled, honored and truly thankful for your confidence in me and to the President for nominating me. I will, I don't feel that I have been elevated to a certain height or a pedestal, I remain your colleague.

The responsibility that you've given me, I accept and I say to you that the responsibility is also yours. It's something that I accept and I will take direction from you and I will work very hard. Yesterday, we spoke, the President spoke as well as my colleague from Canada and myself we spoke about trust and perhaps at times there are feelings that trust is not there, confidence is not there.

There was talk of change and I want to say that at the end of the, at the end of the process when the Speaker declared that I was the First Minister, the first person to come around the table was Dan Pottle and Dan was eight steps and your feet and legs are longer than mine, perhaps six steps to come around the table but I have to say that I acknowledge that as your confidence in me, your respect for the process and if there is to be trust and building towards trust, I think that those eight steps that you took around the table was a hundred or more miles towards that and I thank you Dan for that.

I realize too that I did receive unanimous consent, but I, that's behind us now, Mr. Speaker. That is behind us and I have spoken to the Member from Rigolet and he assured me that I had his confidence as well. I have not has the opportunity to speak to my, the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, my old friend.

We have always had in the past at times, disagreement on issues but we have always at the end of the day been able to talk to each other and speak to each other and certainly he has my respect and without even haven't talking to him, I am certain Mr. Speaker that knowing the AngajukKâk from Rigolet that he is the, as we all are, has to abide by the decision of the House.

I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that once again I have to speak of my own constituency, Nain, I would not have been, I would not be here as First Minister if it was not for my home constituency of Nain. I want to say a few words about my constituency and what Nunatsiavut means to my constituents. We are looked upon sometimes as, Nain is very fortunate,

very lucky to have a quarry here, a huge nickel deposit right here, we've heard all over the media that this is the gateway to the National Park and the opportunities there are endless.

In the past, we have been fortunate enough to see the George River Caribou Herd wander through our village and that you know it has been said that Nain has everything. I have to say that as well as having those good fortunes that my community and I'm sure that I'm supported by my colleagues and the AngajukKâk of Nain.

If there are people in this community that are not fortunate or are not well there is and I could walk you through this community and show examples of housing that is the worst, the worst housing conditions in Nunatsiavut. There is poverty in this community with so much riches on our doorstep. This is per capita one of the poorest communities in Nunatsiavut, if not the poorest. There is a lot of work to do here, there is a lot of reconciliation to do by this Assembly and this community.

The majority of the relocates are in this community. The promises that were made to them when they moved here have not been kept and we have a tremendous amount of work to do to ensure we now have opportunity to cry out for them some of those wrongs that have continued.

Promises have not been kept for fifty years, the President said today it's fifty years. But through all of that Nain has and I am proud to be here as a son of Nain and I hold my head very high as do my constituents, they hold their head, very, very high. The people around this table knows that Nain has always said

that LIA A.G.M.'s, elders have spoke from Nain and they have said we are to share; we will share whatever we have. We are our fellow people from the communities within Nunatsiavut at that time and as well Nain has always said that we recognize that we are Beneficiaries , a large number of Beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville and this Land Claims Agreement, we will fight to ensure that their rights are heard.

As well Nain is recognized as the majority of Beneficiaries , Nain has been giving of resources that you know it's not in their backyards, it's here, it's there we can see it and I think it's that spirit that I'm so proud to be here as a First Minister and representative of Nain and I think Mr. Speaker that that's the kind of spirit that we need and I'm not saying that that doesn't exist in the communities because I have every belief that when good fortune comes to a community they too will share but we have, Nain has a and that's the spirit in my home community, Nain and that's the kind of spirit that we want to have. Not only in this Assembly to provide governance with consensus but in all communities and I truly believe that spirit exists Mr. Speaker and it makes the challenge for us so easy because we are in fact one large community.

I was to as well, Mr. Speaker, acknowledge the people in the gallery today. The people who are sitting behind me they have, I think they are the reason that we are here and certainly that some of these people have a close relationship and yesterday when we were going through our books and the training session the one of the pages was on what you are as the Member or the Minister. The very bottom one jumped

out at me because it said a human being and I believe that is the only word I could remember today and I'll tell you why that I remembered that word because I think it is important that we realize that we are human beings but and sometimes as human beings we make mistakes. We go down perhaps the path that our colleagues and constituents see that we're walking down the wrong path and one time, and I have made many mistakes and I believe that I will make I will likely make a few more but at one point in time I was speaking to an elder that I see and I acknowledge her presence here today, I was feeling very bad that I had you know I had been walking down the wrong road.

I made a mistake and that elder said to me "remember that you are a human being and that human beings make mistakes" and she went on to say and that was not in our training which the elder told me she said that making mistakes is human but it is also it shows strength and courage to acknowledge those mistakes and it also takes strength and courage to try to rectify that mistakes or those mistakes and that is what, that is what leadership is. Not to hide and to run from those mistakes but to acknowledge them and to move forward and I was so pleased that at least there is one thing that elders also realized from their mistakes.

I think Mr. Speaker that my mind is starting to get a little bit tired, for me it has been the closest it is, there has been good discussion over the last few days. So I think that will end my address and with your consent I'd like to move on with the selection of the Ministers.

In the transitional government, Mr. Speaker, we had five departments and

I'm hoping I can name them all but I don't have my material here. The department of the Secretariat, the department that is run by the President of Nunatsiavut, Nunatsiavut Affairs is headed by me, the First Minister. So there were three other departments one was Lands and Resources another is the Treasurer the Minister of Finance Human Resources and the third one under the Transitional Government was Health, Education and Economic Development. During the period of transition we realized that some of these departments are huge and that there will come a time when we will have to create new departments. I will not, I will not speak so much about the creation of new departments because immediately following this process we're here to hear a vision for Nunatsiavut from our leader, our President and he will speak I guess I hope on his vision about the creation of new departments.

There is, the creation of new departments is something that I have worked with the President and have spoken with the President and other members of the Executive Council from the Transitional Government and I very much believe that there will be creation of new departments. Creation of new departments will take, will require legislation to be passed in this House.

It is my intention to swear in Mr. Speaker or to nominate three Ministers, I am also going to name two other Ministers that will through the House agree and bring in my legislation the creation of two new departments before the end of this session before December the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I had planned with my old friend, my old colleague from the Transitional Government sometimes the way that we

do it, I told the Member from Upper Lake Melville that every time I drinks out of my water that's a signal for him to get applause from him. But I never go to anything in my address up to now that I wanted to have applause but I am getting thirsty and I'm going to take a sip of my water. The Member from Upper Lake Melville may start to pound and the others around the table will would think there's something wrong with him.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** Have a drink Ton.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** At this time then Mr. Speaker, the Ministers that I will nominate are for portfolios that existed in the Transitional Government. The portfolio for Health, Education, Economic Development, I am pleased to nominate once again the Minister that was responsible for that portfolio under the Transitional Government, Ben Ponniuk, the representative for Upper Lake Melville.

**Mr. Broomfield:** We have a nomination on the floor for Health, Education and Economic Development. Do we have any objections? I guess that by consensus it's been determined, we have no objections that Ben Ponniuk will be the Minister of Health, Education and Economic Development for Nunatsiavut Government. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut to swear in the Minister.

#### **Swearing in of Ben Ponniuk**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I, Ben Ponniuk,

**Mr. Ben Ponniuk:** I, Ben Ponniuk,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. Ponniuk:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. Ponniuk:** that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the Inuit of Labrador

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and the Inuit of Labrador

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will hold my office as Minister

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I will hold my office as Minister,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with honour and dignity

**Mr. Ponniuk:** with honour and dignity

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will be a true faithful councilor

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I will be a true and faithful councilor

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the President

**Mr. Ponniuk:** to the President

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will not divulge directly

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I will not divulge directly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** or indirectly

**Mr. Ponniuk:** or indirectly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** any secret matter entrusted to me

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and secret matter entrusted to me.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. Ponniuk:** I will fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a leader in accordance, as a leader

**Mr. Ponniuk:** as a leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** in accordance with all applicable standards

**Mr. Ponniuk:** in accordance with all applicable standards

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and codes of conduct

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and codes of conduct

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I will perform the functions of my office

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and I will perform the functions of my office

**Mr. W. Andersen:** conscientiously

**Mr. Ponniuk:** conscientiously

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and to the best of my ability

**Mr. Ponniuk:** and to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Ben.

**Mr. Ponniuk:** Thank you.

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

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker we have a fair number of women in our Assembly. I want to recognize the contribution that women have made to the former Labrador Inuit Association as well as to the Transition Government. In the last, in the Transitional Government was the last Board of Directors of the LIA, in fact there was a majority of women as you can see.

Mr. Speaker it is not the case at this point in time, I will acknowledge at the community level that communities responded and recognized that women are in fact as we said many times that women are the back bone of communities and I think that that's how it was enforced.

As you can see we have seven AngajukKâks from all communities here, in fact there are a majority of women. Four I think, it's three men out of seven AngajukKâks and a Community Chair Person and that is, that is a strong message from all the communities I think.

Among the Ordinary Members at this time, there is one that is older than me. There have been and there was at the

first sitting last year at the Assembly many people were singled out contributions that they have made but there was a very low recognition for women at that time and our, our, our lives had changed, our culture changed and we think we're done we'll there was a, a responsibility I think that was divided and I take a chance and take some risk in saying that seeing it's so close to women I think that it was equally divided because perhaps it was not.

The people who did not speak up over gatherings, or sessions were women. The accepted silently a huge responsibility for the well being of communities beginning with their families and advancing that to the community now. They were the greatest caregivers of communities and although their pictures, there are few pictures of them on the wall.

I wish to acknowledge that the contribution that they have made and women have contributed, contributed in a huge way and they are representatives and mothers. I could name names but I'm sure that you all know in your communities and I acknowledge their contribution and they are, they are and they have always been the most honest and sincere the most true and the most beautiful flowers of the north especially the Grandmothers of Nunatsiavut.

No less in this government I want to say that as First Minister I want to see representation from women on the Executive Council and I am pleased to nominate for the position as Treasurer, Minister of Finance and Human Resources and also the Minister responsible for Status of Women, the Constituency of Postville, Diane Gear.

**Mr. Broomfield:** We have a nomination for a Minister of for Treasurer for Finance and for Status of Women and that nomination is the Member for Postville, Diane Gear. Do we have any objections? Speaker recognizes the Member the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Dan Michelin.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I do not have an objection but I do have some thoughts about the portfolios of the Ministers. I do think that the portfolio is quite large for instance the Health and Economic Development also with the new nomination. I think they could be they should be separate, I think they should be different from for me I mean I think the portfolio for the each of the Ministers should be more spread out because of the Nunatsiavut Government right now, we are new and it's quite heavy burden to put on place on one person two portfolios.

For instance, health is a big, big I don't know what you call maybe big project. I don't know if you would call it a project but a big concern for the people of Northern Labrador also the people of Upper Lake Melville and across Canada. The only objection I have Mr. Speaker would be that the that the portfolios or the departments should be broken down so that the Ministers would have more opportunity to place their thoughts or their time in either health or economics or the status of women or whatever the case may be.

As I said, I do not have any objections to the First Minister's nominations but I do think that it should be more broad you know each portfolio be it health, economics or the Status of Women. It should be given an opportunity, someone else should have the opportunity to be considered. Like I say, if one individual

is given two portfolios such as Health and Economics, I don't know I'm not, I'm not sure that that the person who are taking over the portfolios would have the time to work on each of these portfolios with consideration to the to what they are working on.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I know that perhaps that you can't see off the side of your head but the President also had his hand up but since you recognized me I will continue. I am pleased that the AngajukKâk from Rigolet stood to voice his concerns and I very much believe that we that he is on the same page that the members from the Transitional Government and realize that some of those departments are huge and after I will name the three Ministers, I will also speak to the creation of two new departments and I will in fact name Ministers for those and I will very briefly explain how those departments maybe split and it's something that will be put forward to you in more detail by the President.

I will give you some indication as to as to what might be in regarding the creation of the President's new Ministers in the President's division. I'm not sure Mr. Speaker if I will continue as the Minister for Finance should be sworn in.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker will recognize the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, the First Minister addressed very well how I was going to reply to the AngajukKâk from Rigolet and when this course if over there will be an

opportunity to address this issue properly, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, fellow Assembly Members, Elders and people assembled here today. I certainly echo the sentiments of the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, I believe that this is a heavy burden that we are placing on people. My consideration here and my concern is if we had people sitting around this table and not to say that experience don't count a lot in the role that these people are going to play but I have no other choice but to advocate for my constituency and people that we put through post secondary education students work program over the years. We have people in this room with experience and with education in relation to the portfolios that have been named. My only, the thing that I would like to say in future considerations is our First Minister would take those things into consideration. The money and effort that we invested into our people to education them, I think should be transferred over in roles such as Ministerial positions or education alongside with experience play a tremendous role in achieving the goals of each department, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** We've heard the concerns of the Members concerning the workload for the people that have will be taking these positions and these issues will be dealt with at a later date as the First Minister explained. At this time I would like to declare Diane Gear, the Member for Postville as Minister of the

Treasurer, Finance and the Status of Women for Nunatsiavut Government. Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut Government.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Mr. Speaker I would now like to call upon the Member for Postville, Diane Gear to come forward to take her oath of office.

### **Swearing in of Diane Gear**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I Diane Gear,

**Mrs. Gear:** I Diane Gear,

**Mr. W. Andersen:** solemnly affirm

**Mrs. Gear:** solemnly affirm

**Mr. W. Andersen:** that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut

**Mrs. Gear:** that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the Inuit of Labrador

**Mrs. Gear:** and the Inuit of Labrador

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**Mrs. Gear:** and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will obey;

**Mrs. Gear:** I will obey;

**Mr. W. Andersen:** respect;

**Mrs. Gear:** respect;

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution;

**Mrs. Gear:** and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution;

**Mr. W. Andersen:** all Inuit Laws;

**Mrs. Gear:** all Inuit Laws;

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and the standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**Mrs. Gear:** and the standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will hold my office as Minister

**Mrs. Gear:** I will hold my office as Minister

**Mr. W. Andersen:** with honor and dignity

**Mrs. Gear:** with honor and dignity

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will be a true and faithful councilor

**Mrs. Gear:** I will be a true and faithful councilor

**Mr. W. Andersen:** to the President.

**Mrs. Gear:** to the President.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will not divulge directly

**Mrs. Gear:** I will not divulge directly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** or indirectly

**Mrs. Gear:** or indirectly

**Mr. W. Andersen:** any secret matter entrusted to me.

**Mrs. Gear:** any secret matter entrusted to me.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** I will fulfill my responsibilities

**Mrs. Gear:** I will fulfill my responsibilities

**Mr. W. Andersen:** as a Leader

**Mrs. Gear:** as a Leader

**Mr. W. Andersen:** in accordance with all applicable standards

**Mrs. Gear:** in accordance with all applicable standards

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and codes of conduct

**Mrs. Gear:** and codes of conduct

**Mr. W. Andersen:** and I will perform the functions of my office

**Mrs. Gear:** and I will perform the functions of my office

**Mr. W. Andersen:** conscientiously and to the best of my ability

**Mrs. Gear:** conscientiously and to the best of my ability

**Mr. W. Andersen:** so help me God.

**Mrs. Gear:** so help me God.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Congratulations Diane.

**Mrs. Gear:** Thank you.

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

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge the comments made by the Member for Canada. I would assure the Member that every consideration is given to my nominees by myself and I have to say that in doing so I didn't call favorites. I am very much believe that education is part of the process and will be and I hope in the near future we will have in this House and our you know our public service is full with post secondary students.

We realize that there is some risk among the political office and that you can be reassured that these cases take four years at a time and that some our post secondary people have decided to work for the politicians rather than have the politicians work for them and let me say that in many cases I am so glad that I am here and they are there because if they were here I certainly would not be there and that goes without saying that we are having public service that is very qualified, over proficient and I believe that the day will come when there will be more post secondary than there appears to be.

One portfolio for Lands and Resources Mr. Speaker, came to me and I wish to nominate someone that has served with the Labrador Inuit Association, has worked with Labrador Inuit Association and has dedicated everything to the betterment of his people. If you look at his record he no less than standard and can be compared to anyone whether they were bureaucrats or whether they were fortunate enough to have their picture on the wall. He certainly has contributed and I am certain and again he will step forward and contribute. I wish to

nominate for the portfolio for Lands and Resources, William Barbour.

**Mr. Broomfield:** We have a nomination for Minister of Lands and Resources for Nunatsiavut Government; he is the Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour. Do we have any objections? I will now declare the Member for Nain, William Barbour as the Minister of Lands and Resources for the Nunatsiavut Government. The Assembly will recognize the President of Nunatsiavut Government.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I would now like to call on the Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour to come forward to take his oath of office.

**Swearing in of William Barbour**  
**(Inuktitut)**

**Mr. Broomfield:** I think that before we carry on to other nominations the Assembly will adjourn for fifteen minutes for a break.  
15 minute break

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would now like to call the Assembly back to order. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, if I may just before I begin I would like to make an announcement to two of our staff that are here today traveling I think it's today or tomorrow but before they leave I would like to with Jodie Lane and Michelle Ford a happy birthday tomorrow.

**Mrs. Lane:** Thanks Ton.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** As well, your contribution to our youth and to the education process is tremendous. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wanted to talk now Mr. Speaker about as I mentioned in the beginning some proposed splitting of the departments that we proposed this and we will bring this forward and the President will talk more about it, as well I intend to nominate or put forward names that from my office and there is some legislation that will have to be drafted and introduced and for you to review and you to have your contributions as well too on perhaps how you see the departments should be split.

These are certainly are recommendations from the I believe from the Transitional Government it is from the Executive Council level. There is it is new and exciting times Mr. Speaker and we are, we're so full of youth and full of something that you know our Nunatsiavut. We have huge numbers of youth and I don't know how best my words are not coming, full of youth, large numbers of youth. But it is an exciting time for them and it is a very exciting time for me and as we start to take reviews and the Civil Service Act states meeting at the government level.

We certainly see that more and more of our graduates of post secondary are taking their rightful place in Nunatsiavut Government. It is with this in mind that I wish to propose or make a proposal to make the Assembly aware that we will propose for a new department, one that has right now Culture and what is known as Torngâsok is a division under the President's office. As well, in my department there is a division known as Youth, Elders and Recreation, as well we see and I mentioned this morning

that Nain is the gateway to the North to the Park, Nunatsiavut is the gateway to the Park is what I should have said and that there is a calling and we encourage that we want people to see over there and it is in the world more and more becoming a huge economic development, a huge benefit in our eyes and we certainly have the people here that can take on the responsibility. So, and we may, there may be between now and December some more post portfolio as we see it now at this time as the name can be shortened, right now it would be Culture, Youth, Elders, Recreation and Tourism and it is to me, it looks like a very exciting and new move for Nunatsiavut and I am so pleased to say that my office recommends to head this department. It would be someone very young, someone very new to this government and as well I think that we meet the member of Canada said someone who has gone through the Post Secondary program as well and the name that I would, the name that I am putting forward to head this new department is Member from Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I realize that I do not have to ask for consensus on that because the department is not yet created and the legislature has to be brought to the table here. Later there can be a date and certainly the AngajukKâk from Rigolet spoke well I think to such a large department and one of the departments that the AngajukKâk from Rigolet spoke of was the department of Health, Education and Economic Development. It is a huge department, right now I think the structures are there, in fact that department was recognized in the early beginning because it was so large.

Mr. Speaker, we put in place two Deputy Ministers, one for health and one for education and each show us that the Transitional Government recognized very clear that how much work there is to be done in health and education so you can be assured that the people are well and that commitment to you that I spoke of. We have every opportunity to reach I suppose some growth potential as soon as we can.

Again, we are proposing to, this is not to create something that is new but to split this department and the proposal would be that this department would become two. One department would be known as Education, Training and Economic Development and on the other side another department would be known as Health and Social Development. Again, we have in place at this time a Minister that is responsible for the whole kit and caboodle, the Member from Upper Lake Melville and who is also Minister from Upper Lake Melville responsible for the Education district and that would have some impact on his portfolio.

I would propose that at that time he would remain as a Minister for Education, Training and Economic Development and for the other department, Health and Social Development and I have given it fair consideration and realizing as well that there is a community like Nain that has huge obstacles to overcome in social development and health issues and the name that I would put forward to head that department would be the Member from Hopedale, Greg Flowers. Now, Mr. Speaker, I think that ends what I have to say, I hope that you would set aside time in future meetings for when these are more formally trying to give members a heads up.

I think there will be time and place when this custom can be, when this custom can be more formally taken place by the Members and as well, I did not want to have long comments because we have not heard yet from the President on his vision for Nunatsiavut and he is Mr. Speaker our Leader. I, for one am very much looking forward to hearing from the President, thank you very much for your time you have given me this morning and I will take my seat.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The First Minister's comments will be dually noted and will be addressed at a later sitting of the Assembly. I think before we carry on at this time I would like to appoint a Deputy Speaker and the role of the Deputy Speaker is to sit in when the Speaker is unavailable or the Speaker wishes to bring forth issues from their community. So, the person I would like to appoint is the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Dan Michelin.

**Mr. Michelin:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be appointed as Deputy Speaker. I am, I am free to sit whenever Mr. Speaker is not available, I hope that is not too often. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to object to this appointment but I would recur this appointment to legal advice. It's my understanding of the Constitution that AngajukKâks or chairs of Community Corporations cannot be appointed to a Ministerial position and if my understanding, Mr. Speaker, is correct the Speaker position is equivalent to that

of a Minister. So, without objecting I would like to before the end of the day, seek legal advice on whether or not this procedure is proper. I've no problem with the individual being nominated, however we have to ensure that we're abiding by our constitutional commitment to the Labrador Inuit Constitution, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The President's remarks will be taken into consideration and we will consult with legal advice to see if we are abiding by the Constitution to make this appointment. If not, we'll have to make another appointment at a later date. Again, the Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut.

### **The President's Vision Statement**

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as has been eluded to, I would now like to take some time this morning to present not only to this House but to the guests in our gallery and to our Deputy Ministers and Civil Servants what hopefully will be a vision for short term as well for the medium long term, medium long term meaning as your Leader, I have two years left in which to lead Nunatsiavut Government. But for those of you who are sitting around the table I know you have four years in which to carry out your mandate and before I begin I would like to suggest because I want to do this personally that I do it in both languages and give our simultaneous interpreters a break.

*(Translates above in Inuktitut)*

**Mr. W. Andersen:** To begin, first of all I would like to welcome our new

Executive, the Ministers who have been selected this morning and in saying that, I want to assure all Assembly Members and especially the Cabinet that I will be here for you. But at the same time we have, we will carry with it and including all Assembly Members, AngajukKâks and Chairs of Community Corporations a responsibility to one another to ensure that we're carrying out our responsibilities in a proper manner and in that regard I would say, Mr. Speaker, that if I feel some Minister or some representative is as it was eluded to earlier by our First Minister, if they're going down the wrong path it is my duty in inform them that they are.

But this has to work both ways and I call upon each and every member whether you're a regular Member, AngajukKâk or Community Corporation Chair or a Minister, if you feel that I am going down the wrong path please remind me and tell me. I have no problem in changing direction if the Assembly feels the different direction is the better way to go and with that I certainly look forward to working with each and every one of you and I look forward to the Ministers taking on the responsibilities which will be for the most part as I learned from my old Labrador Inuit Association days will take a huge load off my shoulders as Leader of our own government.

Even though I am the Leader of Nunatsiavut, the Ministers are Leaders too. They have their responsibility to carry out and I assure you in my role as Leader, I will not be stepping on their toes in the course of their duties unless otherwise asked to do so.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

After the October 3 election, general election and it's stated in our Constitution that Hopedale is the capital of Nunatsiavut. Hopedale is where the Assembly will sit and we started preparing for this Assembly in Hopedale, however with the number of people coming in it wasn't possible to accommodate everyone to carry out this process in Hopedale.

So, we were stuck with a decision at the Executive level and the decision was in our Constitution and Elections Act it's required, Mr. Speaker, that the first sitting of the Assembly after the first general election for the Nunatsiavut Assembly has to take place within two weeks after the general election and in that light, I had to decide whether or not we're going to violate our Constitution and wait until we had accommodations in Hopedale or abide by our Constitution and hold this Assembly within two weeks but in another location and rather than start violating our commitment to start the Assembly forward we decided to locate this Assembly to the community of Nain.

Mr. Speaker, I assure our representatives from Hopedale that from now on, provided that the accommodations are there, all sittings of the Assembly will be in Hopedale. Hopedale in accordance with our Constitution is the capital of Nunatsiavut and it's in my heart I assure you that this will not change.

Our membership, our Beneficiaries, I believe some four years ago voted on the Constitution which determines where the capital of Nunatsiavut is and that is Hopedale and to that, Mr. Speaker, we are committed to ensuring that future sittings of our Assembly will happen in Hopedale and currently we are having a

building redone in Hopedale for purposes of this Assembly so that in future and even if we have a sitting in a few weeks from now, it will be in Hopedale had basically a semi permanent place to sit. In the past three sittings in Hopedale, the Transitional Assembly always scrambled around to try and find a place it could sit but our public service has now found a facility that can be renovated to suit our needs in the short term until a new Assembly building can be erected in that community.

This historic moment, I think, is a special occasion to many, many people and no less to me. When I was born in OKak Bay, and I was 8 years old when our communities in the OKak area were uprooted and relocated and ever since then, it has been a growing experience. There has been many, many ups and downs but at the end of the day, I would hope that it's made me a better person for it. I didn't spend a lot of time thinking about it but this experience I believe played a large part in my long aid to be a part of this process. I became, when we were relocated to Makkovik I was really looking forward to it at 8 years old when I started school for the first time in my life in Makkovik I was in for the biggest shocks of my life. I couldn't speak a word of English and when I entered school I wasn't allowed to speak Inuktitut. So, I found myself in a real jam and at that time it was punishable to speak a language other than English but for me, I look back on that as a learning experience.

For a long time I believed that as a result of that experience I was very much a rebel, I rebelled against many decisions that you know when I think

back on it now, could have been better decisions for myself, my family and all the people. But as I grew to be an adult, I became more rebellious and my guiding light at that period was my mother. My mother couldn't speak English, she is self taught enough to have a conversation for a few minutes here and a few minutes there, but my mom always said to me regardless of the hardship you are going through, respect your neighbor, don't hate them for what they are doing to you, respect them and we had a result of that many differences my mom and I. But as an adult when I reflect on it, I know that her attitude was the correct one and mine was the wrong one.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

Before carry on into the vision statement, also as a child having grown up living a very different style then today, basically a subsistence style of living, I started learning how to hunt and trap at five years old learning from him. It was a different kind of school but a learning process, I believe what made me believe that I was going to be a follower because I followed my father everywhere to hunt. There was a time when I was about 18 years old, my dad and I were going on a hunting trip and he gave me the shock of my life when we were leaving, he said "you lead the way". Something I never ever expected in my life but obviously even though we didn't talk about it in detail, my dad felt that I was good enough out on the land now to lead the way and when I reflect on that, the political process regardless if it's Nunatsiavut or elsewhere is no different than learning how to hunt, fish or trap.

You learn by following your leaders and after some time, the people you are following will develop a confidence in fact that you are now ready to take over as a Leader and I believe that's a simple approach that I would like to see used in our forward movement as a Nunatsiavut Government.

In our Constitution, it always makes reference to our decision making process and our governing process must take into account customs and traditions and I believe that the custom and tradition of learning to be out on the land can be transferred into the customs and traditions of this government moving forward. The same basic principles I believe can apply. In this vision, our First Minister eluded to and has appointed Ministers in waiting of you will and I congratulate the Honorable Member for Rigolet for becoming a Minister in waiting and the Honorable Member for Hopedale to become a Minister in waiting.

During the past ten months in the Transitional Government process we decided to, Mr. Speaker, have as few departments as possible and the reason for this was if we start out small in numbers then it would be easier to expand when the need arises as opposed to if we start out large then it would be so difficult to downsize if we realized that we started out too big and in that regard Mr. Speaker, we have realized that a couple of our departments are huge. More especially the department of Health, Social, Economic, Education and whatever else, it's a mouthful. Not only in terms of the title but in terms of the responsibility as well and Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recommend that this Assembly in accordance with all the procedures that are required of us, make

a move to create a new department by splitting Health, Social, Economic Development and create two departments out of it with two Ministers. One department being Health and Social Development and the other department being as referred to by the First Minister, the Department of Education, Training and Economic Development and Mr. Speaker, on December 1, 2005 when effective date happened it also became the effective date for the creation of the Torngat Mountains National Park. It is still Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve, however we are moving forward in planning because we have a Parks Impact and Impacts and Benefits Agreement to move forward in becoming the joint managers of this beautiful area of Nunatsiavut, the Torngat Mountains and in the past several months, we've had our public service, our civil service trying to work toward how we're going to become involved in the development of that park and how tourism and how other management issues may take place in the administration of this park and Mr. Speaker, the only way I could see us moving forward is for us to create a new department that would be dedicated to the National Part but at the same time Mr. Speaker, I am recommending to this Assembly that in the creation of the new department we include with it Culture, Tourism, Elders and Youth and I would like to explain why I have thought about it in this way.

Even though the National Park is a beautiful and attractive area, I believe in the long term the real attraction to Nunatsiavut will be the Inuit language and culture. The real attraction to Nunatsiavut will be the rest of the world wanting to see a unique location in the

world not only in terms of the beauty in the park but in terms of a unique culture and language that goes along with it and it is my hope and there has been some resistance to it in the past, Mr. Speaker, that our culture and language can become of economic value to Nunatsiavut and it's Beneficiaries.

One of the failures in the past, Mr. Speaker and I'm no exception to that rule is that we haven't done enough to promote our language and culture. It's almost like when I left school in Makkovik, I left school being ashamed of being an Inuk because I've spent that many years having to place the burden of not being allowed to speak my language. It's taken some years to turn that around and say to myself "you know the only way I can bring back language and culture is put value to it". Right now, unfortunately Mr. Speaker, I believe the general consensus of Nunatsiavut is there's no real value in the language and culture of our people and in that light, Mr. Speaker, we have to turn that attitude around.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

In terms of the creation, the department of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Elders I'll make one final reference to it and that's about culture and language. Over the years, we've had constitutions, by-laws, you name it that states the Inuit language and culture must be protected and I've come to realize, Mr. Speaker the Inuit language and culture is put on the shelf because we have done very little, Mr. Speaker, in terms of promoting in a real way our language and culture and Mr. Speaker, in that regard I ask the Assembly, our Leaders to start, to take the protection of

language and culture off the shelf and start using it and put it into motion so that someday, Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to sit here and speak in Inuktitut and debate issues in Inuktitut.

It's maybe only a dream but if we don't commit ourselves to it, Mr. Speaker, we'll never make it happen. It's a dream you know I believe many of you have but if we're going to realize it, we have to commit to making it happen and in that regard I certainly will be pushing hard with the help of my colleague and now Honorable Member for Lands and Resources to promote how we might reintroduce Inuktitut in Nunatsiavut Government.

Mr. Speaker, I don't expect that everyone won't want to learn to speak Inuktitut which is fair and understandable but we must understand too that the basis on which this claim was made, which is now settled, was on Inuit language, culture, traditions and Inuit land and I think in order to bring back dignity to the work "Inuk" we must bring back our language and culture.

Mr. Speaker, in moving forward and there any many, many different forms where it's been said that we must be role models not only to the youth but to our community as Leaders, as representatives and as a public service Mr. Speaker and what does role model mean? I believe if we went around this table Mr. Speaker, everyone would have a slightly different interpretation of what role model means but Mr. Speaker as becoming role models to Beneficiaries , to me, means we're going to have to work to gain the respect and trust of the people that we represent and when I talk about Mr. Speaker, of gaining trust and respect of the people that we represent, I'm not just talking about the Member

from Rigolet gaining the trust and respect of their community or our Minister of Lands and Resources gaining trust of his own community. I'm talking about all of us gaining the trust and respect of all Beneficiaries, not only those that we represent in the constituency but all Beneficiaries . In that regard, we have a lot of work ahead of us in order to achieve that I believe.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I think we need in our vision is to learn from the past. Now in the past there are positives and negatives but in order to develop a positive future for Nunatsiavut and all Beneficiaries whether they're in Nunatsiavut or not, in order to develop this future we must understand the past and what things we did wrong or right in the past in order to build on them for the future. It's not going to be easy, it is the greatest challenge I've had in my life, Mr. Speaker, is learning to say and learning to say with conviction, I was wrong. That's the biggest challenge an individual will have to admit that they were wrong and until we can do that it will be a real challenge to move forward.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

Mr. Speaker, in moving forward we have to remember even though this is a very exciting time in the era of the Inuit movement, we have as of December 1, 2005 the Land Claim Agreement that pretty much dictates how we're going to set up as a self government region and I say region because Nunatsiavut is where all applicable laws created by Nunatsiavut Government will be enforceable and no where else.

It has to be understood Mr. Speaker by our Beneficiaries and representatives from the Upper Lake Melville region that it's not possible for Nunatsiavut Government laws to be transferred to Upper Lake Melville or elsewhere in Canada. They can only apply in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, we can make representation on behalf of Beneficiaries living outside of Nunatsiavut but they are subject to laws of demo application rather than Nunatsiavut law.

Mr. Speaker, the greatest challenge I believe we face as a new government is creating a climate whereby our Beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut and elsewhere gain economic opportunities as eluded to earlier by the First Minister. Nain happens to be the largest of our communities and when you look at it Nain happens to be the community with one of the if not the lowest per capita income in Nunatsiavut and in order to start turning that around, Mr. Speaker, every member around this table is going to have to have a vision of how we might turn around that sad situation around. Bad housing, low income not a great success rate in terms of completion of high school but a greater challenge, Mr. Speaker is that our school have been unable to attract academically trained teachers at the high school level so that our students are getting the same instruction as the school in St. John's or Corner Brook or Toronto or Montreal. Many times our students leave thinking that they have graduated when in fact we put them into a college or post secondary institution, they're stuck with the responsibility to having to upgrade if they're going to continue on. Mr. Speaker, it's totally unfair to our young people. Totally unfair to Nunatsiavut, we have Beneficiaries outside of

Nunatsiavut who have access to more so than our young people in Nunatsiavut one of the best education systems in the world. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this is not always possible in Nunatsiavut and as a result many, in many occasions our young people go to post secondary or college institution without realizing they're behind the eight ball because they don't have the accurate requirements to continue on.

Mr. Speaker, in that regard, Nunatsiavut Government must work to address this problem so that our youth can go through and education system that allows them to be competitive not only in Nunatsiavut but anywhere in Canada. After all, even though we have Nunatsiavut now we're still Canadians

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

As was eluded to earlier, Mr. Speaker, I don't want to paint a negative picture, we have to add a positive picture and as eluded to earlier by our First Minister, we have through our program, education program many, many graduates. Many of whom are working with Nunatsiavut Government, many of whom are looking to come back perhaps to Labrador but at the same time many of whom who don't want to come back and Mr. Speaker the challenge to Nunatsiavut Government is to start working on creating a climate in our communities whereby our educated young people want to come back and be happy to work in Nunatsiavut.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleasantly surprised a couple of weeks ago when CBC was arranging an interview with me on education because according to a report done by Indian Affairs, Labrador Inuit seem to be perhaps one of the most educated Aboriginal groups in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I would venture to say that through the effectiveness of our education personnel and having administered the program for close to 20 years, we do have and as far as Aboriginal groups go the most educated people in the country.

Mr. Speaker at this point I would not brag about that because in comparison to the rest of Canada, we would still be far down the totem pole in terms of delivering education but I was encouraged two weeks ago when I was given statistics from our public service on the current education program that we're running.

We have in post secondary institution at this moment 127 in post secondary institutions and we have at the College of the North Atlantic in Happy Valley-Goose Bay 74 more which adds to a grand total of 201. Now for a population of 5300, that's not bad. Nunavut maybe have 25 or 30 out of a population of 35,000. But that's not to say Mr. Speaker, we can't do better, I believe we can do better and we must work for it doing better.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

Mr. Speaker, in the past year in moving forward with the Transitional Assembly, we moved forward very conservatively which I believe was the prudent thing to do in terms of money builds, managing our finances and being skimpy on how we spend our Land Claims funds. However, Mr. Speaker, there is another side to our Implementation Agreement. I believe that if we're going to implement effectively, that we must be prepared, Mr. Speaker, to invest more in Human Resources. I know investing more in Human Resources will cost

money Mr. Speaker but when you think about it, if we don't invest in Human Resources, how are we going to expect to generate revenues. We have mining, we have fishery, we have possible tourism developments the Torngat Mountains, we have cultural programs, all if managed correctly and with the right Human Resources in there could be great revenue generating projects for Nunatsiavut and in that light Mr. Speaker, I would like for this Assembly to seriously consider how we might invest in this.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

Mr. Speaker, in terms of finances, we must look beyond our Land Claims Agreement. Our Land Claims Agreement with it's financial components is a good tidy sum of money but it's something we can't rely on. We're being given an opportunity to create economic opportunities that will in turn generate revenues for Nunatsiavut Government so that we can provide the services that are expected of us by our Beneficiaries.

Finally Mr. Speaker, even though we cannot expand laws, hunting privileges, fishing privileges beyond Nunatsiavut and the settlement area, we must try and provide those kinds of benefits to our Beneficiaries who are not in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, we have to seek ways and means of providing for those Beneficiaries the things that we enjoy up here such wildlife; caribou, partridges, char, seal and Mr. Speaker, it probably will take innovative ways to do that, to achieve that and of course with the help of our members from outside of Nunatsiavut, Member for Canada, Members for Upper Lake Melville.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

And finally Mr. Speaker, I save this for last because I believe this should be a punch line that goes deep into the hearts of everybody. Mr. Speaker, I seen my grandfather there, I seen my cousins, my aunt there and I seen my friends, parents and grandparents there too and that's our Beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut. In old people's homes outside of Nunatsiavut, Mr. Speaker, this government has to as a priority I believe look at the creation for homes for seniors in Nunatsiavut. It's almost like I'm getting to be a senior by the way, whether I like to admit it or not Mr. Speaker. It's almost like telling our seniors when they get to a certain age, we don't need you anymore, you could go out to this place and Mr. Speaker, to that I believe this government must commit to as soon as possible.

The creation of a place within Nunatsiavut for our seniors, when the Land Claim Agreement was signed, I recall as a young fellow in 1975, Martin Martin talking about his dream at an Annual General Meeting and the way Martin Martin spoke, Mr. Speaker, was in a way that as a young fellow this man is talking about a dream that he is going to see because he had the will, the wisdom and the courage to fight for what he believed in. Mr. Speaker, the sad reality is when this agreement came into effect over a year ago, people like Martin Martin, my parents, many of the people's parents around here were no longer around to see their dream come true. But Mr. Speaker, there are people outside of Nunatsiavut who are in seniors homes who could have seen their dream come true if they were in Nunatsiavut and in that regard I believe,

Mr. Speaker, is one of the most important responsibilities that we carry on our shoulders today is to move as soon as possible in terms of addressing the needs of our seniors.

*(Translates above into Inuktitut)*

And Mr. Speaker, I'm not, please don't get me the wrong way I'm not saying this because I'm getting to be an old man, so that there can be a place for me when I have to be shipped out of here. Mr. Speaker, if I am going to be shipped out of here, I want to be shipped north not south, I have my own place and with that Mr. Speaker I would hope that even though some of this vision is vague, that each and every member will come forward with your own vision because this vision statement is certainly not something that's in stone. I'm hoping that this vision statement has given hopefully one thing, food for thought for each and every member so that you too can have your say in the development of a future in Nunatsiavut.

*(Translates into Inuktitut)*

And in closing, Mr. Speaker, I'm here to be of help. Not only to the representatives but to our communities and I gladly will embrace your thoughts too on what you see in your own vision for Nunatsiavut and if we don't see eye to eye, we have to be adult enough to work through it together and hopefully come up with something that would be of the greatest benefit to the people that we serve, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Thank you Mr. President, at this time I'd like to call for a motion to adjourn. Does anybody have

a motion to adjourn? Anybody second?  
Are we all in favor?

**Motion to adjourn Assembly  
motioned by: Dan Michelin  
Seconded by: Keith Russell  
Carried Unanimously.**

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** I say we will adjourn this sitting. When is a good time to reconvene for you guys?

**Ms. Edgar:** I can't see the clock, what time is it now?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Ten after twelve.

**Ms. Edgar:** Any chance that we could get back at one o'clock?

**Assembly:** No.

**Ms. Edgar:** Alright, how about one fifteen?

**Mr. Broomfield:** Okay, we will adjourn until one fifteen.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Mary Adams:** First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for inviting me to the First Sitting of the newly elected Assembly of Nunatsiavut. Secondly I would like to thank the residents on Nain for welcoming us with open arms, thanks also to my fellow Inuit and elders. We did not come here safely by ourselves, we were taken care of by our saviour.

Our ancestors in the past, especially in the fall of the year had difficult times trying to get their daily food, not only

for themselves, but also for their fellow Inuit. As William eluded to earlier on, while he was a young fellow, he spoke only his mother tongue, Inuktitut, when he went to school he was treated like a rebel by the Kablunât and Kablunângajuit. I myself and others, I was at the age of six, I was taken by the I.G.A to go to school, the only white people that we saw at that time were the people who worked for the hospitals and Hudson's Bay Company managers and their children. We were taken in September and we never saw our parents till the following year in June. My father was from Labrador, he was an Interpreter for the Company and he traveled far and wide, to Ungava Bay.

He was with my mother and that is where I was born . When I was a month old, my parents moved back to Labrador. Ever since then I feel like I have two communities, I grew up in Labrador , my children were born here, I still go back to where my grand-parents lived in Northern Quebec, so I would like to thank the people of Labrador for taking care of me and welcoming me as their own .

When we were young we spoke only in Inuktitut, I remember at one time, during our meals, my brother was sitting on the other end I was on this end, I asked my brother for more bread, he was across me, I asked him in Inuktitut, our manager took hold of me and put me into a room, with my brother coming along, he started strapping us with a wooden ruler. After that happened, I was not to eat meals during the day for a week. So my fellow Inuit elders, and our future leaders I am hopeful that this will never happen to Inuit again, let them speak their mother tongue.

My heart today, my heart is full, my body is happy, we will not have to be ashamed of anybody from now on, if I want to speak in Inuktitut, if my grandchildren want to speak the language they have the right to do so . In the Upper Lake Melville region, Goose Bay, in October, a lot of people approached me, they now want to be beneficiaries to this agreement, people I haven't seen before. Most of them, but not all, said if I can become a member of the government of Nunatsiavut through you, the president will not have to speak only in Inuktitut, if we had an English speaking president it would be better. I replied to them, the organization was established by the Inuit, for the Inuit, the Inuit own it.

We should be very grateful that we are members even if we are Kablunângajuit, let's be thankful, let us not be in conflict with anyone that is not the way of the Inuit. I am now an elderly woman, you can see by my hair, we were taught never to go against anyone , if we go against each other it will be a long long time before things are solved. If that happens, our leaders that are now present amongst us, will have worked hard to no avail.

Let's not be put down, not be prejudiced, let's not say that our President does not have to speak in Inuktitut, everything belongs to the Inuit, let no one take anything away, let's just be thankful that we are sitting at this table right now. If the people who want to get in now, were treated the way Inuit were treated, they would understand what I am saying.

The Inuktitut language is my language, I am just borrowing the English language. It is just not my language, it is my body, my blood, my life. If all of that was taken from us, we as Inuit would be told what to do, let us not be under-dogs anymore, let's run our own lives, our own self-determination. Let us no longer hear from the white people say, you are only an Inuk , you have nothing, let us no longer say we are hungry, please feed us, our elderly people, our children, let's all take care of each other.

This morning when William was speaking, I tried very hard not to cry, William know what I am talking about, William Barbour know, I often approached him and talked to him when he was president. Our elderly people now have to go to southern places, their religion, their traditional foods, their way of life, their families, leaving them behind, our people sometimes go to St. John's, where they cease to live. That is something that I was never satisfied with. Thank you our new Government for what you said earlier about our seniors. That is what I wanted to say, to make our young people understand, our fellow Inuit.

In the past we had very poor housing, when I was a child, in the fall of the year, we lived only in tents, even in the coldest of the cold, sometimes we go hungry. Today our young people don't know what hunger means, for that I am thankful. Our young people today, for some reason, they commit suicide for what? we don't know, that is something we have to consider as well Mr. President. I would like to thank each and every-one of you for giving me the privilege to speak, thank you.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I'd like to say thank you to our elders speaking to the Assembly. It really makes a big difference I think personally having an elder speak to the Assembly reminding us why we are here. You know, put aside the small stuff and look at the bigger picture so hopefully by having an elder come to our Assembly once in a while like you know it really puts home the point of why we are here. I think at this time having said that I would like to close our Assembly for this evening. We will reconvene tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and also a big thank you to the Institute of Governance for all the helpful advice. Do I have a motion? Okay, also we have a meet and greet this evening at the school gym so you could come by for snacks and to have a chat from seven to nine. So do we have a motion to close the Assembly? The Speaker recognizes the Honorable First Minister.

**Mr. A. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I hope that this, we really hope that government members and the AngajukKâks will show up. It will be the first opportunity to introduce our new government into our community so please if you can...

**Mr. Ponniuk:** me too?

**Mr. A. Andersen:** even you, yup.

**Mr. Broomfield:** We have motion to close the Assembly. Motioned by our Canadian Constituent Danny Pottle, seconded by the chair person for Upper Lake Melville, all in favor?

**Assembly:** Aye!

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting commences October 19, 2006  
9:00 a.m.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I would now like to call the Assembly back to order. There is something that I would like to address before we reconvene and that is the seating arrangements that we have to follow as government members and a member from the Executive Council, Chesley Andersen will explain the arrangements.

**Mr. C. Andersen:** It's sort of something that started with the Transitional Government procedures we were working to develop and that is just to put all of your Executive Council members on one side of the table and all of those of who are not Executive Council on the other side of the table, it's good for question period and the process of the appropriate Minister to answer questions and so on and so you could say we have the opposition on one side and the Ministers on the other side and the Speaker of course has the one chair, okay?

**Mr. Broomfield:** So will the Executive now sit on the left? The President would like to say a few words.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall the First Minister and I sat at the head in the Transitional Assembly and that the Ministers sat on the left side and the Deputy Ministers sat on the right but I was thinking today that now that we have much more people that this time around I would like for the Ministers to sit on the left and the remaining people to sit on the right.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Ches, I wonder if I could ask you one more thing and that is to clarify for the Assembly about the two pages, I'm not sure of the role that they took and I just wanted to be aware of the roles of the two pages.

**Mr. C. Andersen:** Basically the role of the page is to help you so you don't have to move out of your chair. If you want to send a message across the table or you want to get the attention of somebody or you want a bottle of water just hold your hand up and look at them. They'll be watching you and they'll come over to deliver it or deliver the water, they are here for you, you don't have to get up. So, look to the back for page. You all have paper so if you want to write a message to someone across the table with a little note saying what about this and that or a reminder to whatever, feel free to do it.

**Mr. Broomfield:** I guess at this point, I'll call the Assembly into order. The first order of business we have for today is to appoint a Members Services Committee and as far as our Constitution that we have to follow and I'll just read it out to you, The Member Services Committee, the business of the day is to appoint a Member Services Committee in accordance with part 8 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. The Member Services Committee is responsible for declaring an appointment for the Assembly and for recommending to the Assembly the amount to be paid for member's salaries, allowances and benefits. The Act states that the Membership Committee shall be comprised of all those Ordinary Members of the Assembly who are not Member's of the Executive Council and which shall be chaired by the Speaker.

In compliance with the Act, and given that it is the intention of the First Minister to appoint the Ordinary Members of Rigolet and Hopedale to the Executive Council at a later date, I'm recommending, I am recommending that the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell and the Ordinary Member from the Constituency of Canada, Danny Pottle and the Speaker will be appointing a Member Services Committee. Do I have your consensus?

**Assembly:** Aye!

**Mr. Broomfield:** It is the intention of the committee to recommend that the budget will be revised to allow for the allowances and benefits to be retroactive in the beginning of the term of this Assembly. At this time the chair and the floor is open to the President of the Assembly.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I have, I'm not sure whether I should stand and sit, stand and sit, stand and sit, I have several issues that I would like to bring to the Assembly. The first one, I was asked by the Member Services Committee to have for us a proper dress code of our Assembly Members, to constitute a dress code of all Assembly Members.

The other message Mr. Speaker and we will need this as soon as possible, a code of conduct or a code of ethics for Members and for our senior level officials. The reason I bring this up Mr. Speaker is the Nunatsiavut Government has a policy that policy is the same that applies to our public service. But, Mr. Speaker, that policy does not apply yet to our members and elected officials and Mr. Speaker from our experiences from the Transitional Government there were

issues of concern that we have to deal with and we really have to think about and that is our conduct on our in some cases our civil service workers and in other cases officials of the civil service.

Mr. Speaker that being said I want to say to our House that there are two areas, you minus the code of conduct that must not be let go to us as a government. One, is we as elected members must treat our public service with dignity and respect and in saying that, one of the examples is that at any given time including myself or high level official must not use profane language towards any of our public service and if there are other things that happen even though we can enforce proper rules for our conduct and if there are concerns, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that they be dealt with by the Executive Council, including myself. That's what happens. Mr. Speaker, one of the decisions that there has to be is to how we will start work together as a government, therefore, rather than doing an appointment, I would invite those members who are entrusted on working on this and I'm sure that the first one will quite likely be the Chair of the North West River Community Corporation, Mrs. Mina Campbell-Hibbs.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, at the end of this session and in the next session as the community begins to understand the Assembly, after today from our next sitting of the conference I will speak only in Inuktitut as a way of promoting our language. I would hope that this will help encourage not only our members but all people to think about learning to use the language and Mr. Speaker I believe it's the responsibility of this government to give opportunity to

anyone at all who wants to learn how to speak Inuktitut.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is our Cultural Centre's intent to produce by the end of August a learning tool, Rosetta Stone and it's a learning tool which will be available online, unfortunately Mr. Speaker, the Director of Tornngsok, she was trying to do some work on this until she fell ill but more sadly an employee of the old Labrador Inuit Association and Nunatsiavut, Rita Andersen is apparently having a bout of cancer and is just about ready to come back to work, she was the driving force and main tool in making Rosetta Stone happen and with that Mr. Speaker I will sit down and if anyone would like to ask any questions, they may wish to do so, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources, William Barbour.

**Mr. Barbour:** Again, as Minister, I'm not even sure that I should be asking right away but the question that I would like to ask Mr. Speaker, but before I do that I just want to say I am honored to be standing here and I am honored to be sitting here with my colleagues. The question that I would like to ask you is Mr. Speaker that in the Transitional Assembly were there, and I noticed that the President and the First Minister are wearing ties are we, at least the men required to wear traditional dress or a suit and a tie? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Speaker recognizes the President.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Mr. Speaker, if it's not traditional Inuit dress I would hope that at least a tie, a dress shirt and dress

pants will be worn by all Members of the Assembly. With respect to traditional clothing I hope that our Members will use traditional dress but we have to see what we can do in terms of a proper dress code for the Assembly, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Broomfield:** Are there any more questions at this time? The Speaker recognizes Honorable Member for Canadian Constituency.

**Mr. Pottle:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my question to the President is not a question per se but a bit more to the Rosetta Stone Project (inaudible)

**Mr. Broomfield:** The Chair recognizes the President.

**Mr. W. Andersen:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure how effective Rosetta Stone will be but it's a learning tool that will help us to promote our language. The Rosetta Stone is (inaudible) ensuring our language. The Project will consist of two CD's and the way it was done just over a year ago was the people from Rosetta Stone came to Nain and went out on the land to get a

better picture and what you will see in the CD is all, everything to that has to do with Labrador. There will be nothing on the CD that (inaudible) and then these pictures are written in English, voiced over in Inuktitut and I believe the second CD is basically the same thing but it teaches you how to start writing the language. According to the Director of our Cultural Department, the release date for the Rosetta Stone will be next year or so which will lead you after the first year (inaudible). This project is funded through the (inaudible)