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**kAVAMALIGIJET
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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

May 13, 2014 Day 1

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Sean Lyall

Deputy Speaker, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Patricia Ford

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak

Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak

Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Greg Flowers

Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak

Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake

AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Edward Tuttauik

Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy

**Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council,
Isabella Pain**

**Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, Rexanne
Crawford**

Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney

The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings

were recorded in Inuktitut and English.

May 13, 2014

Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on May 13, 2014

PRESIDENT LEO: Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order, the first session of the Third Assembly of Nunatsiavut, and I'd also like to ask Wilson Jararuse to come and say the opening prayer.

MR. JARARUSE: Prayer recited.

PRESIDENT LEO: Good morning, again. First of all I'd like to say what an honour it is to welcome some of you to your first sitting, and to welcome

the returning Members to the sitting of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly. I would also like to say I'm honoured to have so many elders here today to witness the swearing in of this new Assembly. This is a beginning of a new chapter for us as a government, and for Nunatsiavut. Last week the beneficiaries went to the polls and chose you as their Ordinary Members that will represent all of us for the next four years. I want to congratulate all of you again on your success in your campaign, and offer you my full support as members of this Assembly. All of us here know it takes a lot to run for public office, and those who have put their names forward and who were not successful also deserve to be commended for their efforts. And I think the families, as well, of the Members around the table, and those that did run, need to be commended for the support that they gave. And I want to thank those who have not returned for their years of service that they gave to the Nunatsiavut Government. The power around this Assembly lies in our ability, as elected officials, to reach out to all of our beneficiaries, to all of Nunatsiavummiut, to listen to their concerns, to recognize their challenges and to act in their best interest. As Members, we need to be understanding, patient, supportive, but above all united in what we do, and what is best for our people and our communities. We are all connected by a common bond and a shared hope for the future. As a consensus government, it is imperative that we not lose sight of the challenges at hand and

the goals and objectives we want to achieve on behalf of all of Nunatsiavummiut. On another note, I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the residents of Nain and Hopedale for taking time to welcome Clara Hughes to Nunatsiavut just a few short weeks ago. The six-time Canada Olympic medallist is travelling across the country as part of Clara's Big Ride to promote awareness of mental health issues. During her stop here in Hopedale, Clara took time to visit the school where she was greeted by more than 300 residents. She spoke about her struggles with mental illness and healing. She also talked about bullying, the importance of accessing the land to improve mental health and wellness. Resident Rénatus Onalik through interpreter Sybella Tuglavina, spoke to the audience on how he struggled in life, and how he's well on his healing journey. I want to commend Rénatus for having the courage to share his story. In Hopedale Clara had the honour of listening to the Moravian Church Choir who sang Labradorimuit along with the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." There was an Inuit games demonstration. Rosie Hurley had prepared a slide show on, "Affirmations. Focusing on the Youths." Clara was then treated to a dog sled ride thanks to Billy Jararuse before going on to Nain. In Nain she was greeted by about 250 residents, including the Junior Rangers. The youth from the "Growing Off, Growing Strong" program in Nain had put together a kamutik and mounted a bicycle on top of it so that Clara

Hughes, despite the snow, could still ride her bike as part of her big ride. The bike was towed by Team 59, Joey Angnatok and her husband got to ride with Sidney on the partnering skidoo, so it was quite exciting. This parade was followed by about 50 snowmobiles through the community. Later on in that evening we had Dorothy Angnatok, a resident in Nain, come up and share her personal story and her struggles. We were also treated by entertainment from the Sun Dogs, throat singers Samara Kohlmeister and Amelia Angnatok who are, I believe, eight years old. Beautiful performance. As well, more senior throat singers, April Andersen and Debbie Sue Angnatok. There was also a special cake made to mark the occasion. Certainly was an experience in Nain that evening. Later on this month I will be travelling to Kuujjuarapik in Nunavut to take part in another Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table in an effort to find ways to deal with the crisis facing the George River Caribou Herd, the Torngat Mountains Herd, as well, look at conservation measures for the Torngat Mountains Herd. Since the UPCART last met, we had received a joint letter from the provincial governments of Quebec and Newfoundland recognizing the formation of UPCART, as well as the efforts that UPCART have made to this point. At the next UPCART we are, as members of the UPCART, and as Aboriginal leaders, discussing how we want to involve the different governments in our efforts. I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff of

Department of Health and Social Development. They have been very, very busy over the last couple of months, more in the last month. As many of you are aware Norman Newman's boarding house closed down. That left 30 residents homeless and it was very short notice. It was basically we're closing down tomorrow. Michelle Kinney and Patricia Kemuksigak, who's a Minister, certainly took the lead in assisting these individuals, many of whom were beneficiaries, in finding a place to live. They worked very long hours. They worked with total commitment in partnership with different organizations in Goose Bay, including the Salvation Army, the Homeless Coalition and the Provincial Government. They've managed to find accommodations for most of these residents. I believe there may be one or two that they're still working on arrangements for. I'd also like to take this time to acknowledge Minister Kevin O'Brien, who is the Minister responsible for housing for the provincial government. He was very active on this, and I think it certainly helped in getting all of the accommodations sorted out for these residents. Right now in the absence of Newman's, we have different homes set up for these individuals, and part of the process was having some sort of an administrative support for the residents in the different homes that they took because they're basically living in assisted in Assisted Living. Nunatsiavut Government will be, through DHSD, running that program till the end of May where Melville Housing will take over and run those programs for them, and I

think that's a good indication of how we're beginning to work with the provincial government in finding solutions to the different issues and challenges that we face within Nunatsiavut and for Nunatsiavummiut and our beneficiaries. Before I close off, I want to acknowledge two individuals from Nunatsiavut whom we are very proud of. They are certainly role models, not only to our youth and their respective communities, but to all of us. The first one is Kayla Torarak of Hopedale here, as well as Justin Lyall of Nain. At just 22 years of age Kayla is Air Labrador's newest pilot. In fact, she's the first female pilot the company's ever had from Hopedale. It's quite an achievement for Kayla, and we are all very, very proud of her. Justin Lyall has been a member of the RCMP for nine years. He is from Nain, and he was just recently named police officer of the year by Newfoundland and Labrador Crime Stoppers. Constable Lyall, who is now stationed in Bonavista, is an active member of his community, not only as an RCMP officer, but as a volunteer. He has initiated, organized and facilitated the, "Law Enforcement Torch Run" in aid of Special Olympics several times during his career in Gander and now in Bonavista. Justin has been the team captain for three separate Movember campaigns, literally putting his money where his mouth is, and his efforts have led his team to raise \$10,000, a thousand of his, personally. Justin's presence in the Bonavista community has been felt in his service on the, "Unite the Bite Team Committee" that partnered that

volunteer non-profit, "Let Them Be Kids" organization, to fund and build a park for 12 small communities in the area. To participate on the committee he regularly travelled an hour to and from the meetings. These efforts towards the committee had paid off with \$280,000 in funds raised to build a memorial park that included an interactive playground. Justin's commitment to volunteerism may have been tested when he participated in uniform in a flash mob to raise awareness and support for mental illness and mental issues. A uniformed police officer doing a choreographed dance to Lady Gaga in front of hundreds of people certainly turned heads. Again, I want to welcome everyone here. I want to thank you for putting your names forward. I want to congratulate you on successful campaigns, and I look forward to working with all of you and supporting you in our efforts over the next few years. Thank you very much. And now onto business. For the information of the Assembly Members, we have two pages here. We have Colin Hunter and Joshua Kaunak who are our pages for today. Our interpreters are Augusta Irving and Wilson Jararuse. Robert Ford is our IT support helping out with this Assembly. I'd also like to recognize OkâlaKatiget for being here to videotape. We have Percy Ponniuk from Nain and Johansi Tuglavina from Hopedale, and for the Assembly Members, if there are any questions about travel, accommodations, logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. You'll notice in front of you, you have your briefing

books. In your briefing books are the Standing Orders, the Elected Officials Policies, the Members Handbook and the Deeds of the Inuit Trusts. These are reference documents that are strongly recommended that you keep handy during any Assembly Sitting. They're used quite a bit. And if they're a little overwhelming for the newer Members, we will do some orientation with regards to Assembly Members and what's in the books. At this time I'd like to acknowledge all of the people in the gallery. It's good to see a full gallery today. I want to acknowledge and thank the elders for coming in and being here to take part in this, our MHA, Mr. Randy Edmunds, who came down. And I see family members of the newly-elected officials who are being sworn in today, it's good to see them come here and support the Assembly and their families. Thank you for coming. At this time we'll carry on with the oath for the newly elected members. We'll do it in alphabetical order, and for those in the gallery, feel free to take pictures. What we will do once the oaths are done and completed and we're out of the Assembly Sitting, we will allow family members and individuals to come down and we'll go through the motions of the congratulations and the swearing in so that pictures can be taken at the floor level. All right? Are we good? We have the oath here that we can sign, and it'll be your choice if you want to make an oath or you want to be sworn in, and it's your choice. We understand everybody has their personal preference. Okay,

the first Ordinary Member I would like to call up is Roy Blake.
And you just repeat after me, all right? In the presence of
everyone assembled here.

ROY BLAKE: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

ROY BLAKE: And in the full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

ROY BLAKE: I assume...

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member.

ROY BLAKE: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

ROY BLAKE: And in the powers entrusted in me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of Labrador Inuit.

ROY BLAKE: And are for the benefit of Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I...

ROY BLAKE: I, Roy Blake.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear.

ROY BLAKE: Swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

ROY BLAKE: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

ROY BLAKE: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Sorry, and will obey...

ROY BLAKE: And will obey.

PRESIDENT LEO: Respect.

ROY BLAKE: Respect.

PRESIDENT LEO: And uphold.

ROY BLAKE: And uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

ROY BLAKE: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

ROY BLAKE: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

ROY BLAKE: And I...

PRESIDENT LEO: Solemnly.

ROY BLAKE: Solemnly.

PRESIDENT LEO: Promise.

ROY BLAKE: Promise.

PRESIDENT LEO: To fulfil.

ROY BLAKE: To fulfil.

PRESIDENT LEO: My responsibilities.

ROY BLAKE: My responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

ROY BLAKE: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

ROY BLAKE: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

ROY BLAKE: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

ROY BLAKE: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

ROY BLAKE: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations, and sign here. The next member is Tyler Edmunds of Postville. Okay. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

TYLER EDMUNDS: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the highest calling.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And in full realization of the highest calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

TYLER EDMUNDS: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of the Labrador Inuit.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And the powers that are trusted to me are for the benefit of the Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Tyler Edmund.

TYLER EDMUNDS: I, Tyler Edmunds.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear.

TYLER EDMUNDS: Swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

TYLER EDMUNDS: That I will be faithful to the Inuit and Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And will obey.

PRESIDENT LEO: Respect and uphold.

TYLER EDMUNDS: Respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

TYLER EDMUNDS: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And I solemnly promise.

PRESIDENT LEO: To fulfil my responsibilities as a leader.

TYLER EDMUNDS: To fulfil my responsibilities as a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

TYLER EDMUNDS: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability.

TYLER EDMUNDS: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

TYLER EDMUNDS: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations. The next Ordinary Member is Gregory Flowers of Hopedale. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

GREG FLOWERS: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

GREG FLOWERS: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

GREG FLOWERS: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

GREG FLOWERS: And the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

GREG FLOWERS: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Gregory Flowers.

GREG FLOWERS: I, Gregory Flowers.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit.

GREG FLOWERS: Swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

GREG FLOWERS: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

GREG FLOWERS: And I will...

PRESIDENT LEO: Obey.

GREG FLOWERS: Obey and respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws.

GREG FLOWERS: I will uphold the...

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit*.

GREG FLOWERS: The *Labrador Inuit*...

PRESIDENT LEO: *Constitution*.

GREG FLOWERS: *Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

GREG FLOWERS: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise.

GREG FLOWERS: And I solemnly promise.

PRESIDENT LEO: To fulfil my responsibilities.

GREG FLOWERS: To fulfil my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

GREG FLOWERS: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

GREG FLOWERS: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

GREG FLOWERS: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best my ability.

GREG FLOWERS: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

GREG FLOWERS: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations. The next member is Patricia Ford, who is an Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PATRICIA FORD: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

PATRICIA FORD: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PATRICIA FORD: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PATRICIA FORD: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PATRICIA FORD: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Patricia Ford.

PATRICIA FORD: I, Patricia Ford.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

PATRICIA FORD: Swear that I will be faithful.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

PATRICIA FORD: To the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PATRICIA FORD: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PATRICIA FORD: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

PATRICIA FORD: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

PATRICIA FORD: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

PATRICIA FORD: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

PATRICIA FORD: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PATRICIA FORD: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

PATRICIA FORD: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

PATRICIA FORD: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: I assume, as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Patricia Kemuksigak.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: I, Patricia Kemuksigak.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: Swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey...

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And...

PRESIDENT LEO: ...respect and uphold.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: As a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

SEAN LYALL: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

SEAN LYALL: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

SEAN LYALL: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

SEAN LYALL: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Sean Lyall.

SEAN LYALL: I, Sean Lyall.

PRESIDENT LEO: Solemnly affirm.

SEAN LYALL: Solemnly affirm.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

SEAN LYALL: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

SEAN LYALL: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

SEAN LYALL: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

SEAN LYALL: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

SEAN LYALL: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

SEAN LYALL: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

SEAN LYALL: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions as a member.

SEAN LYALL: And to perform my functions as a member.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability.

SEAN LYALL: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations. Kate Mitchell. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

KATE MITCHELL: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

KATE MITCHELL: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

KATE MITCHELL: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

KATE MITCHELL: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

KATE MITCHELL: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Kate Mitchell.

KATE MITCHELL: I, Kate Mitchell.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit.

KATE MITCHELL: Swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

KATE MITCHELL: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

KATE MITCHELL: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

KATE MITCHELL: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

KATE MITCHELL: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

KATE MITCHELL: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

KATE MITCHELL: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

KATE MITCHELL: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

KATE MITCHELL: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

KATE MITCHELL: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

KATE MITCHELL: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Richard Pamak. Assembled here.

RICHARD PAMAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

RICHARD PAMAK: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

RICHARD PAMAK: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

RICHARD PAMAK: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

RICHARD PAMAK: Are for the benefit for all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Richard Pamak.

RICHARD PAMAK: I, Richard Piercy Thomas Pamak.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear.

RICHARD PAMAK: Swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

RICHARD PAMAK: That I will be faithful to the Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to Nunatsiavut.

RICHARD PAMAK: And to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

RICHARD PAMAK: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

RICHARD PAMAK: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit laws.

RICHARD PAMAK: And all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibilities.

RICHARD PAMAK: And I solemnly promise to fulfil all my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

RICHARD PAMAK: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

RICHARD PAMAK: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

RICHARD PAMAK: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

RICHARD PAMAK: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

RICHARD PAMAK: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Danny Pottle. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

DANNY POTTLE: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

DANNY POTTLE: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

DANNY POTTLE: I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And that the powers entrusted to me.

DANNY POTTLE: And that the powers entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

DANNY POTTLE: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Danny Pottle.

DANNY POTTLE: I, Danny Pottle.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

DANNY POTTLE: Swear that I will be faithful.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

DANNY POTTLE: To the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And will obey, respect and uphold.

DANNY POTTLE: And will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

DANNY POTTLE: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And all Inuit law.

DANNY POTTLE: And all Inuit law.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I do solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

DANNY POTTLE: And I solemnly promise to fulfil my responsibility.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

DANNY POTTLE: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to perform my functions.

DANNY POTTLE: And to perform my functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

DANNY POTTLE: As a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: To the best of my ability.

DANNY POTTLE: To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

DANNY POTTLE: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: Member to be sworn in is Darryl Shiwak from Rigolet. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

DARRYL SHIWAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the high calling.

DARRYL SHIWAK: And in full realization of the high calling.

PRESIDENT LEO: I assume, as a Member.

DARRYL SHIWAK: I assume, as a Member.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

DARRYL SHIWAK: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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PRESIDENT LEO: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

DARRYL SHIWAK: Are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Darryl Shiwak.

DARRYL SHIWAK: I, Darryl Shiwak.

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PRESIDENT LEO: Thanks. All right, now we're going to proceed in going to a Committee on the Whole for the selection of appointment of First Minister. Before we get into the nominations, the elections and the appointment, itself, I'm going to ask Veryan Haysom, who's a legal consultant to the Nunatsiavut Assembly or Nunatsiavut Government, to come and go through what's involved in the different ministerial positions as well as touch on Members of the Assembly responsibilities and roles. Veryan. One thing I want to add, Veryan will be, he might talk fast. He may say things you don't understand, so feel free to ask him any questions because he does get quite technical sometimes and he has to be brought down to our level.

MR. HAYSOM: Thank you, Madam President, and I add my formal congratulations to all of the Ordinary Members who have been elected to office. This is where you get to find out what you've now sworn to do. Members have to decide on who should be First Minister, who should be the Ministers, and who should be

the Speaker, and the purpose of my presentation now is to give members of the Assembly an outline of their various functions and roles before you proceed with your decisions. Hopefully, this will help you to decide whether you will accept office, although I think some of you have already decided. And the other decision, of course, that you have to make is who you're going to support in these decisions that have to be made. The roles and responsibilities of both Ordinary Members of the Assembly and of Ministers are shaped to a large extent by the functions of the Assembly on the one hand, and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council on the other hand. And so what I will do is, is to talk, first of all, briefly, about the functions of the Assembly and the functions of the Executive Council, and then once I've done that I will go back and look at the roles and responsibilities of Members of the Assembly, followed by roles and responsibilities of the Ministers, who are the Members of the Executive Council. When looking at the Executive Council, I'll focus on two aspects of the job. One is the responsibilities that Members of the Council have to the Council as a whole, and the other is their individual responsibilities as Ministers. And then, lastly, I'll talk about the role and functions of the Speaker because that is the other key decision that you have to make. All of this will take me about half an hour, and if I am going to get through everything that I have to say within that kind of time, I'm going to have my head down, and if I'm not getting through to

anybody, please signal me. I know that the old hands won't hesitate to do so, and as the President said, interrupt me if you don't understand what I'm talking about. All right? So, an outline of the functions of the Assembly: In very general terms, the Nunatsiavut Assembly is the legislative or the law-making body of the Nunatsiavut Government. This is important because no power can be exercised by anyone in the Nunatsiavut Government unless they do it in accordance with law. So all powers executed or exercised by the Ministers have to be found under some law. And it is this body, the Assembly, that makes the law. And in that sense, it is this Assembly that grants powers to the Minister and to the Executive, and it's also this Assembly that regulates the way that they exercise their powers. In addition to that, the functions of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are to represent the Labrador Inuit and to ensure that the government of Nunatsiavut by the elected representatives of the Labrador Inuit under the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and Inuit laws are properly carried out. Obviously you get to decide who's going to be First Minister of Nunatsiavut. You get to decide who should be members of the Executive Council and who should be Speaker, and you also get to decide whether you maintain confidence in them. So that, having made your decision, the question after that is whether or not your confidence has been well-placed, and you can always defeat a government and remove a person from office if they no longer have your

confidence as an Assembly. The Assembly provides a forum for public and open debate for public and open consideration of the issues affecting the Labrador Inuit and Nunatsiavut, and matters that are important to them. As mentioned, the Assembly makes laws for the government of the Labrador Inuit, the Labrador Inuit communities, and the Inuit Community Corporations, which together constitute Nunatsiavut. The Assembly authorizes the raising and spending of money. So Nunatsiavut Government revenues and Nunatsiavut Government spending are approved through the budget and that is a function of the Assembly.

Lastly, you oversee actions by the Executive Council and you do this by ensuring that Ministers and the Council answer for their actions in the Assembly and also you monitor to ensure that they are reporting on their stewardship of the government. As explained by the President last evening and again this morning, the Assembly operates by consensus. Consensus is not simply agreement or simply unanimity. Consensus is grounded in equality between members. It's grounded in respect among Members. It's based on informed decision-making, and it's based on the common objective of what is in the best interests of the Inuit. It's a process of walking together and working together in order to decide together, and all Members of the Assembly are expected, in their functions and in their roles, to work towards consensus and in that spirit. Where consensus is not possible, of course, decisions can and will be made by votes,

and are generally made by majority vote. There are, however, some occasions when special majorities are required. Those will be brought to your attention as and when they arise. Next I'd like to outline the functions of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Under the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* the executive authority of the Nunatsiavut Government is given to the President of Nunatsiavut and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Essentially, the Executive Council acts as a council of advice for the President and a council of guidance for the President, and in order for her to carry out her functions she must have the support of the Executive Council. The President is at the head of the Nunatsiavut Government. She's an ordinary member of the Assembly and a member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. She chairs the Executive Council and is a Minister with responsibilities for the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, including inter-governmental affairs. As the Chief Executive Officer of the government, the President acts, as I've said, with the advice and consent of the other members of the NEC. And that's why it is very important for her to be sure that the other members of the NEC who are advising her and supporting her have the confidence of the people's elected representatives. So, the First Minister becomes the First Minister with the support of the Assembly, and the First Minister is obviously a Member of the Executive Council. The other Ordinary Members become Members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council because the

Assembly has endorsed the First Minister's nomination of them. And so when the President makes her appointment, she's appointing people that she is satisfied have your support. Together the Executive Council acts as and in the name of the Nunatsiavut Government. It's responsible to the Assembly and, as I've said, if the Assembly loses confidence in the Executive Council, it can defeat the government. The functions of the Executive Council are to organize and run the Nunatsiavut Government, to implement and administer Inuit laws, to take overall responsibility for Nunatsiavut Government programs and services, to set Nunatsiavut Government policies and priorities, oversee and co-ordinate all departments and divisions of the government, oversee the Nunatsiavut Civil Service (in other words, the government's employees), set the government's legislative agenda and prepare and initiate laws or legislation, including the budget, and to take ultimate responsibility for the proper administration of the government and its funds. So those are the two main functions. Looking now at how that boils down to individual responsibilities, in the Assembly, all members of the Assembly have the following roles and responsibilities: First, you participate in sittings of the Assembly and you carry on the business of the Assembly. This involves deciding who will be in senior positions within the government, debating bills to change laws or to make new ones, participating on committees and consulting the Inuit public so that the people you represent have

their voices brought to the table. You also represent your constituents in the Assembly by presenting petitions, making statements, asking questions, raising local issues of concern, and using the rules and procedures of the Assembly to advance and accommodate the interests of your constituents in the Assembly discussions and process. Between sittings, Members are expected to use their offices and the time that they have to help constituents in dealing with governments, convening constituency meetings and attending important constituency activities and functions, meeting with constituents to deal with things like emails, phone calls, letters, and meeting or contacting other members of the Assembly to discuss common concerns, policies and strategies, and then meeting or contacting Members of the Executive Council in order to press information and views about the Inuit and Inuit concerns into governmental consideration. Members of the Assembly are not bosses of, and do not give direction to the Nunatsiavut Civil Service. That's a function for the Executive Council and Ministers. Members of the Assembly do not set Nunatsiavut Government policies or priorities, or run or direct Nunatsiavut Government programs or services. Members of the Assembly cannot introduce bills that authorize the spending of Nunatsiavut Government money. Only the First Minister and the Minister of Finance can do that. Nor can Members make contracts on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. Again, that's a function of the Executive Council

and the Ministers. Last, but very important, all Members of the Assembly are subject to the *Code of Conduct*. The Code demands the highest standards of conduct from all elected officials. It establishes a code of ethical behaviour, including conflict of interest rules, which must be followed. The *Code of Conduct* is one of the toughest in this country. A breach of the code can lead to you being expelled from the Assembly. So next is an outline of the roles and responsibilities of Members of the Executive Council. Individual members of the Executive Council are Ministers. Only Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are eligible to serve as Ministers. Ministers, as Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly must carry out their roles and responsibilities as Members of the Assembly and, in addition, their roles and responsibilities as Members of the Executive Council. Under the *Code of Conduct* Members of the Executive Council are subject to a special additional rule that is intended to prevent conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. A Member of the Executive Council must not have any other job or practise any other profession, must not carry on a business and must not hold any outside directorships. There are exceptions on that which allow you to hold directorships in religious organizations or community not-for-profit organizations. A person who becomes a Member of the Executive Council has 60 days from their appointment to comply with this rule. You can comply by resigning from the

outside interests or, in the case of a business, putting it into a blind trust. A member who's not willing to do this should not accept nomination to the Executive Council. Ministers, as Members of the NEC, have both, as I said, collective responsibility for the Executive Council and individual ministerial responsibilities. An outline of each level of responsibility follows. When it comes to collective responsibilities, the NEC is like a cabinet. It is a political forum, but at the same time it's like a board of directors. It is the directing mind of the government. Ministers have a duty to participate in the proceedings of the Executive Council just as Members have a duty to participate in the proceedings of the Assembly. The NEC meets often, not always in person, but it meets often. At meetings of the NEC Ministers have a duty to be informed about the issues that have to be decided. They have a duty to represent their departments and introduce, explain, and lead discussion on initiatives that their departments are taking. Members of the Executive Council debate important issues related to Nunatsiavut Government policies, programs and actions, and they raise issues of concern to ensure that the views of Inuit are taken into account in decisions. Like the Assembly, they achieve their decisions by consensus. They set the legislative agenda for the government. They develop and provide support for the President, for the First Minister, and for each other, and they are expected to be loyal to the government and to their colleagues on the Executive

Council. It's the function of the First Minister to lead the Members of the Executive Council in achieving consensus, and it's the function of the First Minister to articulate the consensus of the Executive Council. It's the function of the President, as Chair of the Executive Council, to ensure that the process of achieving consensus is done fairly, as well as efficiently, and that the decisions are clear and capable of being put into effect. Once the NEC makes a decision the principle of collective responsibility, which is also known as cabinet solidarity in the senior governments, allows the Executive Council to act as a group so that they are held accountable in the Assembly for the government's actions and decisions as a whole. The principle of collective responsibility is the ability to speak with one voice and it requires that Ministers support decisions made by the NEC, even if in arriving at those decisions they have dissented or had differing views so that when dealing with the public and the Assembly there is a common front. A major function of the NEC is to organize the Nunatsiavut Government. This is done at the highest level by dividing up responsibilities among the individual members of the Council and allocating both staff and financial resources to them as Ministers so that they can carry out their responsibilities. In effect, the administrative work of the Executive Council taken as a whole is done by dividing the work up between the various members and so there is then also individual responsibility. The departments of the Nunatsiavut

Government and the ministerial portfolios, I think you all know, but very briefly and quickly they are the Nunatsiavut Secretariat with the President as the responsible Minister, the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs with the First Minister as responsible Minister; Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Treasurer, who is a required Member of the Executive Council fills those functions. There is Land and Natural Resources; Culture, Recreation and Tourism; Education and Economic Development; and last, but not least, Health and Social Development. So each Minister has a responsibility for one of those departments. The responsibilities are found in the Acts. So, for example, when it comes to Land and Natural Resources the responsibilities are found in the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* when it comes to the enrolment of beneficiaries, which is a function of the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, that is found in the *Beneficiaries Enrolment Act*. And in addition to that, the responsibilities of Ministers are found in the Nunatsiavut Government Organization Order which is an Order established by the Executive Council dividing the government up along the lines that we have just discussed. Because the powers and functions of Ministers are governed by law, one of the responsibilities of Ministers is to come to grips with the laws that they are responsible for administering. So you must know your *Act*, and you must know all applicable laws. Ministers are also responsible for accounting back to the Assembly for how they

perform their functions. From an administrative point of view, the Minister is the Chief Executive Officer of his department or her department. This means that they're the highest ranking member of the department, and they have certain functions to perform. They're in charge of giving direction to the department. They preside over the department's operations. They can end up being the chief decision maker for the department. They motivate departmental staff. They advocate and communicate on behalf of their departments, and they drive departmental change. Each Minister has the support of an assistant known as a Deputy Minister. Deputy Ministers are the deputy heads of the departments and they are Members of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service. They are responsible for the day-to-day management of the department and its staff, and staff answer to the Minister through the Deputy Minister. Ministers receive confidential advice from their staff and from their departments in order to carry out their ministerial functions. The idea behind individual ministerial responsibility is that if there are issues that have to be resolved within a department, the Minister takes responsibility for it. In a worst case scenario, if there's waste, corruption or other wrong-doing within a department, the Minister is responsible even if she or he has no knowledge of it, personally. And, if necessary, will or should offer their resignation or can be required to resign. So individual ministerial responsibility guarantees accountability to the Assembly and through the

Assembly to the Inuit, and by making the Ministers individually responsible, it emphasizes the need for them to take their roles and responsibilities seriously. In conclusion, there are a few things that I want to say about the responsibilities that belong to the First Minister. As we all know, he gets to choose who will be or she gets to choose who will be on the Executive Council. The First Minister can also request that the President remove ministers from office, and for these reasons the First Minister is the leader of the Executive Council in the sense that he leads the people that he has brought onto the Executive Council, or she leads them, to consensus. The other ministers owe a measure of loyalty to the First Minister. This is not simply a system of political and personal loyalties, however. As you've seen, ministers have serious responsibilities, and the First Minister, in selecting and nominating Ministers, is saying that he or she considers the candidate to be qualified to contribute to an effective Executive Council and qualified to run a department and its staff. The First Minister acts as Chief Councillor to the President and must communicate and work closely and co-operatively with the President. The First Minister also presides over the NEC in the absence of the President or when she wishes to participate directly in the debate. The First Minister can require the President to convene meetings of the NEC, and the First Minister also acts as President if the President is absent or unable to act. That's it in terms of your roles and

responsibilities as Members of the Assembly, the roles and responsibilities of the First Minister and Ministers. The last thing is the position of Speaker. The Speaker can be thought of as the chairperson of the Assembly when it is meeting and as the chief operating officer responsible for the management and administration of the Assembly's business. The main functions of the Speaker are found in the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. They are to represent and speak for the Assembly, to preside over meetings and debates of the Assembly, to maintain order in the Assembly, to enforce or lead you in following the Standing Orders and procedures, which will be talked about in detail later on, and to ensure that the Assembly operates efficiently. In order to get its work done in a business-like way, the Assembly has rules and procedures that are set out in the Standing Orders and they are referred to as the Standing Orders. It's the speaker's duty to interpret these rules if there are any questions about them, how they apply, or what they mean. It's the speaker's duty to lead you in following the rules and ensuring that the rules of procedure are followed and are followed fairly. It's the Speaker's duty to maintain order in the house and to uphold the rights and privileges of the Members. You can see that when interpreting and enforcing the rules and procedures the speaker has to be able to do so with independence, fairness, impartiality and also patience and understanding. These are all qualities that one should look for in a speaker or keep in mind

when considering nominations for appointment. In order to maintain impartiality, the Speaker does not usually vote or participate in the debates in the Assembly. The Speaker does get to cast a deciding vote in the event of a tie and the Speaker also gets to vote when a special majority is required for a specific decision. One of the duties of the Speaker is to appoint a Deputy Speaker to act in his or her place when they are unable to act and will also act as speaker if the Speaker, herself or himself, wishes to participate in the debate. The Speaker acts as chairperson of the Member Services Committee and of the Committee on Rules and Procedures. As Chief Operating Officer of the Assembly, the speaker is responsible for the Assembly staff and gives direction to Assembly staff, principally the Clerk, and is also responsible for services such as the Hansard and translation. Lastly, the speaker has a very important role and function to play under the *Code of Conduct*. This gives the Speaker the responsibility for investigating and deciding complaints about breaches of the *Code of Conduct* or, in serious cases, referring breaches to the Assembly for decision. This role again requires impartiality, but it also requires decisiveness and the ability to do what is right in difficult circumstances involving your colleagues, your fellow members. The speaker, like Ministers, answers to the Assembly and must have the confidence and respect of the Assembly in order to lead it well. That's all I have to say about that. Good luck in

your deliberations. Are there any questions, anything that you want me to elaborate on?

PRESIDENT LEO: Just a second, Charlotte. Tyler.

MR. EDMUNDS: Where the Executive Council antagonizes the common voice and makes that intent public that they're going against the common voice, is that considered defamation against the NEC and will there be punitive action for that?

MR. HAYSOM: No, it's not considered defamatory or defamation. The basic understanding is that if you cannot support a decision of the Executive Council, you should tender your resignation, so that then you're no longer a part of the government, can stand outside it, and can question it and oppose its decisions. If, however, you don't tender your resignation then because the First Minister and the President have the power to remove you from office, they can take that step in order to get rid of the dissent within the Cabinet. Okay?

PRESIDENT LEO: AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Veryan, by the way that's the clearest time I ever heard you explain anything so, thank you. But all I'm going to say is that really unless I was brand new and I couldn't understand what was going on, this is really the first time that I seen and heard all this. Like, we were learning, ourselves. I came in, I guess, in the middle of a mandate almost and I guess some of this stuff wasn't introduced, but I really think that was really beneficial

and really good introduction to how this works and I want to thank you and tell the people who are just coming in how lucky you are to have this. It might have been done in another forum, but how lucky you are to have this outline, almost, for how things work so, thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

If there are no more questions for Mr. Haysom, we'll get into the nominations for First Minister. Thank you, Veryan. For the nomination of First Minister, I think most of us were briefed on this. It is required. One nominator is required. The process we'll follow, we're still in a Committee as Whole, and the seasoned Assembly Members will understand the importance of that. How we'll proceed with the selection of First Minister, if there is more than one nomination, each of the candidates will be given 10 minutes to speak. We'll follow along the guidelines of the Committee on the Whole process. Each of the individuals will be given 10 minutes to speak. After they have spoken, each Member of the Assembly will be given an opportunity to make a statement or ask a question. Once every member of the Assembly has had an opportunity to speak or ask a question or make a comment, and then any Members who wish to make an additional comment or ask an additional question will be given the opportunity. Once that is done, we will take a break and then we will come back and look for either consensus. If there is more than one candidate, we will not go for consensus. Or if

there are more than two candidates, we will not go for consensus, we will go straight to secret ballot, and once the secret ballot is done, the First Minister has to have majority votes from the Assembly. So we will, if we have two, the candidate with the majority number of votes will be appointed. If we have more than two candidates, we will do a run-off. Are there any questions on the process we will use for selection of First Minister? Any Assembly Member can nominate for the First Minister position. If there are no questions on the process I will now open the floor up for nominations. AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to nominate one of the Ordinary Members for Nain, Richard Pamak.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member Pamak, do you accept?

MR. PAMAK: Yes, I do, President Leo, thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madam President. I nominate the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Kate Mitchell. I feel confident that she is capable and has the ability and qualifications for this position. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you, Ordinary Mitchell, do you accept?

MS MITCHELL: Yes, Madam President, I do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member, Ford.

MS FORD: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to nominate Dan Pottle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Do you accept?

MR. POTTLE: Yes, Nakummek, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO: Honourable Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake. Ordinary Member, Shiwak. Do you accept?

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes.

PRESIDENT LEO: Do we have any other nominations? Nominations for First Minister are now closed. What we will do is we will go in order of nomination and give each candidate 10 minutes to speak. So we'll start with Ordinary Member Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you. Thank you very much for the nomination. Before I go into and giving you a reason why I'd like to be your First Minister, I just want to take this time to really send my deepest condolences to the Lidd family. The Lidd family recently just lost one of Nunatsiavut's young daughters. Jacklyn, just barely turned 21 years old and she lost her life quickly to cancer. Deepest condolences goes out to the Lidd family, the Kolmeister family and the Leo family. Thank you. Well, thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen, for giving me the confidence to represent you as First Minister in the House of Assembly. I come to you with a lot of experience. I represented you as a vice president in the past. I represented the Town of Nain as mayor. I sat with

many or some of you here today at the discussion tables with the province, with the federal government, not only in the capacity of LIA at the time, and as a mayor. I know everybody in this Assembly today. I see strong people. I see strong voices, and hopefully it's going to bring that forward, bring us forward in the development and implementation of our *Land Claims Agreement*. I'm, as many of you may have known, I've, I'm a strong outspoken person from my community. And I will continue to do that. I'm also a very strong on implementing the *Land Claims Agreement*. We took an oath today and was sworn in to respect all Labrador Inuit, regardless of your location, but I'm very strong on focusing on the Land Claim's area. And I'm going to make it very known. I look forward to working with you. We have a lot of new faces, young, and we have a lot of experience. Some have been here for four years or more. So with that I just want to again thank you, AngajukKâk Tony for giving me the confidence to run as a First Minister. I've heard what Veryan had to say. Big responsibility as First Minister. Big responsibility for Minister. And big responsibility for Ordinary Member, and elected officials meaning northwest and outside Canada. You know, we have to look at Labrador Inuit as a whole, but we have to implement our *Land Claims Agreement* too. I'm strong on that. I think I can do it. And if I'm selected as your First Minister, I will work hard. I'll work hard with the Ministers and with the rest of the Executive Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you Ordinary Member Pamak. Ordinary Member Mitchell. Just for the newer members that are not familiar with the Assembly Sitting, when you speak in the Assembly, this will all be part of the training tomorrow and I understand some of you are new, but I want to thank Ordinary Member Pamak for that, but you are expected to stand when you speak and address the Assembly. Thank you.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. Sorry about that, but not a very good time to get a dry throat. Okay. First of all I'd like to thank our AngajukKâk from Makkovik for nominating me for position of First Minister. I think I come to this Assembly pretty well experienced, I guess, where I spent six years as Deputy Minister to the Secretariat. I sat on the Joint Management Committee so I'm aware, too, of issues and concerns with our other communities, and I'm well aware that any, you know, once you're elected that you don't only represent your community, but like we took our oath and we said all Labrador Inuit. So, like I said, you know, most people here know me and I accept your position, I mean, your decision, and I'm just proud to be able to stand here and, you know, run for First Minister. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you Ordinary Member Mitchell. Ordinary Member Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madam Chair. Ullâkut Illonasi. Nakummek. Thank you to the Ordinary Member for Canada for nominating me for First Minister. I graciously accept the nomination and I ask the

Assembly to support my nomination and I thank you in advance for doing so. As most of you know, under the direction of the First Minister, the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs is responsible for the overall management of the Nunatsiavut Government and is specifically responsible for ensuring the implementation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. It is vital that all three parties, the federal government, the provincial government and the Nunatsiavut Government fulfil their particular obligations under the *Agreement*. The implementation plan that accompanies the *Agreement* must be followed, reviewed and revised as per the *Agreement*.

Nunatsiavut Affairs is also responsible for the following services. Registrar beneficiaries, legal services, community relations, housing, community justice and public property. I believe that the First Minister must have a thorough understanding of how the Nunatsiavut Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly operates and functions. First Minister must have first-hand understanding of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, and other core Inuit laws that govern the Nunatsiavut Government. In order to have that understanding and knowledge, one must have the political experience that only can be gained by having been closely embedded in the functioning and operation of the Nunatsiavut Government. I believe I do have that skill set to fulfil the duties of First Minister based on both my reputation and my personal

and professional experience. For the benefit of newly-elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly I would like you to know a little more of my personal and professional background. I am from Rigolet and despite the fact that I currently reside in St. John's, I continue to maintain a residence in Rigolet and a connection to my home community and to Nunatsiavut. I hold a Bachelor of Recreation from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor Social Work from Memorial University. I also have college diplomas in drafting, nursing assistance, and community recreation leadership. I am grateful to the former Labrador Inuit Association for supporting my post-secondary education, and it has always been my dream to use my education and professional experience to help make a brighter future for the Inuit of Labrador. I have worked extensively in the fields of geriatric and paediatric nursing, community recreation, psychiatric social work and crisis intervention, and as the Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Currently as a volunteer I am the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the St. John's Native Friendship Centre. During my past tenor with the LIA I held position as Financial Management Trainee, Native Liaison Officer, Acting Director of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and as Implementation Planner, Negotiator for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. I also co-ordinated the ratification process in Labrador for the vote to ratify the

Agreement and I also co-ordinated some components of the transition plan for LIA to become the Nunatsiavut Government. As I previously stated during the last eight years, I have been Ordinary Member for Canada in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. In that I held the position of Deputy Speaker and Speaker of the Assembly as well as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Acting Minister of Health and Social Development and Culture, Recreation and Tourism. As Ordinary Member, some of my main accomplishments include ensuring legislative compliance for additional representation for Canada, advocated for overall legislative compliance across all areas of governance. Been a member and chair of numerous Nunatsiavut Assembly committees. As the Chair of the *Code of Conduct* Committee, I introduced the bill for the *Code of Conduct* for elected officials, partly initiated by my concern and complaints regarding elected officials conduct. I've advocated for fiscal responsibility. I've lobbied for improved policy and program development. I've lobbied for improved communication and accountability within government and lobbied for fairness and equity for all beneficiaries. Was able to man effective communication with constituents and other stakeholders, ensuring Canadian participation in conferences and workshops, and I've worked effectively with all politicians and departments of the Nunatsiavut Government. My next part of my statement, Madam Chair, may be somewhat rhetorical for those who may

have heard my speech for First Minister four years ago, and for those members who have read the Nunatsiavut Assembly Hansard, I believe I have to reiterate some of that rhetoric, Madam Speaker. Because I've heard it many times, and I've heard it again this week that the First Minister must be from Nunatsiavut. The *Labrador Inuit Constitution* provides for the First Minister to be chosen from or among Ordinary Members and not from among where those Ordinary Members reside. The Nunatsiavut Assembly is comprised of seven constituencies and each Ordinary Member must be given equal consideration if so nominated to hold the office of First Minister based on his or her merits, and to believe otherwise is contrary to the provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* which promotes equality and inclusion. The *Labrador Inuit Constitution* does not promote inequality and bias, and for those that do so I believe is a direct violation of the *Constitution*, which each and every member of the Assembly has taken an oath to uphold. The First Minister must have the respect of the Assembly, and the First Minister must be fair and respect the opinions of each and every one of us, whether that is the opinion of the politicians, civil service or beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. The First Minister must be able to identify with and understand issues within Nunatsiavut, and who is better to understand those dynamics than someone who has lived and overcome adversity. During my 55 years on this earth my family and I have lived with

abandonment as children, family dysfunction and breakdown, poverty, family violence, alcoholism and addiction, suicide, murder, discrimination and racism, residential schools, relocation, and the list could go on. I believe that our beneficiaries would benefit from my life experiences because they can identify with me and with the issues that many of us are still struggling to overcome today. I would like to use my personal and professional experiences to ensure a brighter and prosperous future for the Inuit of Labrador. In moving forward, the Nunatsiavut Government must do its utmost to quash the sense of disparity and exclusion that many of our Members continue to identify as an ongoing concern. If we are to be united we must be solidified as a group and not marginalized and excluded. We are all of Nunatsiavut. It is our heritage and our future, and we must move forward in support of one another if we are to prosper and to sustain our culture. We must be proud of our history and we must believe in our future, if we are to emerge as healthy and productive Labrador Inuit society. I believe that the First Minister in consultation with the President and with the support of the Assembly must challenge the status quo of the governments of Canada in Newfoundland and Labrador. We must constructively criticize and confront the thinking of the other two parties to the *Agreement*, and we must bring forth solutions and recommendations to challenge the status quo, whether that be related to issues such as housing,

marine, air and ground transportation, and access to a reliable power source if we are to develop our resource potential to create more opportunities in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and in Labrador Inuit Lands. I believe that the First Minister must comfortably assert the authority vested in the position and provide support and advice to all Ministers. The First Minister must be available and responsive to the needs of the Nunatsiavut Government and all elected officials. I believe that the First Minister must work with the President to facilitate an annual Nunatsiavut Government retreat whereby all elected officials opinions are sought to provide an ongoing vision for the Nunatsiavut Government. The First Minister must also facilitate annual departmental reviews of its respective missions and mandates and, if necessary, to revise the mission mandate as well as the goals and objectives to carry out those missions and those mandates. I believe I have the skills and abilities to undertake the duties and responsibilities of First Minister, and I look forward to moving ahead as a team solidified and united in our approach, and dedicated to improve the quality for all Labrador Inuit. I believe I have earned the respect of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and my fellow Inuit because I believe in you, and I support you. Nakummek, fellow Members of the Assembly for supporting my nomination for the First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member Shiwak.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Madam Chair. First, I'd like to thank everybody for having the opportunity to once again be a candidate for First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government, something that over the last four years I've been very proud to do. We have had many ups and downs, many challenges, but I think as a government we have grown and I have grown with the Executive Council. First, I'd like to thank Mr. Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for nominating me. In light of the hockey game last night I have to forgive the anything but Montreal stance for or ABM as I call it, another name for Toronto. Some days they're spewing out goodness and other days they're out of order. Sorry, Roy. But I'd like to congratulate all the other nominees for running for First Minister. We have a wealth of knowledge in the three of you, and the Assembly has a very hard decision because each one of these people, these nominees, these Assembly Members will make a very good leader for the Nunatsiavut Government. The last four years has been a great learning experience for me, a great growing experience in the First Minister's role. Through all my experience in Nunatsiavut Government, seven and a half years, I have seen three Presidents. I have worked with two as First Minister. And I know the importance of working with the President and with the Executive Council. One of the biggest

roles that we have as an Executive Council is ensuring of the adequate and the responsibility of reporting to this Assembly. This Assembly gives its mandate to the Executive Council and gives its approval to the Executive Council. And the reporting is a key element. Some of the other important roles with the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, through my experience that is important through membership. Membership is one of those issues. It's the core of what we are; who we are as beneficiaries to the *Land Claims Agreement*, but it's a hot button issue. Many people lose their membership through what is set out in the *Act*. Many people don't understand it. We, as politicians, me as the Minister for the last four years could not interfere with that process. It's a very strict process. I understood that. But we work to ensure that the Membership office and the laws that we have in place address issues to make it fair and reflect what is in the *Land Claims Agreement*. Under another issue, which is housing, housing especially here in Hopedale and in Nain, is in a critical state. It needs to be addressed and addressed immediately. There's other issues in the other communities as well that need to be addressed. We understand that and we need to put strategy in place in something that we have started. There is a strategy started that to address those issues. But housing is so big that there's other issues that need to be dealt with as well. That's why we need a strategy to deal with what's coming out of the housing needs assessment, and relates that to

the people and make sure that everybody focuses on what needs to happen, like I say, especially here in Hopedale and Nain, but in the other communities with regards to housing so that everybody in all the communities have adequate housing. We have other issues like transportation that was under the First Minister. We try to push transportation issues, whether it's for the ferry service, the freight service, roads or whatever. We are isolated here in Nunatsiavut. We need to ensure that we have a ferry service, which is our highway, and that it's working properly, that we should not be questioning that every year. That is what I've been bringing to the provincial government. That is what I've been bringing to the federal government saying, look, we want to work with you. We want to take the lead on this, but you need to give us the right transportation systems. Other issues like legal and justice. As a government we face many issues daily that we need legal interpretation that need legal representation. We have to ensure that we have that in place to ensure that our rights under the *Land Claims Agreement* are protected. To ensure that we are doing stuff right as an Executive Council that do not goes outside of our laws. One of the key functions of the First Minister, and it's probably the most underlying function is the role on the Executive Council. What the First Minister, whoever is elected, they will do will select the Ministers. I, myself, a few people have asked me who are you selecting for Ordinary Member, I want to

know. My response, I cannot tell you that because I have a process in place for selecting Ministers. That process is again to work with the President. If I were to be selected as First Minister I would look at the President to look at what candidates we have, based on what they bring to the table, what they can offer as a First Minister, where they fit. Obviously, we're in Nunatsiavut, so that's where the majority of the Assembly sits. So we have to take that into account in putting your Ministers in place. You have the majority of people residing within Nunatsiavut, so it would make sense that the majority of Ministers would sit on the Executive Council from the communities. That's not saying that that's the way it would happen, but you take that into account. Another function of the First Minister is residing over how that Executive Council works. You have to make some very hard decisions sometimes with Ministers or within the Executive Council to ensure that it functions properly, that it meets its mandate. If Ministers are performing well, you applaud. If they are not, you make sure that they do. It's a very difficult job. You may sit there and ask, well, why should I vote for him? Number one, I'm a Hab's fan. Don't hold it against me. I have respect for everybody who's a beneficiary to this *Land Claims Agreement*. I have respect to everybody sitting around this table. I have respect for everybody who gets put into a role as Minister. I have respect for the President and the Office of the President. I also have respect back. I know that the government respects

me. I knew that I had the respect of the Assembly. I took on whatever role was required of me, when I had to. If duties were short and I had to take on those extra duties, I did. Knowing that you have to do the job to ensure that the government keeps functioning. You have to do it in the way that it's fair to all. You have to do that to ensure that what is happening in Makkovik is the same as what's happening in Nain or in the Canadian Constituency with beneficiaries. But there are issues that need to be addressed within Nunatsiavut, that need to be addressed specifically within the communities. You have to ensure that as a government and as Ministers and Executive Council you keep your focus on that, and that was part of my job as First Minister. You need to keep the focus within the government that you're doing what the mandate is. I know that you question sometimes what the government does and we have been questioned in some of our decisions, yes. I will be judged on my past four years, yes, but I think and I know that we've made some very good decisions, we've made some very big progress, and we will continue to do so as we move forward. I thank you for your support for those who have been before, for their support, and in moving forward, if I'm elected First Minister, I thank you for your support, and I thank you for your time today. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you to the four candidates. We will now open the floor for question or comment. Like I said, each member will be given an opportunity to ask a question or a comment. Once everyone has had an opportunity for question or comment, we will go around the table again for a second and then we will take a break and then come back for the vote. The floor is open for question or comment. AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Madam Chair, I have a question for you and I hope it don't count as my question.

PRESIDENT LEO: That's all right, you can stand.

MR. ANDERSEN: I wonder when we ask a question, do we ask it to all four candidates, or do all four candidates, for instance, if I asked do all four candidates respond to me, or do I direct a question to a certain candidate?

PRESIDENT LEO: That won't count as your question. We had this discussion. You can direct one question to all four candidates, or you can direct one question to an individual candidate. It's your discretion. If you direct it to all four candidates, that's counted as your one question. Okay? Ordinary Member, Kemuksigak.

MS KEMUKSIGAK: I would like this question to be directed to all four candidates.

PRESIDENT LEO: You have to stand up.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Oh, sorry. Sorry, Madam Speaker. I would like, Madam President. I would like this directed to all four candidates. How would you support the various Ministers within Nunatsiavut?

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you. Is there anyone that would like to start?

MR. POTTLE:

Thank you, Ordinary Member, Kemuksigak, for your question. As I have said in my speech, one of the things that I find that has been lacking from my own experience as a Member of the Executive Council, and I'm not finger pointing by any means or finding fault. I'm a realist and I make my statements based on a lot of times on observation. One of the things that I have found, and there are people who have come and sought my advice as Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology with respect to dealing with issues within your department, whether that's issues related to programs and services and the implementation of those programs and services, or whether it's an issue that you have with an individual staff such as a Deputy Minister or a Director, I believe that the First Minister must work closely with each and every Member of the Executive Council and support you by providing advice, suggestions, recommendations and to listen to your concerns to help you in making a decision or dealing with an issue that's relative to you and your department. So I think that that was something that has been lacking. And, again I'm not finger pointing or finding fault with anybody, but just on observation,

okay, that has been lacking within the Executive Council, particularly at the First Minister's level. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. The Ordinary Member Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. In response to your question, I think that, as First Minister, we would be responsible for, you know, supporting all our Ministers but, you know, I would sincerely hope that, you know, that, if elected as First Minister, then people would have enough confidence in me to be able to, you know, come to me and talk over things and whatever. But, like, I really feel that, you know, we should be there to support all our Ministers. We're acting in the best interests of our people and I think it would be a really good way to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Ordinary Member Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Madam President. Well, certainly we have to work together very closely, and with my past experience as Vice President, I worked on the education file. I chaired the file for education. I chaired the file for health. I chaired the file for language and culture. I've worked on fisheries issues. A vast number of issues, I worked on. I've sat on committees. I sat next to negotiators, sit at the table for discussion. Who negotiated with the federal and provincial governments? I've known, and I know, how to support and to give you direction. I worked on those files. All those files, that's what we deal with

today. A lot of the issues that we're dealing with are that. I come to you and I bring my experience along with all the issues that I've heard and that we are still faced with today. We talked about housing. Yes. We talked about employment. Employment is one of the biggest things in the community that can have so many economic spin-offs from that. I did some calculations over the last few days. The average unemployment rate in Nunatsiavut, 18 percent. Not in the labour force, 44 percent. You're looking at over 60 percent of our Inuit communities is not employed or not in the labour force today. So we have to go out and find those issues, what's wrong with education, health and so forth. And I think I can bring that to the table. I can work with the Ministers and I can work with President Leo, and maybe throw some new direction onto benefitting the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*, and implementing land claims. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you. Ordinary Member Shiwak.

MR. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks for the question. I think one of the things that is important here when you talk with supporting Ministers is you have to work with the Ministers to identify. As Veryan talked about in his spiel, there were levels of authority, and the authority that you have as a Minister. You have to understand your authority within the department, and that's how you work with the Minister. You say this is your authority. This

is how your department's supposed to function. This is what you do. This is how you work with your Deputy Minister. You support that and it you help them move forward in gaining that authority, empowering them to take on that authority, empowering them to take on the responsibility, but empowering them to give the authority to the people below them. It's a very difficult thing as a Minister to know where you cut the line off and say, I cannot go below that. That's the authority of the Deputy Minister or the Director. That's how you support them. You also support them in empowering them to be able to take a stand on the Executive Council. One of the key functions of the Executive Council is opinion. If you have a whole Executive Council is going in and spilling out the same opinion, same opinion, you'll never have differing opinions. You'll never have debate. You have to be able to empower the individuals as Ministers or sit on the Executive Council to be able to debate and bring their opinions, bring their knowledge, bring their thoughts onto the table. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've got a question for all four candidates. If becoming first Minister of this Assembly, where do you see our government going in the next four years? Like, when I ran for Ordinary Member for Hopedale I saw a lot of issues in my community and a lot of issues in Nunatsiavut as a

whole. I guess the basic question is, mining is an issue, Voisey's Bay is an issue, and the fishery is an issue. Other ongoing issues and housing is another issue, like, somebody's already spoke about but, to me, we had to put our five communities, and we had to put priority into our five communities. I'm not saying don't do nothing in Canada or Upper Lake Melville. We've got people up there that need some of the issues addressed also, but when you live in a community of almost 700 people, and half of these people, or not half, but our water reservoirs are down, we've got a big problem in the community of Hopedale. So I'd like to ask you all to let me, or let the Assembly, know where you'd like to see this government going in the next four years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Shiwak.

MR. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and that's a great question of the Ordinary Member for Hopedale. And it's very difficult as coming up from within the government for the last four years. You know, there are many issues, and you reference housing. Housing is a major one. Housing is one of those issues you need to tackle and put a plan in place to tackle and work with the other governments to tackle. It might not necessarily be a mandate of the government, itself, in moving the communities forward, but it is an issue that needs to be dealt with. For me, as a government, and something that the process has already

started, is the transition of the offices into Nunatsiavut, into the different communities. Obviously, there's offices that will have to remain where they are, but there are offices that need to move within Nunatsiavut, and that's one way of building up the communities. The resource development sector what you reference. You need to continue to develop that, but you need the laws in place to protect what you already have. You need income coming in to the government through the communities, but you also need protection to ensure that we do not lose what we already have. As regards to wildlife and fisheries, we continue to work with them. We continue to make sure that our fishery develops, that it's sustainable, resource development is sustainable, and as a government we take all those issues into consideration and every day we're dealing with something different, whether it's a law, whether it's a policy. The government needs more policies in place to protect what we have. Without policy everything is kind of vague and you really have nothing to base your decisions on. You need that, but you need development of the communities. I know that is a large part of the Inuit Community Governments, but you have to work with Nunatsiavut Government to build the communities, to address those employment issues. Those are all the issues. That's where we see things going, or I see things going, and as a government, in whatever function I may be in, I will certainly

work on those issues and, like I say, there are many more issues to deal with. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Is one of the other candidates prepared? Ordinary Member Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Thank you Ordinary Member Flowers for your question and, as the First Minister said, it is a good question and a very difficult question to ask. One of the things that I have been concerned about for quite some time during my tenure as Minister of Finance is looking and being concerned with raising more funds and creating more revenue so that we can offer and expand on the programs and services that we have currently offered to our beneficiaries right now. I believe that there should be more emphasis on resource development, whether that's mining or the development of other renewable resources such as a fishery and non-renewable resources. I, too, had campaigned during my election campaign on several issues related to one, the transition plan and the completion of the transition plan for the movement of programs and services into the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. That, Mr. Flowers, would provide additional revenue through income tax and Goods and Services Tax, which will create more funds for us to leverage and provide more programs and services to our people. One of the things that I still have not seen happen, and I've asked on several occasion relative to some of the things that I had spoken about, not only

during my campaign, but as Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology over the last couple of years is, and I believe the Ordinary Member for Rigolet alluded to that as well. I mean, one of the biggest issues that we're faced with is the development of comprehensive and cohesive policies that guide our government. We did, a year ago, approve within the budgetary process dollars to hire a person to develop and analyze policy for Nunatsiavut Government. That still hasn't happened. I would like to see our culture more recognized and promoted through the completion of Illusuak Cultural Centre by way of example in Nain. I still believe that there is a need and I think everybody would agree around this table for more increased and effective communication. That, again, has been iterated for quite some time and it still needs some further work. And the promotion and preservation of Labrador Inuit culture and language is something else that I think that needs to have a focus on. One of the things that we had been working on for the last few years, and it was approved in 2012 or a timeframe of three years was the Nunatsiavut Government Strategic Plan. We are working on this piecemeal. There's never been a review of this plan. I think it's time for that. I mean, strategic plans, in my experience, are subject to review and revision from time to time. If you go through the strategic plan and document, you will note that, I mean, the timeframes have lapsed for some of the goals and objectives that we have outlined in this strategic plan.

So I think that needs some more work and it certainly needs some more revision if it's going to be workable and implemented in the next year. The other thing that I believe that is necessary and important is the ongoing implementation of the *Land Claims Agreement*. We've heard many people around this table talk and speak to that on many occasions and, I mean, the First Minister is responsible for the implementation of the *Land Claims Agreement*. Therefore, I believe, I mean, you know, we must follow the implementation agreement, itself, and we must make sure that we are pressing the other two parties to the agreement to implement their obligations under the *Land Claims Agreement* as well. Nakummek, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL:

Thank you. In response to the question, I'm well aware that, like, where we're going the next number of years. I hope we can make some progress in it. The Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment. I played a part in getting that assessment designed and whatever in my capacity then as Deputy Minister to the Secretariat. Some other areas that I would really like to see improvement in are the engagement of our youth. Like we have and some of the other things that we looked at, you know, was moving jobs back to Nunatsiavut and I think that, you know, we really have to work towards doing that. But one thing that we also have to do is we have to, you know, start getting out into the

schools and whatever and saying to our youth, look, these are, you know, well meaningful jobs and well-paying jobs and whatever, and in the near future there's going to be a lot of our people who, you know, who will be retiring or whatever, and who won't be in the positions that they're in now. And I think, you know, we really have to get out there and we have to let them know that, you know, there is a future for them here in Nunatsiavut, and that, you know, by doing this I think we can meet part of that goal by doing it. The other thing that I would like to see some change in is our elders. You know, I know that, you know, we'll never have a full-fledged elders home or whatever in Nunatsiavut, but I think we can do something, you know, to try to be able to keep them home in their home communities as long as we possibly can, and I think that, you know, the contribution that they made to our communities and to us, like, we're here today as a result of their hard work, and I think that the least we can do is to make some effort to be able to show them, you know, what they mean to us and, to me, that's part of our culture and our heritage. Other thing is communications. Yes, communications is a big problem, but I think, and when I was campaigning, what I said to my people was if elected, I accept the responsibility of making sure that my people know what's happening within our government, and I realize, like, you know, it'll have to be approved by legal whatever, but we do have to get out there to our people what we

are doing because most people really have no idea. The other thing that, and like the strategic plan, I was part of that as well and, like I said, for, you know, I think I understand a lot that's going on with the fisheries and things like that because I worked this 26 years, you know, in the fishery and whatever. But one thing I would like to see us do is to carry this energy and excitement that's here and now today, to be able to carry that forward, and I think by all working together, you know, we can make a difference. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Madam President. Well, I guess the key is sticking implementing our *Land Claims Agreement*. We all know what our roles are going to be as First Minister, as Minister, as Ordinary Members, as AngajukKaat. Once we start implementing the *Land Claims Agreement* you'll start to see a lot of improvements within our communities. We see housing issues. And we're going to continue to see housing issues, now and probably four years, eight years down the road. Health and Education. Health is one of the most important things for all our Labrador Inuit regardless of where you reside. Education. I think it's key to getting our people educated. I saw on the NG's website, 70 percent of our education and health dollars is going outside of the Land Claims area. What are the reasons? We've got to find those reasons and maybe make some changes.

That's why our employment rate is 18 percent and another 44 percent in not in labour force. We have staff in Upper Lake Melville and Canada. Mind you, I agree that yes, we do have to have a required amount of staff outside the Land Claims Area. By moving some staff back into the Land Claims Area, it'll generate so many economic spin-offs, infrastructure. You've got infrastructure. You've got communities developing. You've got contractors getting contracts. You've got land development, and maybe you've got commercial office space, and then you've got the people. You're getting the people that we trained back into our communities to advance our communities. And, you know, it's and I agree that yes, everybody's entitled to their health, same health. Education, we've got to do some work on. Once we do start getting infrastructure of the entire communities, you'll start and see all the other spin-offs. You'll see better health. You'll see better employment. We've got roads, you know, I can't compare it to anywhere else, really, you know? We've got airports. We've got the oldest airport in Nain built in 1975. The unsafest, probably in Newfoundland and Labrador right now. We've got dock facilities that were built in the 70's and 80's, and it's really outgrown for the communities, all the communities. Once you start implementing many of the things in the Agreement, you'll see the improvements in the communities. And I think, you know, with my experience in seeing this firsthand as a mayor, as Vice President, as a business owner,

I've seen all this. I may not have all the answers for you, but collectively, if we work together as first as a NEC, Executive Council, and as an Assembly, I think we can accomplish that. Our goal is implementation of the *Land Claims Agreement*. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. AngajukKâk from Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam President. I think everybody anticipated my question and answered it. But first off I'm just going to speak a little bit to the strategic plan. If you read the strategic plan, it doesn't even mention the community, so that's something that I think we need to revisit. But with regards to my question, it was going to be on bringing the offices and the structures back into Nunatsiavut, the transitioning. That was my question because, like Greg's points, it's been a long time I was here four years. It was one of the first questions I asked, and I want you to tell me, do you see in the next four years that we're going to start moving stuff back to Nunatsiavut? That's what I want to know. Nakummek.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Minister Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Madam Chair, and thank you to the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for your question. I believe the AngajukKâk for Rigolet is right. We've been talking transitioning now for the last three or four years. I believe that it's time that we put more emphasis in the first draft for the information of new Assembly Members and

for Members who were here prior to the general election. It's been reported that the first draft of that transition plan is in the hands of the Executive Council. The Members of the Strategic Planning Committee were directed by the Executive Council to as per our comments that we gave to that planning committee on the first draft of that plan we asked for some further considerations and some tweaking and some revisions to that first draft. That still hasn't come back to the Executive Council, as far as I'm aware of. I think we need to put more emphasis on that and I believe, Charlotte, yes, we can begin to implement some of the components of the transition plan, maybe not in its entirety, but I think the time is long overdue and I think we should begin to work on that, and I would hope that we would see some movement of the transitioning of programs and services in the administrative saying back into the settlement area. Nakummek, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member, Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Madam President. This is going to be very sensitive to many of us here sitting at the table. Is getting these positions that are currently outside Land Claims Area. I recall years ago, as some of you have sat with me, there was that one point we did decide that we were going to relocate one of our affiliates back in the Land Claims Area. That was 12, 13 years ago. Back then as a Board of Directors we decided we were going to

move it and that was one of our mandates as a LIA board. We done it, but for other reasons maybe with some things that we overlooked, maybe we'd done unconstitutionally, I'm not sure. I haven't been personally given a proper answer as to why it didn't happen 10 years ago. We have approximately 40 staff in Goose Bay working throughout NG and also in the Department of Health and other areas too. Yes, we won't have the level, a number of employees that are required to do programming, and that's not going to change. We see a lot of our Deputy Ministers, Directors, key people in the organization outside Land Claims Area. Some of those positions should be in the Land Claims Area working closely with your Minister, working closely with the President, working closely with the First Minister, working closely with the Executive Council. Yes, to some degree I think we should be decentralized meaning yes, you can have a department here, or department there, and department here. But in order to work effectively down the road as an Assembly, I think you need those key people back, back in the Land Claims Area. Again and it's nothing against, you know, residing outside the Land Claims Area, it's not. It's more of us implementing or *Land Claims Agreement*. I mean, it could create so many economic spin-offs, as I've said, just by moving 10 employees back into our Land Claims Area. Housing. There's going to be spin-offs to that. Yes I know, understand we're short on housing. We're short on commercial office space. You know, if

we start implementing that, I mean, that's going to generate spin-offs in the community. They're coming back into the community. Not only that, their income tax that the government collects comes back to us, and so we can spend, and that's another economic spin-off for our *Land Claims Agreement*. And it's a good question. It's a very sensitive one. I mean, I sit around the table, I mean, you know, I have companions and friends at the table, and I've made it known publically that, you know, I'm going to implement the Land Claims as best as I can for all Labrador Inuit, but my community and my Land Claims Area is coming first. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL:

Thank you, Greg, for your question and yes, I really appreciate your question that I know too that is going to be something that we really want to start doing and I hope Charlotte, sorry. I just realized what Ed said there. And the thing is, yes, but I also know too that it's going to be a long, slow process. You know, we're not going to be able to say we're going to move 10 Deputy Ministers or something to Makkovik, or however many, you know, because we have to realize too that, you know, for our communities we'd be putting undue pressure on them. Like, right now I know there is, you know, there's always need for funding for servicing the land, putting in, you know, water and sewer and things like that. And, you know we have to do it so

that, you know, we're not jeopardizing the community getting housing for our people and things like that, but yes, I really do hope that, you know, we start the process and, you know, work with the communities, and I'm really hoping that within this term that we will have made some progress in moving those jobs back to our communities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you. Our final question will be for AngajukKâk Piercy from Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed towards all four of you. And if you look behind you on the back wall you can see each of our communities. Each of our communities is faced with a lot of problems, infrastructure, housing, and with Hopedale we've got the water is the worse right now. And what I want them to know is if you become First Minister and you elect your Executive Council, Executive Council holds and makes all the decisions for the money that's going to be forwarded and being spent. And, as AngajukKaat for each of our communities, we all make cases at joint management level of specific problems that we face, and we come to the table, some of us come with a hundred and fifty items, hey, Herb. And with the dollar amounts that's there we're only able to achieve getting two or three of them, and we're lacking because each year it's a priority list that we're given and taken to Joint Management, but the monies is not there to complete every little thing that we

need. So I'm just wondering if and when one of you become the First Minister, will there be any more dollars allocated to Joint Management other than what's already there to help us battle each of our specific problems within each of our communities. Like I said, we've got representation from all the communities now, and I'm sure some of you already know what you face in your communities and, with that being said, I hope once Executive Council comes back to order now they'll actually know that we do need more dollars within our communities, not just to have, or we're taking stuff for granted. So thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, Madam Chair, and thank you AngajukKâk for Hopedale for your question. One of the responsibilities of First Minister is community relations, but the First Minister, I believe, should also work closely with the President with respect to the President, or the Secretariat's responsibility for inter-governmental affairs. One of the things that I believe that could be helpful would be through the First Minister and the Secretariat to work with the communities to identify what your needs are and to advocate further and lobby when it comes down to the next negotiation of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. We're two years, I believe, now into our current *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and the majority of dollars that come through the Nunatsiavut Government that's transferred to the community governments

come from that *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So in order to negotiate, I think, effectively and more fully with the federal and provincial governments, we must more fully identify what the needs of the communities are. That being said, too, I mean, you know, I believe that the First Minister and the Secretariat could also work more closely with the Inuit communities with respect to identifying other sources of dollars and advocating and lobbying with other levels of government to access those dollars and services. That being said, I mean, it's not solely the responsibility of the Nunatsiavut Government to ensure the effective and smooth running and fiscally responsible management of Inuit community dollars. That rests solely with your own Inuit Community Government, and I think, I mean, you know, that being said, there is a dual role and responsibility, both through the Central Government and the Inuit Community Governments to work more closely and look more fully at that so that we can expand and improve upon some of the issues that's related to the community such as how water and sewer, housing, what have you? So I think, I mean, it's a two-way street, and I think in order to achieve and to become more effective and to provide more for our communities I believe that the Central and the Inuit Community Government should work more closely together to achieve that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Madam President. Wayne, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. Sorry, but I'm not in a real position right now to give you a proper answer to if there's any more money available for infrastructure within your communities. I do know that, you know, there are negotiations for fiscal financing. I also know that there are also plans in place, put in place, by the town of Nain, by the Hopedale Town. I'm sure all the other communities have planned too as well. And I think those plans have been presented already to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is looking at them more closely. I mean, you know, as AngajukKâk of your community, what you need for your community. What's your best needs and how you think your community's going to grow? I'm not in a position right now to give you yes, there's going to be more money available for you. I haven't seen the financials of the Nunatsiavut Assembly or any money that comes down through fiscal financing, but I do know that, you know, fiscal financing, education gets the dollars from here. The Inuit Community Governments gets the dollars here, health and so forth. And to be very honest, you know, I'd be really interested to see how much actually comes down, and actually how much also gets out to the communities. And then I, you know, once we look at your community plans and to see where you want to go and to look at all the issues that you face and to see if we have dollars there for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Shiwak.

MR. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Before I answer that question I had my hand up for the other question. Could answer Charlotte's question on transition first. For sure, I mean, I think transition could happen within the next four years. When the Executive Council started looking at the transition of the employees and offsetting to the government, you took it from the *Constitution*, and the *Constitution* says Nain is the administrative centre and, where feasible, other administrative centres will happen in the other communities. That's where the Executive Council took the direction from and direction was given. The First Minister played a role in that, moving that forward, ensure the First Minister whoever is elected here today will play a role in moving that draft transition plan. It's a very good plan, but the key is that the last executive did not want to move too fast with it knowing that this executive coming up you might have a new executive formed, a new First Minister, give them the power to move that forward and bring that back to this Assembly. But, yes, I do believe something can move. I'm not quite sure, but it will happen. That kind of goes into answering Wayne's question on more money to the communities. As Dan had said, during the amount for Canada, that it comes under the FFA and negotiations, but it does not mean that the Executive Council with the First Minister cannot look or work with communities and say, look, what can

we do? If you go back to what I just said about a transition plan, that's a huge plan. I mean, that's going to take a lot of offices, going to take a lot of employees, going to take a lot of housing that's going into these communities. Some of our communities are undeveloped, that need more developing happen. You're going to need, obviously, more money. If you have more industries or more things happening in the community, obviously, you're going to need to develop. Our communities are what this government is based upon. So, obviously, you have to find a way to work with the communities to look for more money. Now whether that happens through FFA or something else, that's going to be a job for this Executive Council, obviously under the direction of the First Minister. Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Ordinary Member Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL:

I thank you, Wayne, and I think in response to your question, you know, I mean, I know, as a Member, I'm certainly in no position to say you know what we're going to do with funding and whatever, but I think that we, hopefully we can, you know, find some more funding somewhere and it probably wouldn't come from the FFA because I think, as you know, that's negotiated and, you know, I don't think that can be changed until next negotiations or whatever, but, you know, I think one thing that I could bring as First Minister, like I mentioned earlier, that I

sat on the Joint Management Committee for six years so I know, you know, the how you have to look for funding for things that you need and whatever, so anyway, like, I hope that we'll be able to do something. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. At this point we're going to take a break for lunch. We will take the vote once we come back after lunch. We'll come back at 1:15. Is quarter after 1:00 enough time for lunch? We'll reconvene at 1:15 where we will take the vote for First Minister. Thank you.

(Recess)

PRESIDENT LEO: Hope you all enjoyed your fish and brews. Before we get into the actual election, itself, you'll notice a schedule for the Assembly sittings up until March of next year. It's made available, and I think Veryan mentioned it in his presentation this morning, that you are to be at the sittings unless you have permission from the speaker to be excused, and there are, in the Elected Officials Handbook or the *Code of Conduct*, it outlines what excuses or what reasons can allow you to be excused from an Assembly Sitting. Now we've heard from each of the four candidates so I think we're ready to do a vote. You'll see everyone should have a little blue piece of paper. Everybody knows how election works. I think Mary and Hilda Hunter will do the count. They will collect the ballots and they will do the counts. Once the votes have been counted, if one of the

candidates does not have majority, we will take the top, the two candidates with the two highest number of votes and cast another ballot, right? Once while they are - obviously while they are counting the votes, we'll take a quick break. I think during that break would probably be a good time to get the pictures done because I think our Director of Communications is here with our official camera and we can do an Assembly picture. Good. Are you ready? Thank you.

MR. SHIWAK:

Do we just put the first name of the person or full name of the person on this paper? Yes, and can I get two votes because there's two pieces of paper right here? So.

PRESIDENT LEO:

All right. Obviously, we knew that nobody would get majority with four such strong candidates. So we have, we would have went with the top two, but we have two tied so we'll go with the top three. You, I think you each have a little blue piece of paper again. This time who you're voting for is Kate Mitchell, Richard Pamak or Danny Pottle. And we'll do the same process again. Okay. We still have not received majority for First Minister so we're down to the final two. The two candidates you will be voting for this time is Kate Mitchell and Richard Pamak. Thank you, everyone. We have done it by consensus. We have a majority for the selection of First Minister, and I am pleased to announce that Kate Mitchell will be the next First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

PRESIDENT LEO: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

KATE MITCHELL: In the presence of everyone assembled here.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Kate Mitchell.

KATE MITCHELL: I, Kate Mitchell.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

KATE MITCHELL: Swear that I will be faithful.

PRESIDENT LEO: To Nunatsiavut.

KATE MITCHELL: To Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: The Inuit of Labrador.

KATE MITCHELL: The Inuit of Labrador.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

KATE MITCHELL: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will obey, observe and uphold.

KATE MITCHELL: I will obey, observe and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: And maintain the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

KATE MITCHELL: And maintain the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And Inuit law.

KATE MITCHELL: And Inuit law.

PRESIDENT LEO: Respect the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

KATE MITCHELL: Respect the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: Hold my office as First Minister with honour.

KATE MITCHELL: Hold my office as First Minister with honour.

PRESIDENT LEO: And dignity.

KATE MITCHELL: And dignity.

PRESIDENT LEO: Be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

KATE MITCHELL: Be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of Nunatsiavut.

KATE MITCHELL: Of Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: Fulfil my responsibilities.

KATE MITCHELL: Fulfil my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader.

KATE MITCHELL: As a leader.

PRESIDENT LEO: In accordance with all applicable.

KATE MITCHELL: In accordance with all applicable.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ethical standards and *Codes of Conduct*.

KATE MITCHELL: Ethical standards and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LEO: And perform the functions of my office.

KATE MITCHELL: And perform the functions of my office.

PRESIDENT LEO: Conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

KATE MITCHELL: Conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

KATE MITCHELL: So help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

PRESIDENT LEO: Now that we have our First Minister of the Assembly it is up to the First Minister to nominate the Ministers to each of the portfolios. Obviously, I would assume Kate, or the First Minister, is not prepared for this at this time. So we're going to take 45 minutes and the First Minister will come back with her decision. She will come back with a list of nominees for each of the departments for the Ministers, and I will be looking for consensus from the Assembly for her appointments. In the meantime, I believe at two o'clock the elders next door are putting on a little skit and they have invited us, so it might be a good time for those that are available, if they so choose to go and take a look. Okay, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. We are still in a Committee as a Whole. At this time I will ask the First Minister if she is ready to nominate the Ministers.

MS MITCHELL: Yes, Madam Chair, I'm ready to nominate the Ministers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: What will happen now, the First Minister will nominate each of the Ministers to the respective portfolios. Once she's made the nomination, we have to have consensus or majority for the appointments. So what we'll do is once she has named each, the whole list of candidates, we will vote on them one-by-one. First, we'll see if we have consensus. If we do not have not

consensus, we will go to secret ballot, and if we get a majority for the nomination the First Minister has put forward, then that person will be appointed. If we do not get majority, it'll be up to the First Minister to go back and find another appointment.

Clear? You can go ahead, First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have to say it's a great honour to be standing here today as your First Minister, and it was a tough decision because we have excellent people around our table, but to the ministerial portfolio of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology I wish to nominate Danny Pottle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Do we have consensus for the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Danny Pottle? First of all Dan, Ordinary Member Pottle, do you accept the nomination?

MR. POTTLE: Yes, Madam Chair, I do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Do we have consensus?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEO: Any nays? Congratulations, Minister Pottle.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. Okay, the next portfolio, Lands and Natural Resources. To this portfolio, I wish to nominate Darryl Shiwak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member Shiwak, do you accept the nomination?

MR. SHIWAK: Yes, I do, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Do we have consensus on Ordinary Member Pottle assuming the portfolio of Lands and Natural Resources?

Shiwak, excuse me. Do we have consensus?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEO: Any nays? Thank you very much. Congratulations, Minister Shiwak.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. To the portfolio of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I wish to nominate Richard Pamak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member Pamak, do you accept the nomination?

MR. PAMAK: Yes, I do, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Do we have consensus on Ordinary Member Pamak assuming the responsibilities of Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEO: Any nays? Thank you very much. Congratulations, Minister Pamak.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. Okay, to the portfolio of Education and Economic Development, I wish to nominate Patricia Kemuksigak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Ordinary Member Kemuksigak, do you accept the nomination?

MS KEMUKSIGAK: Yes, Madam President.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Do we have consensus on Ordinary Member Kemuksigak assuming the responsibilities of Minister of Education and Economic Development? Any nays? Thank you. Congratulations, Minister Kemuksigak.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. And for the Department of Health and Social Development, I wish to nominate Greg Flowers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Ordinary Member Flowers, do you accept the nomination?

MR. FLOWERS: Yes, I do, Madam Speaker.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Do we have consensus on Ordinary Member Flowers assuming the responsibility of Minister of Department of Health and Social Development? Are there any nays? Thank you very much. Congratulations, Minister Flowers. What we will do now is we will administer the oath to each of the respective Ministers and carry on from there. I, Dan Pottle.

DAN POTTLE: I, Dan Pottle.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

DAN POTTLE: Swear that I will be faithful.

PRESIDENT LEO: To Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador.

DAN POTTLE: To Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

DAN POTTLE: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will obey, respect, and uphold.

DAN POTTLE: I will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

DAN POTTLE: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: All Inuit laws.

DAN POTTLE: All Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

DAN POTTLE: And the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will hold my office as Minister with honour.

DAN POTTLE: I will hold my office as Minister with honour.

PRESIDENT LEO: And dignity.

DAN POTTLE: And dignity.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

DAN POTTLE: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will not divulge directly or indirectly.

DAN POTTLE: I will not divulge directly or indirectly.

PRESIDENT LEO: Any secret matter entrusted to me.

DAN POTTLE: Any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will fulfil my responsibility.

DAN POTTLE: I will fulfil my responsibility.

PRESIDENT LEO: As a leader in accordance.

DAN POTTLE: As a leader in accordance.

PRESIDENT LEO: With all applicable standards.

DAN POTTLE: With all applicable standards.

PRESIDENT LEO: *And Codes of Conduct.*

DAN POTTLE: *And Codes of Conduct.*

PRESIDENT LEO: And I will perform the functions.

DAN POTTLE: And I will perform the functions.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of my office.

DAN POTTLE: Of my office.

PRESIDENT LEO: Conscientiously.

DAN POTTLE: Conscientiously.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to the best of my ability.

DAN POTTLE: And to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

DAN POTTLE: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: I swear.

DARRYL SHIWAK: I swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful to the Nunatsiavut.

DARRYL SHIWAK: That I will be faithful to the Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Inuit of Labrador.

DARRYL SHIWAK: And the Inuit of Labrador.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will obey, respect, and uphold.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will hold my office as Minister.

DARRYL SHIWAK: I will hold my office as Minister.

PRESIDENT LEO: With honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will be a true and faithful councillor.

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PRESIDENT LEO: And *Codes of Conduct*.

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PRESIDENT LEO: Conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

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PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

DARRYL SHIWAK: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Patricia Kemuksigak.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: I, Patricia Kemuksigak.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: Swear that I will be faithful.

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PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: Conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

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PATRICIA KEMUKSIGAK: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Richard Thomas Piercy Pamak.

RICHARD PAMAK: Richard Piercy Thomas Pamak.

PRESIDENT LEO: Sorry. Swear.

RICHARD PAMAK: Swear.

PRESIDENT LEO: That I will be faithful.

RICHARD PAMAK: That I will be faithful.

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RICHARD PAMAK: To Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will not divulge directly or indirectly.

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PRESIDENT LEO: Any secret matter entrusted to me.

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PRESIDENT LEO: I will fulfil my responsibility as a leader.

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PRESIDENT LEO: In accordance with all applicable standards.

RICHARD PAMAK: In accordance...

PRESIDENT LEO: With all.

RICHARD PAMAK: With all.

PRESIDENT LEO: Applicable standards.

RICHARD PAMAK: Applicable standards.

PRESIDENT LEO: *And Codes of Conduct.*

RICHARD PAMAK: *And Codes of Conduct.*

PRESIDENT LEO: And I will perform the functions of my office.

RICHARD PAMAK: And I will perform the functions of my office.

PRESIDENT LEO: Conscientiously.

RICHARD PAMAK: Conscientiously.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to the best of my ability.

RICHARD PAMAK: And to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

RICHARD PAMAK: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Greg Flowers.

GREG FLOWERS: I, Greg Flowers.

PRESIDENT LEO: Swear that I will be faithful.

GREG FLOWERS: Swear that I will be faithful.

PRESIDENT LEO: To Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador. To Nunatsiavut.

GREG FLOWERS: To Nunatsiavut and...

PRESIDENT LEO: The Inuit of Labrador.

GREG FLOWERS: Inuit of Labrador.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

GREG FLOWERS: And the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will obey, respect, and uphold.

GREG FLOWERS: I will obey, respect and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

GREG FLOWERS: The *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LEO: All Inuit laws.

GREG FLOWERS: All Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

GREG FLOWERS: And the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I will hold my office as Minister.

GREG FLOWERS: I will hold my office as Minister.

PRESIDENT LEO: With honour and dignity.

GREG FLOWERS: With honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LEO: And the best of my ability.

GREG FLOWERS: And the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LEO: So help me, God.

GREG FLOWERS: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LEO: I want to say congratulations to the newly-appointed Ministers on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, and I want to thank the Assembly for their support in the First Minister's nominations of the Ministers. I think, you know, like she had said, it was a hard choice. I think it was a good choice, and I think we're all looking forward to moving ahead. At this point it is up to the President to appoint a Speaker, so again I'm going to just, I need just 10 minutes, and then we will back and appoint the Speaker for the next, the Third Sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

(Recess)

PRESIDENT LEO: I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. At this point it is up to the President to make the nomination for Speaker. I understood that this would fall upon me before we came here, and after the election had given it quite a bit of thought and had also looked around at the way, not only the different constituencies voted, as well as the Assembly here today in looking for change, and I've decided to follow suit in that and I've decided to nominate someone else to take over the Speaker's Chair. I would like to nominate Sean Lyall and would like to know if he would accept.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madam President. I accept that nomination.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you Ordinary Member Lyall. At this point I will ask for consensus. If we do not have consensus we will go to secret ballot. If Ordinary Member Lyall gets majority, he will be chosen as Speaker. So at this point do I have consensus?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEO: Do we have any nays?

MS FORD: Nay.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. We will now go to secret ballot. You'll just identify yes or no. Yes meaning you would like Ordinary Member Lyall to be Speaker, no, meaning you would not like to have Ordinary Member Lyall as Speaker. While we are waiting for the ballots to be counted and eventually the selection of a Speaker for the

Assembly, once the Speaker has been sworn in, once the whole process is done and a Speaker has been sworn in, I will invite David Hamilton to come and give an introduction to the Assembly Members on the process and procedures for an Assembly Sitting. So we'll just wait for the results and see where we need to go from there. Go ahead.

MS WOLFREY:

Just ask when will a Deputy Speaker be chosen then?

PRESIDENT LEO:

Tomorrow. The plan is for tomorrow that Veryan Haysom will come back and do another bit of training with Assembly Members from 8:30 till 10:00. The Assembly will reconvene tomorrow morning at 10:30. At that point the Speaker will appoint a Deputy Speaker.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I noticed that it's not marked in the Standing Orders here that David Hamilton would be making a presentation, and I don't have a problem with that. I'm just curious. Are we following the Orders of the Day that were written that we received this morning? Okay, let's throw that out the window. Really good. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:

For those of us that are familiar with how the orders of the day generally work, we have a format that we follow at every sitting. Obviously this is pretty unorthodox because we have a lot of new Members. We have new Ministers who are unable to at this point, and I hope the Members will understand that we cannot expect some of these new Ministers to go through question

period because they are not familiar. They have not yet been briefed with respect to their departments. So to follow the Orders of the Day as we've laid out, as was handed out, is just not, it just wouldn't work. So we're sort of going through our own official/unofficial way of getting through the next two days to get the training in and the Ministers sworn in. Thank you all for that. The Ordinary Member Lyall has had majority. He is the new Speaker of the Assembly and we will now do the oath.

In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And in full realization of the responsibilities.

SEAN LYALL: And in full realization of the responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LEO: That have been entrusted to me.

SEAN LYALL: That have been entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LEO: By Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: By Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: I, Sean Lyall.

SEAN LYALL: I, Sean Lyall.

PRESIDENT LEO: Solemnly affirm.

SEAN LYALL: Observe and uphold.

PRESIDENT LEO: And maintain the rights and privileges.

SEAN LYALL: And maintain the rights and privileges.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And the Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: And the Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And I solemnly and sincerely promise.

SEAN LYALL: And I solemnly and sincerely promise.

PRESIDENT LEO: To represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: To represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: With integrity and honour.

SEAN LYALL: With integrity and honour.

PRESIDENT LEO: To preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: To preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: And enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: With independence.

SEAN LYALL: With independence.

PRESIDENT LEO: Fairness.

SEAN LYALL: Fairness.

PRESIDENT LEO: Impartiality.

SEAN LYALL: Impartiality.

PRESIDENT LEO: Patience and understanding.

SEAN LYALL: Patience and understanding.

PRESIDENT LEO: And to promote the efficient operation.

SEAN LYALL: And to promote the efficient operation.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: Of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: And prevent the obstruction.

SEAN LYALL: And prevent the obstruction.

PRESIDENT LEO: Or frustration.

SEAN LYALL: Or frustration.

PRESIDENT LEO: Of the Assembly.

SEAN LYALL: Of the Assembly.

PRESIDENT LEO: In the conduct of its business.

SEAN LYALL: In the conduct of its business.

PRESIDENT LEO: Congratulations. At this point I will invite the newly-affirmed speaker to take the Speaker's Chair.

MR. LYALL: First off, I'd like to thank the Assembly as your new Speaker of the Third Assembly for the Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek. We are now back in Assembly. Thank you, Madam President. It is an honour for me to have been appointed as

Speaker of the Assembly, and I can assure you that I will do my very best to ensure that the Assembly business is conducted in accordance with our Standing Orders and procedures so that all Members can participate fully in the proceedings as you represent your constituencies. I have a number of duties when a new Assembly is elected, and among those are the appointment of a Deputy Speaker and the appointment of a Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, who is also the Striking Committee who recommends appointments to the Assembly to other Standing or Special Committees. In addition, in accordance with Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* the appointment of the Member Service Committee whose membership shall be comprised of all those Ordinary Members who are not Members of the Executive Council with the Speaker being the Chair. I propose to allow time to consider these appointments which can be done at tomorrow's sitting of the Assembly that we now adjourn the Assembly to allow the orientation sessions to begin and other meetings that may be required by the Executive Council. Do I have agreement?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. LYALL:

Are there any nays? Thank you to the Assembly. It is now adjourned until 8:30, Wednesday, May 14th, for orientation training. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We'll start this morning by Mr. Veryan Haysom. He's going to do some training with us this morning, then we'll start the Orders of the Day at 10:30. Thank you.

The Assembly reconvened following the training.

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MR. LYALL: Good morning, Members. I would like to call the Assembly to order, and I also would like to ask Wilson Jararuse to say opening prayer, please.

MR. JARARUSE: [Prays off record]

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Wilson. First order of business. Does any Member wish to recognize anyone in the gallery today? I would like to thank those in the gallery - oh, excuse me, sorry. Richard Pamak. Mr. Minister, go ahead.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I know yesterday that we had quite a number of our people who were in the gallery and I hope to see more, and I just want to recognize Billy, an old friend of mine. We'd come way back when I lived here in Hopedale, and I just hope to see more people like Billy here and come to and see us and to hear what we had to say. I know it's policy-based on a strict format, but I hope the word gets out there that this building is here for us and it's for our people. So hopefully that word gets out. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Minister Pamak. I would also like to thank those in the gallery today. Thank you very much for taking your time to come down, especially your interest in Nunatsiavut Government, very commendable. And also thank you again, Wilson, for your very kind words. And, first, I'd like to thank all the Members of the Assembly for accepting me as your speaker. I am very honoured and humbled. I recognize the responsibility of the job I'm about to partake. I thank you very much for your confidence in me. That being said, it is my privilege to ask Ordinary Member from Canada, Pat Ford, if she is willing to accept the position of Deputy Speaker for the duration of the Third Assembly.

MS FORD: Yes, I do. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. And Ordinary Member for Canada, Patricia Ford, is now Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. LYALL: And in accordance with Standing Order 65(3), I wish to nominate the following to sit on the Rules and Procedures Committee. Minister Pottle, Minister Shiwak, Deputy Speaker Pat Ford, and Loretta Michelin. I'd like to ask the Assembly, do you accept these nominations?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. LYALL: Any nays? Will pass. Thank you. The membership of the Rules and Procedures Committee is accepted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. LYALL: And as per Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* the composition of the Member Services Committee will be those Ordinary Members who do not sit on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and chaired by the speaker. Therefore the Members are Tyler Edmunds, Roy Blake, Patricia Ford and I am the Chair. The Rules and Procedures Committee has the responsibility of recommending Members to sit on the Standing Special Committees to be approved by the Assembly. The Rules and Procedures Committee will meet and recommend names to sit on a Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol at the June session. Are there any Members that would like to make a statement? Chair recognizes Minister Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make a quick statement. I know I'm back new again in our government, and there have been some changes that I see. One of the things that I'd like to recognize this morning is there was another tragedy in our community yesterday afternoon and I feel very deeply and saddened by the loss again of one of our young men in this community and I'd just like to let everyone know that we have a lot of issues in our communities in Nunatsiavut, and I just hope

that we, on behalf of the Minister of Health, and everyone around this table can help us find ways and solutions to find out what, you know, what are our problems. We know there are a lot of issues, a lot of problems. I'd just like to say that our priorities must lie in our communities and to get our people back up, you know, in the right ways because there is so much that is hurting and continues to hurt our people. We need to find at least work and find out, and I'll do my best as the Minister of Health and the Ordinary Member for Hopedale to try to help all of Nunatsiavut and Canada as a whole because our people is our future. I'd just like to thank you and for my time, and I'd just like to say my feelings go out to the Nochasak family today and I'll be speaking to them right after this. So thank you very much.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Next is Minister Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly I would like to take this opportunity to thank the constituents of Canada for having the confidence in re-electing me to the...

MR. ANDERSEN: Point of Order.

MR. LYALL: Tony, states Point of Order.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister Statements under Standing Order 29, Ministers and President may make factual announcements or statements of government policy. I think the Ministers Statement is better reserved for Member Statements. That will give him an opportunity to thank his constituents at that

time. I believe Mr. Speaker that the Member is out of order; the Minister is out of order.

MR. LYALL: Point taken. I accept that.

MR. POTTLE: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Minister Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Just for clarification, and I apologize to the AngajukKâk for Nain if I was out of order, but I believe I heard the speaker say that we were on Order of the Day, number five, Member Statement. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Minister Pottle. In fact, you are correct. We are under Minister Statements. Are there - the Chair recognizes Minister Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. Okay. I just want to take a couple of minutes to, Oh, wrong one? Thank you. I'm in the wrong category too. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Are there any other statements on the floor? Next on the orders of the day is, "Member Statement." Are there any Member Statements? Chair recognizes Minister Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Sorry, Member Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank the constituents of Canada for having the confidence in re-electing me to represent their interest in

Nunatsiavut Assembly for another four years. I'm honoured by their support and their confidence in me, and I will do my utmost as I always do to represent their interest to the best of my ability in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Nakummek UKâtik.

MR. LYALL: Chair recognizes Darryl, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the constituents of Rigolet for recognizing what I have to offer for the community in re-electing me into the position for Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Chair recognizes Pat Ford, Ordinary Member for Canada.

MS. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would just like to take this opportunity to thank the Canadian constituency for putting their faith in me again in electing me as one of their Ordinary Members for Canada. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Chair recognizes Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. Okay. First of all, I would just like to recognize some of the achievements of some young people from my home community of Makkovik. At the heritage fair held a couple of weeks ago in Goose Bay, Charlie-Mae Dyson her topic was ghost stories of Labrador, and she won the most creative and

unique award. And also there was a number of our young people from Makkovik and Postville who attended badminton provincials in Glovertown. Dylan Andersen won the gold in singles. Taylor Jacque from Postville had gold in singles for the female. In the male doubles, Sidney Ford and George Sheppard won the bronze and Amanda Dyson and Mandy Smith won the bronze. And in mixed doubles, Dylan Andersen and Amanda Dyson won singles, and Sidney Ford and Mandy Smith, Amanda Dyson and Dylan were the ones that attended to represent both our communities in Makkovik and Postville and they won the awards in each of the games that they entered. And I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my home community of Makkovik for having elected me and for the Members of Nunatsiavut Assembly for electing me as the First Minister, and I guess right now I have some other people to thank. I guess, first of all, I would have to say thank you to William Andersen III because he was the person that appointed me as his Deputy Minister, and I think back then I thought I never ever would get involved in politics but then again, like, I learned, I had good teachers, you know, Chesley Andersen, Isabella Pain, and I'm glad she's still there because I'll still be going to her for a number of things, I guess. So anyway I just wanted to say that I'm very honoured to be here and I'll try, to the best of my ability, you know, to not do anything to, you know, affect the confidence that you've shown in me. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Chair recognizes Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk, Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to send condolences at this time to the Nochasak and Jararuse family. For a number of years the young fellow's been my neighbour and like Greg said, I hope with the new group we've got on the opposite side of the table now I hope we can come to some consensus on how to help our youth within Nunatsiavut and outside of Canada and the Canadian Constituency. Each year it seems like we face situations like this in the spring. So and, like I say, he was my neighbour for a number of years now and from what I seen from him, he had a good life ahead of him. His father took him out on the land and he was going where he wanted to go. I guess tough times like we all see and hear in this small community, with no industry and stuff, and nothing to offer our youth. And we've got the crowd coming in there now and hopefully going to erect - start sticking up steel for a multi-purpose building, but that's only one tool in place that will help and offer our kids a little bit of satisfaction that there's something being done for them. So I hope with the rest of you new Members, and as Ordinary Members, and congratulations to you Members that got Ministerial positions. So over the next few months I hope, I'd like to get a good relationship with you like we did with the last ones to see what we can accomplish for the people that we have,

because these are the people that elected us in, and within our region I think we've got a lot that we need to show that we're trying to help them out in, I hope. Like I said, when we all first met, I hope we can work as a team to accomplish what we need and to show that our people, that the communications will come up and we're trying to help them out as best we can.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, certainly want to pass on condolences to the families that were affected by this tragedy again today. I grew up with one of the parents and certainly it's hard and saddening to be here today, you know, to pass on those sad, sad times. I, too, as well, certainly like to thank the community of Nain for giving me the confidence to sit here in this Assembly with you and I know it's going to be tough times, and hopefully at the end of the day then all our communities, including Canadian Constituency, will benefit from our daily doings. I, too, like Kate, certainly look to our past leaders. Some of them are sitting here at the table, and certainly like to recognize William Barbour, who actually inspired me to come into politics. Well-educated. A lot of knowledge of the history that we've gone through, through negotiations in LIA and to where we've come today. So certainly I want to say a big thank

you to Mr. Barbour. He's the one who kind of inspired me to get into politics and, thank you, and I look forward to working with you in this Assembly. Thank you very much.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to express my condolences to the late family. Sometimes when we're here it's difficult to - sometimes, I guess, we feel a bit disassociated at times from these tragedies, but we all realize that, and that's the driving force behind what we're doing here and I realize that everyone is working for the betterment of our people and that's definitely one of the things that we're continually working towards. I'd like to thank Postville for putting me forward as their representative, and it's definitely an honour to be sitting here today. This Assembly is chaired by competent leaders who, as I've mentioned, are looking out constantly for the well-being their communities in Nunatsiavut and every one of our beneficiaries. I realize that I'm fortunate to have this role, especially seeing how close the vote was. I'm looking forward to working with everybody throughout the next few years. I'm very confident in the selection of our Executive Council, and I know they'll make every effort to fulfil their duties and accomplish the will of the Assembly and the people of Nunatsiavut. I'd also like to recognize the joint team that was formed between Postville and

Makkovik for the badminton provincials. I think that goes a long way in terms of illustrating the mentality that we try to put forward as this Assembly in terms of working together and creating accomplishments so that everyone could benefit from. As you've mentioned, Taylor Jacque, from my community, won the gold in the single's event on this. Promising, indeed, to see that the youth are putting forward a sincere effort and level of dedication in our communities. I'd also like to recognize Mr. Sheppard and his contributions in the political field in recent years, and I'm grateful for the opportunity once again to represent my community and to participate in the governance of our people. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Like everyone else, I, too, would like to offer my condolences to the families of the young boy who died. And I'd just like to offer some congratulations, too, to young Daniel Shiwak in Rigolet. He was to the heritage fair and I think he was second runner up, but the category eludes me right now. I think he was second runner up. I'm not sure if it's overall or whatever, but he was second runner up. The other thing I would like to do is to say that when I look at the Executive Council I'm really, really pleased that we've got a people with a broad range of knowledge and I'm really confident in your

abilities to lead us in the next four years, and I look forward to working with everybody who's here until at least September, but I'm hoping that it'll be longer than that so. And I hope I can stand up here and thank people the next time around. If I can't, well, that's it, but, anyway, I'm looking forward to working with you and to what happens within the next four years.

Nakummek.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk, Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to congratulate the elected and re-elected Members and the Ministers on their appointments. I heard a lot in the last couple of days out in the smoking area and in here as well about change and how people wanted change. Well, I tell the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, that change is only good 50 percent of the time. That's when it's good change. Bad change is no good. I think what people, and we all know that people are not - perhaps that's not the right word, change, they're looking for. They're looking for improvement, improvement to health care, those kind of things and, hopefully, this is what we're going to achieve in this Third Assembly. Democratic process is something that I heard out in the smoking area as well and in here. Democratic process change is a part of that. Well, I must say that it is important and we heard that from the trainers about democratic process. And that is, you

know, in the first assembly we had committees for everything. Too many, probably. It was overkill. And maybe that's why we barely had any in the last Assembly, this second assembly. Mostly what we had was required of us for the Standing Orders and, to me, democratic process is an inclusion of elected members and we sit over here. We can't be Ministers, of course, but we certainly do want to be part of the democratic process and we believe that we represent communities and we certainly do have a lot to offer. We do speak for change. We do ask for a revision of things like post-secondary education rules and health standards and things like that. So I hope that, you know, that democratic process becomes, you know, no, it doesn't have to be like a First Assembly, but I certainly hope it's a little more inclusion than the Second Assembly, as far as committees go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Greg Flowers, Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to thank the people of Hopedale for choosing me once again to represent them. It's going to be an honour for me, and I'd just also like to thank the other two candidates that ran in our constituent of Hopedale. It was a close battle and they deserve the recognition. What I'd like to say is that I wanted to work with everybody in our community. So let's put it behind us and move forward and, you

know, I'm here to serve each and every one of my constituents in Hopedale. So I'd like to thank the people once again, and if they have any questions or comments for me, that's what I'm here for. Thank you.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to send my condolences as well to the Nochasak-Jararuse family, and it's so sad when we lose another young person to tragedy. I'd like to thank the constituents in northwest Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake for having the confidence to vote for me again in this past election, and I'd like to welcome the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake and I know we'll really well together so I'd like to welcome you to our Assembly. I'm looking forward to working with everybody in the Assembly and I want to thank you.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you. Chair recognizes Diane Gear, AngajukKâk, Postville.

MS GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my condolences too to the families and also to the whole community because I know that when a tragedy hits like this, it affects not only one family, but the whole community. Also I want to say congratulations to all the members that got elected, the new ones, and the old ones. I also look forward to working with you, at least for the next few months. And I also want to say

congratulations to Taylor Jacque. She was one of the students that Kate mentioned. It just goes to show, you know, that if they train hard enough and work hard enough, then they can achieve whatever goal they want to accomplish. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:

Are there any other Member Statements? We'll now go to item six, "Returns to Oral Questions," and there are no returns today. So next item will be item seven, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? There are no oral questions. We'll now move to item eight, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? There are no written questions. Item nine "Returns to Written Questions." There should be no returns today. Item 10, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? There are no petitions. Item 11, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." There are no reports today. Item 13, "Tabling of Documents." I recognize Treasurer and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek UKâtik. I have a brief report to table to the Assembly as per the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, Section 11. The Treasurer, at the end of each fiscal year shall prepare a report setting out (1) the name of each member and the amounts of all salaries, indemnities, and allowances paid under this part to that member and to the name of each board commissioned committee other than the Committee of the Assembly reported

on under subsection (a) or any other body on which a member has served and the names of those members who served on them during that fiscal year and all the amounts paid in that fiscal year by the government as these and as travelling and the living expenses under this part in respect of each member who is named. Nakummek UKâtik.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Minister Pottle. This will be numbered as tabled document 01-31. Are there any other tabling of documents? Item 14, "Notices of Motion." Are there any notices of motion? Item 15, "Notice of Motion for the First Reading of Bills." There are no notices today. Item 16, "Motions." Are there any motions? There are no motions. Item 17, "The First Reading of Bills." There is no first reading of bills today. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There is no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There are no assents today. Item 20, "The Adjournment," this Assembly Sitting for today. I would like to congratulate all of the newly-elected Ordinary Members and Ministers, and wish you well as we begin our work together on the Third Assembly. I would like to thank the trainers, David Hamilton and Veryan Haysom and all the staff for a job well done, and this concludes this Assembly Sitting. I would like to thank our translators, Wilson Jararuse, Augusta Irving. Please leave your binders here. Take what info you need. We'll be using those binders again at the next sitting. For those of you

interested in the Charter, we'll be here at two o'clock this afternoon, 4:00 and 8:00. Nakummek.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. LYALL: If there are any questions about travel or logistics, please see Hilda Hunter, and the Assembly is adjourned until the week of June 9, 2014. I wish you safe travels.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. LYALL: Nakummek.