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10 Years of Continued Progress

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and 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2015

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**KAUJITITSIUTINGA**  
**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds**

**Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable 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 Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers**

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

**Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak**

**Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, James Tuttauq**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

**Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Gary Mitchell**

**Chair Person for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Trudy Mesher-Barkman**

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

**Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen**

**Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean**

**Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

**Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney**

**Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough**

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**September 22&23, 2015**

**Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2015**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi. I'd like to call to order the Fall Session of the 7th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly, and ask Joe Dicker to say the opening prayer.

**MR. DICKER:** (Recites prayer)

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you very much, Joe. On item two on your *Orders of the Day*, "Opening Address by the President," I will now call upon the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Sarah Leo, to do the Opening Address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, everyone, and welcome back to Hopedale. It's always good to get back here, especially on a beautiful day like today. As you're all aware, this is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will be celebrating, and I think we spoke about this briefly at the last sitting that we have events planned to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a feast happening in each of the communities, as well, I believe in Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency. There are events planned for there as well. So we're really looking forward to it. One of the things we had to make sure in in planning the celebration, as was that each of us were in our home communities for the celebration so that we could take part of it. So the event in Nain will be attended by the elected officials from Nain, and those from Hopedale will be in Hopedale because

we thought it was important to spend the day in our home communities. But what we are planning is while the Assembly is sitting the week before our anniversary, so we will be planning an event here in Hopedale while the Assembly is here to celebrate the great milestone, and we look forward to working with the Hopedale community and the CLO here. The CLO'S are engaged at the community level for the celebrations. As well, there is a planning committee in place. As well, part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, I believe, we made everybody aware of the book that Geoff Goodyear had put out in partnership with our Resource Centre in Nunatsiavut. What we have done as part of the 10th year celebrations is to launch that book as a 10th anniversary celebration piece, I guess, for lack of a better word, and it will be identified on the book celebrating our 10th anniversary. We're also planning a book launch in early November in St. John's as part of the book. The book has become very popular. As you are all aware, Illusuak is well underway. Anybody who's been to Nain lately will see the actual structure of the building coming up, and I'm sure Minister Lyall may fill in a little bit more on that, but it's very exciting to see all these years of planning that our Cultural Centre is finally starting to take shape. Economic Development opportunities, there are so many within Nunatsiavut. But these require energy security. All of our communities are dependent on diesel generated plants, and they're very limited. We know in Makkovik there's always a capacity issue when the plant is running. In Nain there were certain issues and certainly in this community. But as Inuit, and in our

communities, we deserve to have access to sufficient, reliable and sustainable energy. In an effort to address this, Nunatsiavut Government, we are working on an energy security strategy. We have engaged a consultant to assess current and future energy needs and assessing energy security as a whole. This consultant will assist with the development of a long-term energy plan, which will include innovative ways to get energy security, including green energy in our communities. Most of you were here for the presentation that Tom Sheldon did with regard to the Muskrat Falls Project and the issues that we're facing with that. There were, obviously, short-term benefits for certain people that are able to get work in there, but the long-term effects of that project we're going to feel in our communities, and our people are going to feel for a long time to come. We've always been of the view that the lack of a reliable data on the potential effects of mercury on fish harvested and consumed by Labrador Inuit reinforces our need for the recognition and acceptance of Labrador rights in question. During the whole Environmental Joint Review Panel and up till now we've always said and asked for mitigation measures, including full clearing of the reservoir to minimize mercury contamination and to yet, no attempts have been made to accommodate these concerns. Research from Harvard that you've seen last night, a part of it suggests that the flooding of Muskrat Falls reservoir will increase methyl mercury concentrations in Lake Melville disproportionately impacting those who rely on the ecosystem for food and resources. This research, led by Dr. Elsie Sunderland,

Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering and Environmental Health at Harvard Chan School, with the research team, collected soil samples from inland areas slated to be flooded in 2017. They simulated this flooding by covering it with water from the river, and within five days methyl mercury levels in the water covering the core increased 14 times. Estimated increases in methyl mercury inputs into Lake Melville from this possible range from 25 to 200 percent and that's at the very low levels. This team also made important scientific discoveries about methyl mercury accumulates in the ecosystem reaching deadly levels, as it works its way up the food chain. With regards to Voisey's Bay, this past February the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the sixth amendment to Voisey's Bay Development Agreement to allow Vale to export additional nickel concentrate outside the province in order to provide the company more time to get long harbour processing operations, which are located on the island, fully commissioned. In exchange for the amendment, Vale will provide an estimated \$200 million to the province and will contribute 30 million to community development initiatives. We haven't yet seen how the province will identify these community initiatives, and we're certainly looking forward to see and hopefully being engaged in that communication on that. But, as a government, we were quite surprised and disturbed with the announcement. Voisey's Bay is in our backyard, and for reasons there's an entire chapter in our *Land Claims Agreement* devoted solely to the Voisey's Bay Project. Under Section 8.862 of the *Agreement*, "Canada

and the Province shall consult with the Nunatsiavut Government prior to deciding on an application for a permit or issuing an order pertaining to the Voisey's Bay Project or any other work activity in the Voisey's Bay area." And (b) "Attaching a condition or making an amendment to a permit or order pertaining to the Voisey's Bay Project or any other work or activity in the Voisey's Bay area. " It is our opinion that the Province completely failed to consult the Nunatsiavut Government on these amendments which clearly violates our *Land Claims Agreement*. We have expressed our concern, but publically and during meetings we have discussed with the Province, but our concerns have so far been ignored. Despite our dispute with the Province, we have enjoyed a good working with Vale and we expect to build on that relationship long-term in the future, especially considering they have been sanctioned to go underground, and that's quite exciting. Going underground is going to create a lot more employment and economic development opportunities for our beneficiaries of our *Land Claims Agreement*, as well as the businesses. As many as 850 workers will be employed at the site once the underground mine is up and running, and that's from the current level, about 450. They expect the construction to begin in 2016 with full production starting in 2020, and I know our department of Education and Economic Development have been engaged with Vale in planning for training and future economic opportunities once it goes underground. I believe, either today or tomorrow, we will have the new ITK President here, not in his capacity as new President of ITK, but in his capacity as



one our trustees. Last week First Minister Mitchell, Rutie Dicker and I attended the ITK ATG in Cambridge Bay. It's always good to get together with our fellow Inuit of Inuit Nunangat. We talk about mutual concerns, you know? And it's interesting to see how we face a lot of the same challenges, and it's good for the leadership of the Inuit Regions to get together and just discuss things and see how we can move forward. Some of the things that are being planned in the future is a Arctic Economic Development Forum where the leaders of the Arctic Regions, not just within Inuit Nunangat, but within the whole circumpolar world. They're going to get together and talk about the different economic opportunities within the Region. One thing I was rather impressed with, in the community of Cambridge Bay, they have a fish plant and they have char, and this is a small char in Cambridge Bay and it's about this big, so they have massive char there, but they operate their fish plant 11 months of the year. The other two months they dedicated to muskox. But they're able to, like I said, operate their fish plant 10 months of the year. They process about 90 thousand pounds, but I thought that was really encouraging to see how they did it. They take the fish, they freeze it, and then they use the rest of the year, once the fishing has stopped, to process the fish, either by smoking it, or just fileting it and cleaning it off. So that was quite interesting to see. At the end of the AGM it was the term of the past President of ITK, Terry Audla, his term was up. So the election for the new ITK President took place. We had three candidates, Terry Audla being one of them. Natan Obed, one of our beneficiaries,

another, and Jerry Komaksiutiksak from Nunavut was the third candidate. The candidates were given the opportunity to address the delegation of ITK. They were asked several questions by the delegates around the table. Ultimately Natan Obed was the successful winner of the election, and he is the new President of ITK, and I want to congratulate Natan and look forward to working with him in his capacity. But I also want to thank Terry Audla for his work in his tenure as President of ITK, and I know he worked hard for the Inuit of Inuit Nunangat. And, finally, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October I will be travelling to St. John's with our very own Rita Andersen. Rita Andersen is being recognized by the Province and will receive a Seniors of Distinction Award and will be presented by the Lieutenant-Governor in St. John's at that time. So congratulations to Rita and very well deserved. Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Madam President. Moving onto item three of your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I'd like to welcome the Assembly Members back after the summer recess, especially Herb Jacque, the AngajukKâk from Makkovik. It's great to have you back, AngajukKâk. For the information of the Assembly, the Page Exchange Program has resumed. Postville has sent pages from Makkovik in their stead, and the Assembly welcomes the two youth from JCEM; April Groves and Nikita Chaulk. Giving the new pages guidance and support will be Tabea Onalik. Interpreter/translators are Rita Andersen, Wilson Jararuse and Augusta Irving. Andrew Hamel and Robert Ford are the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. We'd also like to recognize the

OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel, Christine Lampe and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. *Inuttitut* training will take place in the courtroom after the formal assembly today. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. For the information of the Assembly, we are testing the audio broadcasting equipment which was installed by our IT Department earlier this month. This session will have audio recorded for Nunatsiavut's Assembly archives. Is there any member wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery today? Onto item four, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements today? I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some updates for the Assembly. First of all, in regards to implementation, the Implementation Committee met on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in St. John's. The NG asked if the Feds and the Province had any appetite to amend the section of the *Land Claims Agreement* by deleting the nine-year clause in Part 12.3.13 of the *Land Claims Agreement* to allow continued harvesting of migratory birds in the area identified in Schedule 12(e) of the *Land Claims Agreement*. As a result of that meeting, the Province did consultations which resulted in support for the Nunatsiavut Government request by Keith Russell sending a letter to the Federal Environment Minister, Susan Aglukark, supporting the Nunatsiavut Government request and asking if the Minister would agree to remove the nine-year clause by some other written agreement.

We are not expecting the Federal Government to respond until after the election. Public Property and Housing. I guess as most people are aware that Brian Flowers has resigned the position, and the position has now been advertised. And in regards to the Attic Retrofit and Housing Program, we have awarded a contract to Nunatsiavut Construction to complete the attic retrofit and housing repairs in Nain and to John Thomas Lucy in Hopedale. The work is expected to be completed the first week in October. Nunatsiavut Housing Assessment. We awarded a contract to Aivek/Stantec to do an assessment of all Nunatsiavut Government-owned property in our five Inuit communities. The preliminary report has been completed and we are awaiting for the final report. We will use this report to assess repairs or replacement of any Nunatsiavut Government properties. Office Infrastructure Review and Housing Model Review. A contract was awarded to Aivek/Stantec to complete a review of existing Nunatsiavut Government office space and the need for expansion over the next 10 to 15 years, in particular, to include the transition of staff to Nunatsiavut. This report is to be completed by the end of November. A contract was also awarded to International Institute for Sustainable Development to complete an assessment of a housing delivery model for Nunatsiavut. This report is to be completed and delivered to Nunatsiavut Government by the end of 2015. Hopedale Geotech Contract. A contract has been awarded to Aivek Stantec to do a geotechnical drilling program in Hopedale. This work will include drilling at the proposed new housing subdivision area

over by the trout ponds. The subcontractor is Cartwright Drilling and work is proposed to start early October and to be completed by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Illusuak. Phase 2 of Illusuak is proceeding on schedule. The building is to be covered this fall with exterior work completed. It will then be winterized until funding is available to proceed with Phase 3.

Membership. Don Dicker has retired as our Registrar. The Membership Office is currently being run by Ashley Edmunds who will assume the position of Acting Registrar from October the 2<sup>nd</sup> until the position of Registrar is filled. The position has been advertised. The next membership workshop will be held in Nain from September the 28<sup>th</sup> to October the 1<sup>st</sup>. The workshop will be facilitated by our legal counsel, Loretta Michelin, Veryan Haysom and Mark Gillette. It will be attended by the Membership Committee, Inuit Appeals board members and by our CLO's.

Transportation. Marine Transportation. We continue to discuss with the Province and Nunatsiavut Marine, the freight and passenger service and schedule. We have flagged the Province once more on the condition of wharfs in our communities. We will continue to press for repairs and upgrades to all marine infrastructure in Nunatsiavut. In regard to the Ministers Advisory Committee, I sit as the Nunatsiavut Government representative for the Ministers Advisory Committee on transportation. We've attended two meetings, and those two meetings dealt more specifically with the RFP process for the new vessel for the north coast. Thank you, Mr. Speaker .

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle, the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. Mr. Speaker, the auditors for the Nunatsiavut Government, Deloitte, will be presenting the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. These financial statements, Mr. Speaker, will include the transactions of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, as well as a reflection of the investments of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. The financial statements, Mr. Speaker, report the actual results of government operations and the extent to which revenues raised in the period were or were not sufficient to meet the expenses for that period. We review these financial statements to evaluate the government's fiscal management. Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that the financial statements are not intended to provide all the information needed to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations. That being said, Mr. Speaker, there are two key financial indicators of statement of financial position, known commonly as the balance sheet. The first indicator, Mr. Speaker, of financial performance is net financial assets or a net financial debt position. This indicator is an important test of the sustainability of our government. Mr. Speaker, we do have enough financial assets to cover the liabilities of our government and to finance future operations. As Members, we'll see from the financial statements, the Nunatsiavut

Government has net financial assets meaning that yes, we can do that. Mr. Speaker, the second financial indicator of financial performance is accumulated surplus or accumulated deficit. An accumulated surplus is that amount by which all assets, financial and non-financial, exceed all liabilities accumulated over time. Mr. Speaker, the extent of a government accumulated surplus or deficit is an indication of its ability to provide future services. Again in reviewing the financial statements we do have the net resources, financial and physical, that can be used to provide future services to beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, on the statement of operations, the third financial indicator to note is the annual surplus or deficit. The annual surplus or deficit shows whether the revenues raised in the year were sufficient to cover the year's cost. Again, Mr. Speaker, we are in a positive position, generating more than enough revenue to cover our expenses, including the expenses of using new and existing capital assets to provide services to beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, surplus is different than cash in the bank account, as it also includes non-cash transactions. That being said, the Nunatsiavut Government does have a positive cash position and has grown its cash balance year over year. Mr. Speaker, the statement of changes in net financial assets is a measure of whether the revenues raised were sufficient to cover government spending. The Nunatsiavut Government has a positive position reflecting that we did indeed raise enough revenues to cover government's expenditures for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Mr. Speaker, as Treasurer, I am pleased with the overall financial position of the

Nunatsiavut Government. We worked diligently within my department to ensure that fiscal management is our top priority and that the Nunatsiavut Government will continue to be sustainable and viable future generations of Labrador Inuit. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report on some significant activities of my department since the last sitting. Firstly, I would like to recognize the longest serving employee of Labrador Inuit Association and Nunatsiavut Government, Rita Andersen.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause]

**MR. LYALL:** Mr. Speaker, after 37 years Rita has decided to retire at the end of October. Rita's contribution to the preservation and revitalization of our language is legendary. Rita's career has spanned from the early stages of the Labrador Inuit Association and Torngâsok to the 10th anniversary year of our *Land Claim*. She will also be recognized, as the Honourable Sarah Leo has mentioned, as Senior of Distinction at a ceremony in St. John's on October the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Speaker, if you'll indulge me, please join me in thanking Rita for her exceptional service, sacrifice and leadership to the Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek, Rita.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MS ANDERSEN:** Nakummek.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].



**MR. LYALL:**

I would also like to thank Don Dicker Sr. who is retiring as Nunatsiavut's Registrar. Don has been a valuable member of Isumatat and a great resource on both Labrador Inuit language and heritage. Nakummek to Don Dicker Sr.

**ASSEMBLY:**

[Applause].

**MR. LYALL:**

And also I'd like to say welcome to Nikita Chaulk and April Groves. It's encouraging to see Labrador Inuit youth involved and interested in Nunatsiavut Government and its affairs. Thank you for being here. LITP IBED, a six-week *Inuttitut* immersion course using the LITP modules was delivered for the Bachelor of Inuit Education students at the college in Happy Valley in July to mid-August. Sarah Townley and Selma Jararuse, with the support from Christine Nochasak and Suzanna Jararuse, delivered the program. The students showed a real attitude and enthusiasm for developing fluency in *Inuttitut* and achieved top marks in progress through five modules. *Inuttitut* classes are offered three times a week as one of the courses in the *Inuttitut* bachelor of education program. This summer we were very fortunate to have four students in our offices. Silpa Suarak, Eva Obed, Josh Pamak, Kelly Nochasak- McLean. All four made major contributions to the department projects, and it is very encouraging to see youth so proud, knowledgeable and passionate about being Inuit in Labrador in Nunatsiavut. We thank them for their contribution. ITK Language Summit on Standardized Writing System for *Inuttitut* was held in Iqaluit August 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Nunatsiavut was represented by Christine Nochasak, Sophie Tuglavina, Joan Dicker and

from our department, Johannes Lampe and Deputy Minister Dave Lough. ITK will take the summit recommendations on using Roman lithography to the National Inuit Education Committee, and the ITK Board for action. On Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, they had a successful season despite, as we all know, some bad weather challenges this year. I would like to congratulate the staff and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies who did a superb job of hosting guests and making some significant improvements to the operation. Hebron National Historic Site also had a very successful year. On July 12<sup>th</sup> the season began hosting an adventure Canada cruise and had 432 visitors toured the site by closing on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Ambassadors, Buddy Merkuratsuk and Jenny did a really superb job. We really missed our lead heritage carpenter, Levi Nochasak, this summer, as he has been undergoing treatment in St. John's. I would like to wish Levi our best wishes and we look forward to having him back in Hebron next summer. Action Canada returned to Nunatsiavut in August, 2015 with a group of 28 fellows and advisors. They visited Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, Hebron, and Nain, as well as participating in a dialogue on key policy issues. They also purchased a significant amount of art, the best sales in Torngat Arts and Crafts' history. We will continue to work with groups like Action Canada to develop Nunatsiavut as a destination for group travel and create partnerships for policy development. Some of our archaeological office activities during the summer of 2015; surveys in the Rigolet region with the support of the Smithsonian Institution

resulting in discovery of dozens of previously unknown archaeological sites, as well as previously unknown feature types. Surveys near Nain on Satsosak Island near Kauk. Excavation of a feature on Hillsbury Island near Nain that was discovered in 2014 which appears to be both a Lake Dorset component and a historic Inuit component. Archaeological assessment of trout ponds area near Hopedale and site visits on several islands near Hopedale with ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honourable Greg Flowers. Archaeological assessment of a location in Nain Bay where the Going Off Growing Strong project intends to construct a cabin near known archaeological resources. The proposed cabin location is far enough from known sites not to pose a threat. Previously unknown sites were discovered at that time, as well as including a substantial Inuit winter house and evidence for Late Precontact Amerindian activity.

There's a group preparing to travel to Ukak Bay on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to bring an elder back to her home for the first time in nearly 60 years to learn about the area from her and to conduct archaeological surveys in the inner bay building upon work done in the area by archaeologists in the 1970's. They're preparing to continue and complete consultations on repatriation early in the fall of this year working towards building aerial drones with school students in other Inuit communities during the 2015-2016 school year. Traditions and Transition Among Labrador Inuit Project in partnership with Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador and 20 partner institutions, 30 coal investigators, half of whom are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and 30 collaborators of whom are Inuit

tradition bearers, all funding is in place and research projects are underway. The project will span five years and multiple research projects connecting Inuit tradition bearers alongside established scholars and with engagement of graduate students and Inuit youth. We'll be establishing a communication strategy to ensure all communities are aware and engaged. The 2015 Heritage Forum has been rescheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> in Hopedale. The Agvituk Historical Society will be the host in a number of key presentations on major language, culture and heritage projects. All communities will be participating, and new partnerships on heritage projects will result from the forum. On the arts. SakKijajuk. An exhibition of fine art and craft from Nunatsiavut will be held in Happy Valley Goose Bay November 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. From the exhibit pieces will be chosen to be part of the first ever nationally touring exhibition of Labrador Inuit Art and Craft. At the same time in Goose Bay a Provincial Symposium on Aboriginal Art in Newfoundland and Labrador will be held. I would like to recognize the great work of Heather Igloliorte and the Mobilizing Inuit Culture and Heritage Project. Illusuak Cultural Centre. The Exhibit Advisory Committee has been active collecting photos and stories for permanent exhibit in Illusuak and for travelling exhibits. This fall we will be issuing a RFP for exhibit final design, fabrication and installation. This is a key component to preparing the centre for its official opening planned for 2017. Recreation. In partnership with Torngat Recreation Commission, we have been working on an environmental scan and strategic plan entitled, "Pathways to

Active Living." The plan is to work with TRC, the Aboriginal Sports Network, and the directors of recreation in each community on ways to improve, not just sports, but all forms of community recreation for all age groups. We will be continuing this initiative over the next months and we'll look forward to dialogue with the Inuit Community Governments and Nunatsiavut Government, provincial and federal agencies. Tourism Nunatsiavut. This summer we were able to attract a number of writers and photographers to the Torngat Mountains, the Base Camp, Hebron and all communities. As a result, we'll have a lot of new material available on our websites and through social media to promote Nunatsiavut. We will also be working the next months in partnership with Destination Labrador and Provincial Tourism to increase training and investment opportunities in tourism ventures. Tourism and Arts and Crafts will play an increasing role Nunatsiavut's economic development. Finally, I would like to thank the many volunteers in all our communities that work on our projects. We see some great festivals, summer recreation programs and community feasts and fundraising projects that help make our communities better and bring a stronger sense of pride and healthier communities to live in and to visit. We have a lot of visitors that come to Nunatsiavut and what goes on behind the scenes, not in the spotlight, is absolutely phenomenal, and I thank all those volunteers that help make those visits for people in Nunatsiavut a great success.

Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We are quickly approaching a 35-minute time speaking limit for minister statements. I'll be invoking Standing Order 16.1 in asking the unanimous consent of the Assembly to extend the period allotted for minister statements. Are there any nays to this motion? We will extend the minister statements. I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Fisheries. Nunatsiavut Government designated 13 beneficiaries to participate in the Northern Shrimp Fishery in SFA 4 and 5. As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, designates have landed 66 percent of our SFA 4 quota and 69 percent of our SFA 5 quota. Fisheries are having very good success and processors are paying a very high price for shrimp. We anticipate landing our entire shrimp quota ensured this season. Nunatsiavut Government designated seven beneficiaries to participate in a 2HJN Snow Crab Fishery, Mr. Speaker. Fishers landed the entire available quota this season with minimum reports of soft shell crab. We are very pleased with how the 2015 Snow Crab Fishery turned out. The Nunatsiavut Government maintained its 310 quota, with a 15 percent holdback in recognition of high incidences of soft shell crab. The Nunatsiavut Government designated four beneficiaries to participate in the competitive Greenland Halibut Fishery. As of September 9<sup>th</sup> 74 percent of the communal quota is landed, and we anticipate the full quota to be landed at the Makkovik plant. The Makkovik operation has had a successful processing season, and the extreme worker shortage that occurred in 2014 was not an issue this

season. Torngat Fish Producers Co-op has invested in an automated butchering machine for processing crab, and a new processing line for turbot. Both of these pieces of equipment are now on site and will be fully utilized for the 2016 processing season. Nunatsiavut Government designated 17 beneficiaries to participate in the commercial Arctic char fishery in Nain this summer. These designates landed 45,000 pounds of char at the Nain plant. Torngat Co-op invested in several new initiatives for the Nain operation this season including a new fileting machine, electric smoker, new packaging, as well as testing a char trap. These measures are intended to increase quality and marketing value of char.

Mr. Speaker, our domestic food fishery in LISA and Upper Lake Melville saw a successful season with reports of more large salmon in our fishery this year. The English River Project began operations on June 29<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the first week in October. We are experiencing another good year where Atlantic salmon and Arctic char returns.

Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The moose hunting season opened on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a TH of 35 moose again this year. Twenty-three licences are made available to beneficiaries through a draw system, while the remaining 12 are available to the Inuit Community Governments and corporations. The Nunatsiavut Government plans to return to Gros Morne to harvest up to 50 moose again this year. Discussions are currently being finalized with Parks Canada on this program. This is our ongoing commitment to provide an alternate source of country food to the beneficiaries. The Provincial Government, Mr. Speaker, implemented

a two-year review of their five-year hunting ban on the George River Caribou this past spring. As part of the two-year review, the Nunatsiavut Government requested the Province hold consultation and information sessions in each of the communities within Nunatsiavut. Staff from Provincial Wildlife Office, along with the Director of Renewable Resources, travelled to all five communities during June and July to provide the latest information available on George River Caribou. Impact Benefits Agreements. For the Voisey's Bay IBA, we discussed winter shipping and community information sessions, project and expansion to underground, business opportunities and the scholarship program. Mr. Speaker, in the past years winter shipping information sessions have not been well attended, and we feel communities are now more familiar with winter shipping and early concerns have been addressed and mitigated. We discussed with Vale options of what we can do to increase participation and interest in these sessions. Our IBA co-ordinator will work with Vale staff to consider how more participation can be generated such as expanding topics being discussed and other information options. Peter Langlois of Vale provided a overview of the underground expansion in some detail and a schedule for construction employment numbers for construction and underground operations. Vale will, beginning the last week of October, hold business opportunity sessions, which my colleague, Minister Kemuksigak, will certainly expand on in her address. The uptake on scholarships has not been great despite the high level of promotion. Very few applications have been submitted



for the available scholarships. These scholarships are now limited to new high school graduates which is a very small pool of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. We will discuss further options of expanding the criteria to include beneficiaries that also attend post-secondary education. Mr. Speaker, the Parks Co-management Board met in Nain from September 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting did not happen due to weather. Topics on the agenda included research, visitor experiences, aircraft landings, Torngat Mountains caribou, financial and administrative support. The Co-management Board requesting ongoing scientific and traditional knowledge of Torngat Mountains caribou so it's an accurate picture and the health of the herd can be determined. This is a population of fresh water seals in the park. There is a population of fresh water seals in the park, and the Park Co-management Board would like to find out more about the population. A strategy for research in the park is being drafted to guide outside research on priority areas. Parks Canada Enforcement Branch was in the park for 10 days this summer. As a result seven people have been charged with violations related to harvesting illegally and accessing the park without appropriate permits and will appear in court in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Gregory Flowers, the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a few updates from my department this morning. First of all, I'd like to welcome Michael Mitsuk

Youth Outreach Worker for Hopedale. Mandy Arnold, Outreach Worker for Nain. These are new permanent full-time positions as funding was announced by the Province in 2015-2016 budget and has now been confirmed. Gillian Harding, Tobacco Control Strategy Co-ordinator. This is a two-year term position which will be key in carrying out the activities outlined in our Tobacco Control Strategy. Reta Crane-Saunders, Senior Therapist with the Trauma and Addiction Teams, Laurie Russell, Case Manager and Scott Hudson, Co-ordinator with the Supportive Housing Program. And Eileen Butt, Homecare Worker for Northwest River. We all have contracted Inez Shiwak to carry out a household tobacco use survey in Nunatsiavut. Our hope is that every household will be surveyed and the information will provide a baseline monitoring tobacco in the future, help us to develop key messages for specific target groups and engage all community members in awareness about the new Tobacco Control Strategy. Our department has been actively engaged with CYFS looking at ways to support families and reduce the number of children coming into care. We recently submitted a proposal to the National Family Violence Division, and we were successful in receiving \$300,000 per year for the next three years to implement a Family Connection Program. The program is basically home visitors program which will provide support to families in their own homes. Activities could include parent skills, meal preparations, assisting with medical, counselling appointments, attending parent/teacher interviews, connecting families to the Family Resource Centre, Aboriginal Head Start Youth Programming, or simply having a cup

of tea or coffee and building relationships. There will be a co-ordinator position and three family visitors sharing between Nain and Hopedale. If this pilot works we hope to extend into other communities. Nain held their suicide prevention conference this month with the theme, "We Are Strong." The conference was held over a two-day period and had great turnouts from the community. The conference consisted of different events. It started off on National Suicide Prevention Day and activities consisted of a suicide prevention walk, a church service to recognize those who have passed on and a candlelight vigil also. There was a community breakfast and a video developed and shown on youth strength by the youth outreach worker. And the final evening ended with a community bonfire and the launch of lanterns. There were a large number of people in attendance and, from accounts, the two days were a success. Rigolet also held their Suicide Prevention conference in September with the theme, "Celebrate Life." Guest speaker, Emmy Mitchell, facilitated grief and loss sessions as well as a healing workshop.

TB Update. TB clinics are continuing at the Lab Health Centre, Labrador Health Centre. To date there has been 15 clinics in 2015, and we are using to fly in and out on the same day model where we can. TB assessments clinics in Nain are no longer being offered as no one has been booking in for appointments for several weeks. Anyone who has concerns will be seen in the clinic through a regular appointment. There are 23 cases to date and some of those clients have completed their treatment. The TB Outbreak Management Committee and LGH

continues to meet on a regular basis. We had been meeting weekly since May, but we have decreased their frequencies of meeting to bi-weekly this month. We also would like to acknowledge Sarah Anala who is the recipient of this year's Woman of the Year Award presented annually by Nunatsiavut Government Status of Women Office. Sarah Anala, who currently lives in Moncton, New Brunswick, was presented with her award while attended the AnânauKatiget Tumingit Regional Inuit Women's Association Annual General Meeting in Rigolet on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one side note, Mr. Speaker. If the Minister of the Department of Culture and Recreation would like to go on an excursion with Minister Flowers, he's more than welcome to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any other minister statements today? I recognize the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I will give an update on the Education Division. Post-Secondary Student Support Update. The Inuit Bachelor of Education students completed their preparatory year of their academic classes through the Colleges of North Atlantic in June with all successfully meeting their requirements to allow them to continue into the Memorial University Program. We did, however, have one student who decided not to continue for personal reasons. Last week we received a new application for the program and are awaiting for MUN's evaluation of its

file to see if he will be eligible to join the program. If he is successful, we will have 15 students in the program. Mr. Speaker, the spring and summer was a very turbulent time for with many changes impacting the Bachelor of Education Program. In June the language program co-ordinator left and there was a big gap in the planning of the language instruction for the IBED Program. Mid-way into the summer language session our instructor advised she will not be returning to the program in the fall. In June our cultural consultant gave notice she would be leaving the program at the end of July. MUN delayed hiring the program manager for IBED for several months due to the person not being available until the end of August. At the same time we were advised that the associate dean of the Faculty of Education, who oversaw the program since its inception, was leaving his position. And the finance person at MUN who was dealing with our contract also was due to retire in June but stayed on till the end of summer to keep things on track with the program. In addition, the administrator of the college retired and we now have a temporary person taking over until October when they hope to have a permanent position in place. All these changes left our staff scrambling to try to hold things together and troubleshoot and offer advice to the partners in dealing with the many logistical items needing attention. So there was a lot of changes. Mr. Speaker, Suzanna Jararuse has recently been hired as the instructor for the LITP Program. We hope to have a cultural consultant hired by the end of September and MUN finally has their program manager in place. Department of Culture,

Recreation and Tourism should have a language program co-ordinator in place soon and we have appointed Liz Evans Mitchell to be cultural consultant until we hire a permanent person. It is not known who will be the lead person at MUN yet, but our PSSSP program director is in daily contact with them to ensure all program requirements are being taken care of. Mr. Speaker, on a bright note, the language training through LITP was very well received by the students and they took to the style of training with immense pleasure and success. The final marks for the six-week intensive session ranged from 88 to a hundred percent. And this is something to be admired. This level of success has caught the attention of many people in various educational fields and general public. We will do our best to ensure the momentum continues. So far we have 28 confirmed graduates of the 2014-15 academic year in a variety of programs. Mr. Speaker, once again this year we were able to pick up all our qualified on time applicants as well as some late applicants. As of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 we have a hundred and forty-six full-time students including the IBED students and 38 part-time students for a total of a hundred and eighty-four students. We are still processing late applications for areas with seat availability. Next will be our Inuit Pathways Update. In May, June and July Inuit Pathways had 25 graduates from long-term training programs such as heavy equipment operator, heavy duty equipment technician, automotive service technician, power line technician and hairstyling. Mr. Speaker, as this is a start of a new school year Inuit Pathways staff are busy getting new clients ready to

begin training in September. We have 48 new clients in long-term training at various institutions as well as 15 enrolled in the adult basic education shared between the learning centres in Nain and Hopedale. Mr. Speaker, once again Inuit Pathways is very fortunate to receive additional department funds from the Nunatsiavut Government for skills development and work experience. These funds enable us to support a higher number of long-term clients in skills development, project based training, and individuals seeking employment who lack the work experience, that our assets allocation would not have allowed those extra people if it wasn't for the extra funding. With both these allocation of funds we currently support 22 clients in work experience opportunities. In addition to that we have numerous clients completing short-term skills development training, example, transportation of dangerous goods. This project also encouraged other community governments to apply for funds to deliver this type of training to their employees and other community members. We are partnering with the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Lands and Resources and the community governments of Nain and Hopedale on a pilot project of vehicle reclamation and oil tank clean-up. This project is availing of both skills development funds and work experience training and employing six individuals from both communities of Nain and Hopedale. Mr. Speaker, over this past summer Inuit Pathways has approved 21 students for summer work opportunities within Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. We are currently supporting one individual in self-employment benefits

who has just recently established her business. As you are aware, the *Assets Agreement* is currently working through an agreement extension for 2015-16. Staff are now in the process of submitting the plans for an approval process for extension for 2016-17. It is anticipated that this approval will follow shortly and work will continue to enhance employability opportunities for beneficiaries. As the federal election is happening in October, it is anticipated that over the winter work will begin at the federal level on a successor program for assets which will allow the valuable work carry out currently to continue. A short update on our working with LITP. We are still continuing to work with LITP, Vale, the Innu, the Metis and the Province on a proposal for funding to train people for underground mining and underground technical trades. We are hoping to have the proposal finalized and ready following the federal election as we are hoping the call for proposals will be announced shortly after the election with funds to flow April, 2016 for the next five years.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. At this point, again, I'd like to invoke Standing Order 16.1, the auditors for the presentation have arrived. I'm seeking the unanimous consent of the Assembly to break and then after we will move onto item 16 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion," and then we will have the auditors do the presentation. So I'm seeking the consent of the Assembly to move onto Standing Order 16 after our break and have the presentation from the auditors. Are there



any nays? It is carried. We will now break for 20 minutes and thereafter we will return and have the presentation from the auditors. Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:** Prior to the break, we've stated that we will return with Notices of Motion, however, again we invoked 16.1, but at this point we'd like to go to item 13 on your *Orders of the Day*, "The Tabling of Documents," and I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I am pleased to table the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and the report of the audited annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The documents will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(7) and tabled document 02-3(7). I'd like again to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I would like to table the Section 111 Report as required under the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. This document will be numbered as tabled document 03-3(7). I'd like to recognize the First Minister of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the 2014-15 Annual Report of the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, First Minister. This document will be numbered as tabled document 04-3(7). I'd like again to recognize the Honourable First Minister Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the 2016-17 Assembly Calendar.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, First Minister. This document will be tabled document 05-3(7). I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I am pleased to table the presentations of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and the financial statements and reports of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and a presentation from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 06-3(7). The financial statements and report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 07-3(7) and 08-3(7) in that order. The financial statements and report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 09-3(7) and 10-3(7) in that order. The presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 11-3(7). That concludes our

tabled documents for today. We'll now be moving on to item 14 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that tabled document 01-3(7) and 02-3(7) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte and the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, Rexanne Crawford. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion under item 16, "Motions." Nakummek UKâtitik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the Minister of Finance and the Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole, COW, to discuss the appointment of a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions."

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada. I'd like again to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the Minister of Finance and the

Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that Ms Nannette Blake be appointed as the Nunatsiavut electoral officer to hold office during good behaviour and may only be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions."

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Ford. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole to receive the financial statements and presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. That concludes Notices of Motion for today. We will now move onto item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices for the first reading of bills today. On to item 16, "Motions." Minister Pottle, I understand that you wish to proceed with your motion regarding the audited statements from Deloitte.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion on moving the audited statements and the report on the

audited annual Consolidated Financial Statements into the Committee of the Whole for consideration. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Honourable Minister, please proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik, and fellow members of the Assembly. Whereas the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, and the report on the audited annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, have been tabled in the Assembly, and whereas the Assembly should consider these document in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses from the auditors and the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government. Now, Mr. Speaker, therefore I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell that tabled documents 01-3(7) and 02-3(7) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte and the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would the Minister like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Just very briefly. I think most of the Members of the Assembly have gone through this process and this procedure before. I think it's appropriate that the audited financial statements be considered in the Committee of the Whole to give the witnesses time to present the

audited financial statements and for Members of the Assembly to ask questions in a more informal manner, but following our Standing Orders in the Committee of the Whole. This will allow for more opportunity for Members of the Assembly to ask more than one question or make more than one statement as we would follow the normal processes as per the Standing Orders. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? No other Members wish to speak. Does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion's carried. These documents will now be considered in the Committee of the Whole with the witnesses. We are now in the Committee of the Whole, and I invite the auditors to address the Assembly. The Minister of Finance, please proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for the information of the Assembly Members, introduction-wise we have Paul Janes from Deloitte and Lori Taylor from Deloitte and, as everybody knows, Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government. So I welcome you to the table and thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. You may proceed with your presentation, please.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you and good morning, everybody. Thanks for inviting us to the Assembly once again and to present the results of our audit. Now we'll go through two documents this morning; one, which, I guess, is in your materials which is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Audit Results," which I'll take you through in a moment. And the other being the actual Consolidated Financial Statements which Lori will walk you through when I'm done. Please feel free to stop us at any time, and if there are questions, happy to address them as we go, or at the end based on your preference. So I'll just give everybody a minute, but this is the document we're going to go through first. I'm actually going to start on page two, which is the first page after the Table of Contents and it's titled, "Audit Scope and Findings." So this report will summarize the main findings from our audit with regards to audit strategy and scope. We go through an extensive planning and risk assessment exercise both internally and through discussions with management to help us plan the audit and we set forth our audit scope in our engagement letter which is dated to management on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements, including a missions in the financial statements that individually or in aggregate could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the financial statement users. Standards require that we determine performance materiality for purposes of assessing the risk of material and statement of the financial statements and determining the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures. In the current year we calculated a materiality based off of the size of

revenues for the organization and calculated a materiality of \$1.3 million. In the prior year it was \$1 million. Audit Risks.

**MR. LYALL:**

Just for Mr. Speaker and the auditors, for the benefit of the translators, just be mindful of speed and technicality in your words. Nakummek. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek. Continue on, please.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you. With regards to audit risks, we determined three significant risks through our planning process being financial statement presentation and disclosures, the general ledger and adjusting journal entries and personal expense claims. And we have summarized the results of our procedures on those risks and I'll get to those in the following pages. Turning to the top of the next page, standards require that we group the Nunatsiavut Government Consolidated Financial Statements considered to be a group audit, and there's two entities with which gets consolidated into your financial statements that we do not audit. So we're required to disclose that to you being Torngat Services Limited Partnership and PiKaluk Jack Fisheries Limited Partnership, neither which are considered under the standards to be significant to yet the overall consolidated financial picture, but no restrictions have been placed on the scope of our audit, and in performing the audit we were given full and complete access to the records, supporting documentation and other information that we requested. We did not encounter any significant difficulties while performing the audit. There were no significant delays in receiving information from management required for the audit, nor was there an



unnecessary brief timetable placed on our time to complete the audit. In accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, our audit is designed to enable us to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the government's annual Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards. We confirm that there were no amendments to the audit scope and approach communicated in our engagement letter. We have rendered our audit opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the government following approval of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. With regards to internal control over financial reporting, we did complete a substantive based audit approach and, as such, did not test the operating effects of internal controls within the organization. However, we do evaluate the design and implementation of internal controls to make sure that they do exist within the organization. And we did not identify any deficiencies in over financial reporting that we concluded to be a material weakness. With regards to fraud and illegal acts, under auditing standards we need to consider fraud and illegal acts within the organization where we're not — do not uncover anything that had an impact on the financial statements. Significant Events. As part of our audit we did not identify any significant events during the year and, if we did, we would bring those forward. Any related party transactions are disclosed in Note 4 of your Consolidated Financial Statements, and we did not identify any related party transactions that were not within the normal course of

operations throughout the year. Significant Accounting Policies. We believe management selection of accounting policy, is appropriate under Public Sector Accounting Standards, and our views on the significant quantitative and qualitative aspects of those policies are presented on page seven of this report, which I'll get to in a moment, and all of the policies that the government follows are disclosed in Note 2 to your financial statements, which there were no changes from the prior year. Turning to the top of the next page. With regards to management judgement and accounting estimates, accounting estimates are an integral part of any set of financial statements. We would discuss those, any estimates or judgements made, with management and go through a testing process of those as part of our audit, and those estimates and judgements are disclosed further on page seven of this report.

Uncorrected Misstatements. Throughout the audit process if we determine there to be any misstatements, we discuss those with management and come to a decision with regards to whether or not we adjust or not adjust any misstatements that may arise and we aggregate anything that's greater than \$65,000 in the current year, in the prior year it was \$50,000, and in the Appendix to this report you'll note the items that we came across and I'll discuss those in a moment. With regards to adjusted and unadjusted disclosure deficiencies, the accounting standards that you follow set forth what needs to be disclosed in the financial statements, and there are a couple of items that are required, but not disclosed in the financial statements which are noted here, but

we determined through discussions with management that they're not material to your financial statements and, therefore, they weren't adjusted. With regards to any disagreements with management, during the course of our audit we did not encounter any disagreements with management about any matters that either individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Management has informed us that the government has not consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters. With regards to legal and regulatory compliance, our limited procedures did not identify any areas of material noncompliance with any laws or regulations that the government is required to follow. Post Balance Sheet Events. Management is responsible for assessing subsequent events up to the date of the release of the Consolidated Financial Statements. At the date of our audit report, which was September 8<sup>th</sup>, we are not aware of any significant post balance sheet events. If there were any events they would have to be disclosed within your financial statements. So in conclusion, no restrictions have been placed on the scope of our audit. In performing the audit, we were given full and complete access to the accounting records, supporting documentation and any other information that we had requested. We have issued an unmodified audit report dated September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the government for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. With regards to independence, Appendix B does have a copy of our independence letter and does state that we are independent of the

organization for the full period under audit and up to current day.

Turning to page six titled, "Audit Risks." So, as I mentioned, there were three significant areas of risk that we highlighted in our planning process, first being financial statement disclosure and presentation. We reviewed with management all significant accounting policies and disclosures to ensure compliance with Public Sector Accounting Standards. We obtained documentation in support of and reviewed, for reasonableness, the Consolidated Financial Statements. And we are satisfied with the presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements under Public Sector Accounting Standards, and that all material, quantitative and qualitative disclosures have been properly included therein. For adjusting journal entries, we tested a sample of adjusting journal entries to ensure they are appropriate and have been appropriately approved and we conclude that the journal entries are appropriately recorded and approved. With regards to personal expense claims, we reviewed a sample of expense reports for proper authorization of expenditures and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure expenditures were of a business nature. And we are satisfied that expense claims reviewed only include expenses of a business nature. Turning to page seven, "Significant Accounting Practices and Policies." So, as I noted, all your significant accounting policies are disclosed in Note 2 to your financial statements. There have not been any significant changes from the prior year. As I noted, management judgement and accounting estimates are part of any set of financial statements, and the significant estimates

within your financial statements include the valuation of investments, the collectability of receivables, the residual value and the economic laws of tangible capital assets, any provisions and personal income tax revenue streams. Appendix A on page eight. As I mentioned, any amounts that we find that are considered to be misstatements within the financial statements in the current year over \$65,000 we aggregate and report. And in the current year there's one item there which is just a timing issue with regards to some software licences and the item has been there for a couple of years now, so you'll note that the second item that's listed on that page is actually the amount that was there last year so it's the net effect that affects your financial statements. And, as you can see, from an income statement perspective, the net impact is only \$34,000. So through discussions with management we determined it's not necessary to, or material, to change or adjust the financial statements for those amounts and, as I said, it is just a timing issue year over year. Appendix B is on page nine. It's just a copy of our independence letter which is a required communication that we need to provide to the government, and it does state that from the date of our last letter up unto the date of the financial statements we are independent and if there were any items that could cause us to bear on our independence we would bring those forward to the Assembly. Any questions before we walk through the Consolidated Financial Statements? Okay. So Lori Taylor will walk you through the financial statements and, as I mentioned earlier, anybody has any questions, feel free to stop us as we go.

**MS TAYLOR:** Thanks, Paul. So the document I'm going to walk through is the Consolidated Financial Statements and I'm going to start on page...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please proceed, Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:** Sir, I was just wondering in personal expense claims, I have reviewed a sample of expense reports for proper authorization and expenditures and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure expenditures were of a business nature. This relates to us, right, as Ordinary Members.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Blake. Would one of you be able to field that question, please?

**MS CRAWFORD:** When the testing occurs, a sample is taken government-wide. So it's not just elected officials. It could be employees of the government, contractors who submit claims to the government for work they're doing. So it's a sample of right across the board.

**MR. BLAKE:** Elected officials?

**MS CRAWFORD:** It does include elected officials as well because your balances are part of the government.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. Is there any other questions or commentary at this point? Please continue.

**MS TAYLOR:** Thank you. So I'm going to start on page three of the Auditor's Report. Essentially, what this paragraph states is that the financial statements are in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards, and it's a clean audit opinion. So that's the best audit opinion an entity can receive. So turning to page four, I'm just going to walk through the variances which

change significantly year over year, and we'll talk about cash and cash equivalents when we get to the cash flow statement. Short term investments and restrict investments increased by about 39 million. That, essentially, was related to the increase in the fair value of the investment portfolio, so good performance on your investments. Investments at modified equity, decreased by 3.8 million. That's a loss attributable to your investment in the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. That loss occurred for a number of reasons, and I think that the trustees from that group will be here tomorrow to discuss. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities increased by about 1.3 million. That, essentially, related to a timing difference, so there were a lot of invoices received in March which were not paid at year end, but these have been paid subsequent to year end. Deferred revenue is down by about \$900,000. Essentially, this was the release of some *Tasiujatsoak Trust* funds for site preparation of the cultural centre, and that was about 755,000, which hit your income statement in the current year. Notes payable decreased by about \$3.5 million. That was your regular payments on the AA and DC loan. Tangible capital assets increased by 3.2 million. That was mainly related to additions for the Nain Cultural Centre. So that amounted to about 3.9 million, and I guess the important thing to note there is that because the building is not yet ready for use, there's no amortization. So anything that you purchase directly increases your tangible capital assets. Deferred expenditures decreased by 3.3 million. That was just regular amortization which is occurring over a 15-

year period. Accumulated re-measurement gains increased by 24 million, and that again relates to the change in the fair value of your investments. Any questions on that statement? Okay. So turning to page five. So *Fiscal Financing Agreement* revenue increased by about 3.2 million. That related to the renegotiation of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* in the prior year and the increased monies associated with that. Interest revenue increased by \$2.5 million, and that relates to more interest income earned on your portfolio of investments. Other grants and contributions decreased by about 2.9 million. That related to the fact that your mining and mineral rights payments from the Government of Newfoundland are down significantly by about \$3.3 million. Personal income taxes are down by about 2 million. In the prior year we took some deferred revenue monies to the income statement when the audits relating to personal income tax were settled. So the current payment from the government of 3.2 million is more reflective of a typical payment you would receive in a fiscal year.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I believe we have a question from Mr. Gary Mitchell, the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you. I didn't get all what you were saying there, but I have a question on the personal income taxes. There's a big drop there in the revenue from one year to the other. Is there explanation for this difference?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Rexanne, I believe you'd be able to answer that.



**MS CRAWFORD:**

Yes. In 2007 or 2008 the Government of Canada gave us an overpayment and then at the time they said it'd be a potential overpayment. They didn't ask for it back at the time because they wanted to do an audit of the personal income taxes that were submitted. And the whole reason is because people incorrectly, we call it, tick the box. So when you're doing your tax return, it asks if you are a Labrador Inuit living on Labrador Inuit lands. And during their analysis there were many beneficiaries who lived outside of the land claim area who were saying they resided on Labrador Inuit lands, or who did reside on Labrador Inuit lands and did not tick that box. So during the last fiscal year, once those audits were completed for that time period, from 2005 to 2008, it was determined we did not owe the money back to the Government of Canada. As a result, we had to take it into revenue, but what we have done is internally restricted it so we could use it in future years for our budget because, as everyone is aware, we can only spend money that's appropriated, and we had never appropriated this funds because we never knew for sure if it was ours to spend. And so as of last fiscal year the audits were complete. We did not owe it back to Canada, and so we took it into revenue. What you see in 2015 is the typical amount we get on a year-to-year basis from our personal income tax for residents living in Nunatsiavut.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Any other questions at this point? Please proceed with the presentation.

**MS TAYLOR:**

The last item I'll draw your attention to in revenue is the very last line called, "Share of Loss from Affiliated Business Entities." That is the loss

on your Capital Strategy Trust investment, and for the current year it lost \$3.8 million. Moving down to expenditures, salary and employee benefits increased by \$2 million. That was really reflective of a five percent increase for all employees within the government. *Fiscal Financing Agreement* increased 2.9 million. That's a direct reflection of the increased FFA revenue that was received during the year. The last expense I'll draw your attention to is professional fees. That increased by about \$675,000 and related to lawyer costs associated with Muskrat Falls issues and issues with the Government of Newfoundland. All the rest of the expenditures and revenues were fairly consistent year over year. So you have an accumulated surplus end of year on page six. You have an accumulated surplus of 402 million, which is an extremely healthy financial position to be in. Any questions on the income statement?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. Just go back to the professional fees, you say that some costs were incurred from lawyers on behalf of Nunatsiavut, I suppose, against the Province. Is that where they were fighting for the *Lands Act*, and if the Nunatsiavut Government is successful in that, will that money be returned from the past, what expenses we incurred?

**MS CRAWFORD:**

So under professional fees, the increase is not all related to the actual lawyer's fees. Some of it is related to the costs for doing some of the research on our Lake Melville Monitoring and Research Program. In regards to your specific question about the lawyer's fees, we had two applications in the court which we were not successful on, and we did

not seek appeal on. So we will not be recovering any of our costs that we had with lawyers. We actually, as part of the decision, had to pay some of the legal fees for Nalcor in the Provincial Government, which we're waiting for an invoice on if they decide to go that route, and they may not, we don't know at this point. Professional fees encompasses not just lawyer fees, or accounting fees. It's also fees we pay consultants who do research for us and other projects that we have across the board.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I believe we have a question from Mr. Jim Tuttauk, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek . Under the revenue sections, share of loss from related business entities, that's 3.8 million. That's quite a loss there. Can you clarify some of that on what happened there?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. Ms Crawford, do you have a response?

**MS CRAWFORD:** We have, what we term in accounting, as an equity pickup of the businesses of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Those trustees will be here tomorrow to present on all their entities and the results of those entities. So it would be unfair for me to speak on behalf of them so I would direct your question tomorrow to the trustees.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any questions? Please proceed again with the presentation. Sorry, Dan, the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, please proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The auditors alluded to when they did their audit results why certain entities such as LICST is included in our audited financial statements. I'm wondering if you, Rexanne, can explain why that is a little bit more in layman's terms, I guess, and a little bit more clearly to the Assembly so that they understand why these appear in our statements.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** So you don't have to flip there, but on page 11 it does talk about consolidation and investments on modified equity. So these financial statements include all the results and operations of the Nunatsiavut Government of which we have four different places where accounting occurs; our Nain Office, Department of Health, Inuit Pathways and Post-Secondary. So all those financial records become Nunatsiavut Government. We also consolidate in the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*. And the reason, from an accounting perspective, and this is not from a legal, this is a different perspective from a legal perspective, but from an accounting perspective, because the Nunatsiavut Assembly has the authority to appoint and remove any of the trustees under their *Trust Deed*, what is deemed under accounting rules is that we control those two *Trusts*. The *Capital Strategy Trust* is picked up on an equity basis. Although we do have the ability to appoint and remove trustees, I think this comes back — I'll turn those accounting rules over to Paul, but that's why those are picked up at equity. So we just pick up our share of their

earnings or losses and reflect that on our investment and in our income statement as revenue or a loss. So that's why. And that changed last year, and I know at the time when Deloitte was here they explained the reason. So I'll defer back to them to explain the change as of 2014 and that recording of the assets.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Continue on with the presentation, if there are no further questions.

**MR. JANES:**

Just to add to what Rexanne said, the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* is treated a little differently in the financial statements than the other two *Trusts* based on the accounting rules that you follow, being public sector accounting standards. And the main, I guess, differentiation is the fact that the *Trust* and the entities that are underneath that *Trust* are there for business purposes and to carry on business and for profit entities. So based on the rules that are set forth in the accounting centres that you follow, it determines how you account for that entity. A couple years back, Yes, I think Rexanne was correct. I think it was last year, we made a change in how that was accounted for being that it was now accounted for under what is called the Modified Equity Method, which basically just means that there's one line on your balance sheet and there's one line on our statement of operations or income statement that reflects the results of those entities for that period of time. And that's all, again, based on the accounting rules that are there and the fact that the entity is deemed, through our review and the standards that we follow, to be a stand-alone business entity which means it can stand on

its — basically, well, I guess, in as laymen terms as I can put it, it can stand on its own two feet and conduct business based on the results of their operations. So that's why it's accounted for in that manner, and I know for many years we've discussed them actually being part of the financial statements, and it is because, as Rexanne eluded to, that it's deemed under the accounting rules that those entities are controlled by the government, and control means something — I won't say something different, but it does have its own terminology and meaning under the accounting rules. Any further questions or any other clarification I can give on that if somebody's not clear happy to try and do so. No? Okay.

**MS TAYLOR:**

So flipping to page seven, that's the Consolidated Statement of Re-measurement Gains and Losses. This tracks how your investment is performing at a point in time. So as at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 we had accumulated re-measurement gains of 70 million which, again, reflects how your investments are performing. Page eight is the Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets. For the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, we had net financial assets of 423 million which, again, is an extremely healthy position for the government to be in. What it means is that the government has more financial assets than they have liabilities. So they have the potential to pay off any liabilities they may incur. One thing I would note is that approximately 350 million is net financial assets of the two *Trusts*, being the *Settlement Trust* and the *Implementation Trust*. Page nine, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. This statement shows the ins and outs of how your cash moved throughout the year.

You increased your cash to a position of 43 million, almost 44 million which, again, is extremely healthy. The government is performing extremely well. The increase in cash was mainly related to some capital transfer received, and then your operating activity, so how your revenue exceeded expenditures and those types of items. Any questions before we move into the notes to the statements? No? So page 10, Note 1, Nature of Operations just gives some background on the government and that has remained relatively consistent year over year. Note 2, which is on pages 11 to 13 is your accounting policy. So that explains why you follow in accordance with Canadian Public Accounting Standards, Public Sector Accounting Standards, and these have not changed year over year. On page 14 Notes 3, 4 and 5 give some more breakdown and detail of items contained on your balance sheet, your statement of financial position, and they tie directly to that statement. And as you can see in notes 4 and 5, accounts receivable and deferred revenue have remained relatively consistent year over year. Page 15, Notes 6 and 7. These two notes give detail on loans which the government currently has outstanding, and I think the important thing to note here is that the government is maintaining all its payment terms and paying things on time.

**MR. DICKER:** Can I stop you there a minute? Go back...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk from Nain, I believe you have a question.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to go back to page 14, number three, *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. In 2014 there was investments, modified equity of

11.6 million, and in 2015, this year, it's 7.8. That's a drop of just about \$4 million. Could you explain that, please?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain. Ms Crawford, you be able to answer that?

**MS CRAWFORD:**

Joe, that relates to a loss in the business entities for *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. So when we were going through the income statement it showed a loss of 3.8 million and, as I noted, the *Capital Strategy Trust* trustees will be here tomorrow and they can speak directly to their operations.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Ms Sarah Leo. Please provide your question.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Chair. I just want to just sort of — I think it's getting a little confusing with the LICST or the *Capital Strategy Trust* included in our audit. And Rexanne explained it, but Danny asked her to explain it in layman's terms, but I don't think it was quite layman enough because it's really kind of confusing when you see the — we have the *Implementation Trust*, we had the *Settlement Trust*, we have the *T Trust*, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, and we have the LICST, the *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. We see the *Capital Strategy Trust* in our audit for financial, legal, whatever, reasons, but we have no control over it. We have no say in how their audit is done, or how their business is run, and that's why Rexanne keeps saying, you know they're going to be here tomorrow to answer to that. Right now, for the purpose of this audit, these are just numbers in the audit



because they have to be in there because of the legalities with regards to the audit. But we have no control over the LICST or their businesses or how they do it. The numbers from their audit are put into our audit because of how it explains. So any questions on the LICST and how well they're not quite doing, the trustees will be here tomorrow, as well as the general manager from the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies which is the business portion of LICST, and they will be able to answer all of these questions, just to take these guys off the spot because they don't have the answers. They just put the numbers in the audit. I think that's about as basic as I can explain it.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek for that clarification, Ms Leo. Any other — the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, I believe, has a question.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you. Yes, in relation to what President Leo was saying, it's hard to separate the two when we're talking about financial issues. On page five under revenue its share of loss from affiliated business entities, and there's a \$1.8 million drop from 2015 to 2014 which means there's a \$1.8 million difference. If you go to page 11 we're talking about the entities, and does the Nunatsiavut Government suffer losses for any of these *Trusts*, like, the *Capital Trust* or any of the entities, and the entities I'm talking about is the companies that NGC runs. If there's a share of loss from entities, what are those entities? Are they companies of NGC or strictly Nunatsiavut Government business? I'm not sure if you know what I mean.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Gary Mitchell. Will you have a response to that, Ms Crawford?

**MS CRAWFORD:**

So the Nunatsiavut Government does not own any businesses. The *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* operates any businesses under their umbrella. So if you look on our consolidated statement of financial position we have an investment. It's called investments at modified equity. That relates the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and our investment in them has gone down. But I think what is important, if I can, I guess, go down to real basic level, it has no impact on our cash. What it does, it has an impact on the paper. So what you see here is a decrease in our revenue that if we didn't have the *Capital Strategy Trust* reflected on these financial statements our revenue would be \$78 million, not 74. So on paper we're seeing it, but it doesn't affect our cash balance. We have no guarantees with the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* or any other business. We have no say, from a financial perspective or a business perspective or, you know, on how they conduct their business. What the Assembly does do is appoint the trustees to take that responsibility as through the *Trust Deed*. So I know it's here and it gets confusing because it's a \$3.8 million loss. Affiliated business entities are all the business entities under the *Capital Strategy Trust*, and I'll be very clear Nunatsiavut Government does not operate any businesses. It's not in our mandate. We're government. We run social programs for our beneficiaries.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, the Member for Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just another point just to add to what the comptroller, Rexanne, has just imparted. Despite the fact that you'll see losses from entities such as LICST, Nunatsiavut Government is not responsible for picking up those losses or providing dollars back to LICST or their umbrella organization, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. These losses and gains are solely reflective of those entities, and it has no bearing on any cost related to Nunatsiavut Government. In other words, Nunatsiavut Government is not responsible for paying off any losses made by those entities.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Any other questions at this point?

**MS TAYLOR:** Picking up where we left off on page 15, Note 8 called *The Trusts*. That just gives some background on the *Settlement and Implementation Trust* and would not have changed year over year. Notes 9 and 10 give breakdown on balances of the statement of financial position. So Tangible Capital Assets List the categories of capital assets you own and how much amortization has been taken to date. Note 10, Accumulated Surplus details that components of your accumulated surplus, which amount to 473 million. And on page 17 continuing with Note 10, that chart reflects what your components of your internally restricted funds. Note 11 and 12 detail items on your income statement, and they tie back directly to your income statement, and there hasn't been any significant change other than what we already discussed in Note 11. Page 18. Note

13 gives some more information that will tie back to your cash flow statement. Note 14 details commitments that the government has for office, a lease of office space and office furniture. Note 15 highlights business risks that exist within the government. That's a standard note and the wording would be pretty consistent throughout any entity. And, I guess, the detail of this note wouldn't have significantly changed from the prior year. Page 20, Contingencies. That is standard wording which would have been similar to last year and that just highlights the fact that the government could be subject to some legal proceedings, but we have not encountered anything that should be disclosed in the financial statements. And Note 17 on page 20 just details the Defined Contribution Pension Plan and how much has been paid at March 31<sup>st</sup> by the government. Any questions? No?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I believe we have a question from Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

Under item 17, Defined Contribution Pension Plans, I know that we do pay into the Sun Life, I believe it is. And we get statements maybe once or twice a year, and like the majority of people, I suppose I can't read that statement. Is there a way that the Financial Department could explain how pensions work and what you're worth or whatever, you know? I guess the answer I'm going to get is you call your persons in St. John's. But, you know, I'd like to see something in laymen's terms that to each employee when they do start contributing to the pension, exactly how that works. It'd be good to understand. That's just a comment, I guess, question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Joe Dicker. I believe that Dan Pottle, you have a response to that.

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, I do have a response, and if Rexanne has anything to add after I respond to Joe's question, please feel free. The Defined Contribution Plan is currently administered by Sun Life Canada. If anybody buys into the Defined Contribution Plan, 5 percent of your income is going into that Defined Contribution Plan and it's matched equally by Nunatsiavut Government. As a member of that Defined Contribution Plan, you can either do one of three things. You can log onto the site for Sun Life and they'll give you a monthly statement of your contributions and your earnings as per the Defined Contribution Plan. Danny Stevens who's the representative from Sun Life is available at any point in time if you have any questions or any concerns related to the performance or your contributions to that Defined Contribution Plan. Danny is available at any point in time to take your calls and answer your questions and concerns. Lena Blake, our assistant comptroller, also looks over and administers some of that for Nunatsiavut Government as well. So Lena's well versed in the Defined Contribution Plan and finance as Sun Life's affairs. So that's three means that you can certainly access and have any concerns or questions addressed as per the Defined Contribution Plan. Rexanne, I don't know if you have anything else to add.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Rexanne Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** Just for clarity, especially since we're live streaming, 5 percent contribution is matched for elected officials and for civil servants it's 3.5

percent. The other thing, Joe, though, I will take into consideration is going back to Sun Life and seeing if now is a good time to have a representative come to our offices and have a session where they can, you know, be free to ask questions because I know it can be difficult to understand over the phone. Sometimes it's helpful to have it there in front of you. I'm a visual person so I like to have paper, and have someone walk through your paper in person can be more beneficial than trying to deal with someone over the phone or trying to read the paper that you get, you know, in the mail. So I'll have that wrote down and I'll check with our representative, see if we can schedule something during this fiscal year. I think you're right it is important for people to understand their pensions.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I believe we have a question from Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just looking at your financial statements here, you state that you have accumulated surplus of \$402 million. And that's from our budgets, I guess, since for the last 10 years. This is not including what we have in the *T Trust* or the *Settlement Trust*, correct? So these are accumulations that this government has saved over since we became government for 10 years.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Ms Rexanne Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** As Lori spoke to you in her statement, \$350 million, so that does relate to the Trust, and if you go to the Note 10 there is a breakdown of what

makes up accumulated surplus. So we have 188 million from the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, a hundred and twenty-three million from the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, 70.6 million of the accumulated re-measurement gains, those relate directly to an increase in our investments that sit in our *Trust*, the increase from book value to fair market value. We have just under 40 million in our internally restricted, and those are broke down on the next page, and we have 52.7 million of accumulation of surpluses of funds not spent. And you're testing my memory back to 2005 because I was involved in the audit back that year, but not on the NG's side. I think there is a carryover from LIA days when they started because, as you know, under our Land Claim, Nunatsiavut Government came from the successor of Labrador Inuit Association. So the effects and results of those operations also became accumulated as the Nunatsiavut Government. So we didn't start with zero on day one. We did bring in LIA. So that's how the accumulated surplus has come about and it's not just 10 years. It's LIA and Nunatsiavut .

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Any further questions? Back to the presentation, please.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you. That actually concludes our presentation, unless anybody else has any questions. We're happy to answer. So I'd just like to say on behalf of Lori and myself, thank you for having us here at the Assembly to present the financial statements and, again, if anybody has any questions, we're happy to address them.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you very much. At this point, if there are no further questions for the auditors, I'd like to recognize the Finance Minister and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I would like to move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly accept the Consolidated Financial Statements and the report of the auditors, Deloitte & Touche, for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just very briefly. Mr. Speaker, I mean, I think the auditors from year to year do a wonderful job in auditing our financial statements. As they reported, I mean, there are no significant findings, or they find that, you know, our financial affairs are well managed and we are in a healthy financial position. The Members of the Assembly had ample time and opportunity to field their questions and have their questions answered by the presentation here today in the Committee of the Whole, and that's the reason why we move into the Committee of the Whole, and I hope that practice will continue over time so that the Assembly Members have a more full opportunity to answer questions than we do if this was put through just going back to our formal proceedings as per our Standing Orders outside of the Committee of the Whole. So I would hope that each of the questions and concerns were answered today in today's presentation by both the auditors and the comptroller with some



reiterations from myself and President Leo. Therefore, I ask that the Assembly Members approve this motion today and that the Assembly accept the Consolidated Financial Statements for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I believe Ms Sarah Leo has some commentary.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take the opportunity, first, to thank the auditors for coming in and explaining our financial statement. But I also want to take this time, and maybe I'm out of order, but I see no other appropriate time, to thank our staff who within the audit you'll see certain things that the auditors sort of mention that they had the co-operation of the finance staff. That they went through our records and Roy had asked about the travel claims and found no discrepancies in everything that claimed was an eligible claim. But I think that a lot of the reason why our financial situation and how our record keeping is doing so well is because we have such competent staff in our offices that are able to highlight anything, keep good records and ensure that our financial situation is what it is. I think through — in the federal world, through ANCY, I think Nunatsiavut Government is looked at very transparent and very financially responsible, and we were constantly told that at the federal level. And I think around this table we realize that we do keep good records. Our financial situation is good. Our recordkeeping is good and I think our people that are keeping the records for us are the ones that have to be thanked for that as well. I just sort of want to make a

note. It looks like we have a lot of money. That's not real cash. We don't have 400-and-some-odd million dollars sitting in the bank, unfortunately. It's tied up in either our *Trusts* or in assets as such. I just want to make that clear.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Sarah Leo. If no other members wishes to speak to the motion, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Just one final comment to reiterate the words of the Honourable President, I believe our staff and all involved in our finances within our government, including those who spend money, had to be commended for the diligence and processes that they put through. Just by way of example, in Finance Division, if Dotty Ford, by way of example, picks up on something, she's very quick to question and make sure that, I mean, you know, she approves nothing that's not meant to be approved as per the appropriation set out and approved under our *Budget Act*. So I thank our financial staff and all our public servants and elected officials for making our government so transparent and accountable, and the fact that as President Leo said, we're commended at the federal level for our prudence and our excellent management of our dollars. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to conclude debate. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Minister. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. I'd like to thank the auditors for their time and presentation to the Assembly. Nakummek. We are now back in the Assembly. At this point I

would like for the Assembly to break for lunch. We'll reconvene at 1:30.

At that point we will resume on the *Orders of the Day*, item five,

"Member Statements," and thank you to the Members for their work this morning. Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

For the information of the Assembly, the Chairperson for Sivunivut has been properly excused from the sitting this afternoon. Earlier, using Standing Order 16.1 we changed the presentation of the *Orders of the Day*. This was done to accommodate the auditors who arrived this morning and are set to leave again this afternoon. Again, Standing Order 16.1 will be used permitting us to enter into the Assembly on item five on your *Orders of the Day*. We'll be turning to item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements today? I recognize Ms Patricia Ford, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek UKâtik. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sarah Anala on being the recipient of this year's Woman of the Year Award. This award is presented annually by the Nunatsiavut Government Status of Women Office. Mr. Speaker, it seems like only yesterday I was standing here congratulating Sarah on receiving an honorary doctorate of law degree from Memorial University. Sarah has so many outstanding attributions that we are all so proud of her. Mr. Speaker, she was the first Labrador Inuk to graduate from nursing, and this was with honours. She was made

a member of the Order of Canada. She was named a Labrador Inuit role model. She is a holistic healer, just to name a few. Again, congratulations, Sarah. It is an honour to know you and to acknowledge you today in our Nunatsiavut Assembly. Nakummek UKâtik.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Patricia Ford, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to begin by acknowledging Dr. Stacey Shiwak. Dr. Stacey Shiwak graduated in 1998 as a dental therapist from the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. She was the second Inuk in all of Canada to succeed. Stacey was the first female Inuk dentist therapist in all of Canada. She was accepted into the dental hygiene program and graduated in 2004. She is the first Inuk dental hygienist in Atlanta Canada and possibly one of the first in all of Canada. In 2007 Stacey had an opportunity arise where she could get the funding she needed to go to dental school. She graduated in 2014 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Dalhousie University. It is only now she can say that she looks forward to her net set of goals which is working on making her dental practise, Northern Dental Incorporated, which is now open in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Dr. Stacey asked me to pass on the following message. "A vast reason I was able to accomplish so much in my life was through the support of LIA Nunatsiavut Government. They have supported me through all of my post-secondary education as a new

small business and as an individual member. I am truly grateful for the ongoing support from the Nunatsiavut Government which it has provided for me over many years." Mr. Speaker, this past August Minister Kemuksigak and myself held our annual barbecues in our respected communities of Northwest River, Happy Valley and Mud Lake. These events were made successful by the following entertainers: Matthew Williams, Lloyd Goudie, our local drummers, the Big River Band, Jenny Lyall, Jock Campbell, Leander Baikie, Mike Montague, Gary and Jennifer Mitchell, Ondrea Beales and Reg Kerby. And also by the volunteers and community members, a thank you to the town of Happy Valley Goose Bay employees for setting up, the Northwest River Beach Festival Committee, Trudy Mesher-Barkman, Lowell Barkman, Craig Chaulk, Emily, George and Nora MacNaught, Carolyn and Lucas Compton, Tuttu Hunter, Helen Michelin, Wendy Hillier, Elizabeth Saunders, Selma Jararuse and Carla Blake. I would also like to add a big happy birthday to Mrs. Gwen Chaulk, who at the Mud Lake barbecue, celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish the happy anniversary to the following couples who reached an amazing milestone. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Guptil, 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Broomfield, 50 years, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shiwak, 50 years. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express condolences to the family and extended family members of James Charles David Michelin, Clayton Job Williams, Marian Edmunds, Donald Blake Jr. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to express sincere condolences to Kiefer Pijogge Frieda's parents, William Frieda and Annie Pijogge. His

siblings, Kyle, Stacie, Josie, William and Janet. His grandparents of Hopedale, Mr. and Mrs. Boas Frieda, and also, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Sarah Ponniuk of Upper Lake Melville. His death was untimely and tragic. Although words cannot express your loss, remember the fond memories, hold them dear and close to your heart. Also, Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that this morning the elected officials from Upper Lake Melville received news on the sudden passing of Ann Edmunds. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express sincere condolences to the Edmunds, our First Minister Kate Mitchell and extended family members. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to take this time to pass on sincere condolences to two families from our community that lost loved ones since our last sitting of this Assembly. Clare Obed passed away suddenly on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Clara was a quiet soft-spoken woman that loved not only her children, but many others as well. Clara was 53 years old. Sincere condolences to Karri who we all know as Mister, and to his family. Jacko Pijogge tragically passed away on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Jacko was a victim to suicide. Jacko was one of our youth. Sincere condolences to Sam and Justine Pijogge and family. Mr. Speaker, I, too would like to take this time to congratulate Rita Andersen. Like President Leo and Minister Lyall said this morning, Rita will be awarded the seniors of distinction award. An award provided by the Government of

Newfoundland and Labrador. An award presented to individuals in recognition of your significant achievements and the contributions they had made to their communities, their regions, and to the province as a whole. Rita, as Minister Lyall indicated this morning, is the longest serving employee of the Labrador Inuit Association, Nunatsiavut Government. Rita has worked and continues to work. Her career working tirelessly in preserving, protecting and enhancing the Labrador *Inuttitut*. We all know Rita to be very passionate about the need to ensure that the *Inuttitut* language survives and flourishes. Rita, well deserved. Mr. Speaker, Rita, will be soon retiring with us. Her contributions will not go unrecognized. Congratulations, Rita. Mr. Speaker, I want to also take this time to thank AngajukKâk Joe Dicker from the Nain Inuit Community Government, MHA, for Torngat Mountains District, Randy Edmunds and Carla Pamak for welcoming the Honourable Frank Fagen, Lieutenant-Governor for Newfoundland and Labrador and his wife, Patricia Fagen, to our community recently. Your Honours were greeted by elected officials and senior management of Nunatsiavut Government, Nain Inuit Community Government and the MHA for Torngat Mountains. The meet and greet was followed by the beautiful voices of the Nain Moravian Choir and three amazing tunes from the Nain brass band. Their Honours were excited to see the development of the Illusuak Cultural Centre and ensures us that they will make every effort to join us on opening day. Their Honours also enjoyed the community walk in recognition of suicide prevention and attended a

church candlelight service to remember lost ones to suicide. Their Honours left our community the following morning after a brief visit from the captain of the HMS Charlottetown. Their Honours enjoyed their trip to Nain and excited to visit all communities within Nunatsiavut . A trip, I am sure, they will remember. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize Mr. Jimmy Tuttauk, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. With no access to internet, I never had really actual figures, but when I get access to the actual figures and expenditures I will update the Assembly on what our figures are for our projects on the go. So in saying this, Mr. Speaker, as AngajukKâk of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, we have been in the past year working extremely hard to ensure that our communities become sustainable fighting for funding to ensure that our community can survive. We had a tough year with our water issues. As of March 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year past we lost the equivalent of 200 days of water if we had our taps left on. That's some water we had lost. And in speaking with this we've had leak detection program on the go that has corrected this and I will get into this now as my Member Statement carries on. The Nanuk Community Centre which is our multi-purpose building is behind schedule. Because it's our, such as bad materials, the wet ground soil, Bell Aliant has not shown up. Bell Aliant was supposed to have shown up in June to put in our phone lines which has back to our sprinkler systems, our chair lift and so on. They still have not shown up. They were



supposed to show up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and never showed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September and never showed. And as of this date both Hopedale Inuit Community Government and Bert Colby Construction and trying to get them to show up and finish off our project. Intakes and Replenishment of Ponds. We will be within the next week Budgell's Equipment has a contract to replace our intakes up in both our primary and secondary pond which are in too shallow water which has created our main intakes to freeze up over winter. By putting them in deeper water we are hoping to solve this problem with the gravity flow that we will not have no more freeze-ups. Fingers crossed, though, with all this. Once Budgell's are here on the ground they should have intakes in place within two weeks, and then after that Nunatsiavut Group of Companies has the contract to replenish our supplementary pond which has been depleted by over four feet. This will approximately take 45 days and will include possibly hiring of four local personnel to help with that program. Leak Detection. That went quite well. We ran out of funds and hopefully we are going to be seeking funds to continue on with the rest of the community next year. We have repaired all leaks in subdivision and American Road. This included replacing curb stops and service lines from copper to HDP plastic lines. HICG is hoping to continue with leak detection next year with approval of funding, leak detection hopefully to continue next season, which would include the village area as we have a lot of copper lateral lines there which was still going to create problems for us. Like I said, at this time I do not have the cost as I have no access

to internet and I will have to update the Assembly at a later date on the costs and figures. And also at this time HICG has no luck with funding for snowmobiles or snow blower attachment which are desperately needed to function this year. HICG is hoping to get this much needed equipment from the Nunatsiavut Government. This equipment is very essential for Hopedale Inuit Community Government to operate this year, would do anything with our water as we have no snowmobiles to work with. Nunatsiavut Government is aware of this situation and Hopedale Inuit Community is expecting support from Nunatsiavut Government in this matter. HICG will go after these funds through the Joint Management Committee, along with a few other things. We are a long way from solving all our issues in this community at this time and seek this important funding that we need to survive as a community. And when HICG asks for support from the Nunatsiavut Government, the Nunatsiavut Government must understand the importance of us requesting these set of equipment. These are extremely vital for us to operate. If we cannot get this, we cannot operate functionally as a community. And trout ponds, as an update, I was talking about earlier on, Jamie Brake, and for those who are not familiar with Jamie Brake, he's our archaeologist with Nunatsiavut Government, was in town on September 16<sup>th</sup> and looked over trout ponds area for grave sites, etcetera. And then speaking with Jamie, Jamie will map out what he had discovered and send to HICG. In speaking with Jamie, it looks promising at this time that trout ponds is a good area for expansion of Hopedale for

such as better water supply, housing development, easier access to wood. And, however, also HICG has spent approximately \$82,000 of operating funds from our Hopedale Inuit Community Government to get the necessary equipment in from March on to help with our water situation, and we have put in an application claim with Municipal Affairs to get all of these funds back. And as of this date that's still in the process. And, in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, HICG, however, having said all these remarks, is keeping an open and positive mind that Nunatsiavut Government will step up and help us out to keep our community going on the safe and acceptable level. And at this time I have also spoken with Municipal Affairs and FES-NL, Fire Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador, to come up with a plan for some bottled water shipped to my community for the event of another potential disaster. At this time the community of Hopedale is still in a state of emergency of somewhat scaled down. Until we have our water issues straightened out, we will keep that state of emergency in place. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I'd like to recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to add on what Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Pamak, mentioned that I was doing this summer as some of the other events that I was part of through NG was that the cruise ship, there was a visit from Northern Adventures Canada early in the summer, and I took part in that welcoming guests along with the elected officials, greeted the tourists at the waterfront there and welcomed them to Nain. And I also

took part in some of the events that Ashley Edmunds had planned out for the day for these tourists. And I also took part, just recently as last week, in the Take the Night Back walk with the Nain safe house which is a show of support for violence against women. So I proclaimed that that week a Take Back the Night and supported the women in my community against violence. In saying that, Mr. Speaker, I have a report. I'm not sure if I'm going to meet your time limit, but I'll try my best. First, I'd like to update the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, on the TB situation in my community. As the Minister for Health mentioned this morning, I'd just like to give a little more detail. As of September 10<sup>th</sup>, last Thursday, the last flight for TB contacts to be assessed at the Labrador-Grenfell Health went to Goose Bay and came back. There were no positive tests found. The last few individuals to be tested were on this flight. So, in actuality, the search for the contacts is now complete. And these are the facts, as I was given, from October 2014 to December 2014 there were two cases of TB confirmed, and from the calendar year, January to September 10<sup>th</sup> of this year there were 21 cases of TB confirmed. In total, 23. Through the process of contact tracing there was some 760 individuals contacted, but this is including Happy Valley Goose Bay where there was a small outbreak of five individuals. So but the majority of contacts were in my community. The nurse run clinics were held in June, July and August for those who wished to be assessed. This has discontinued now because of the completion of the search, but those who still want to be assessed can make appointment with the clinic and the nurse there can do that for

them. We held a public meeting in May of this past year regarding TB outbreak in Nain with Dr. Gabe Woollum from the Labrador-Grenfell Health and Tina Buckle from the Department of Health and Social Development. A fall public meeting will probably take place later on this fall when the data is all collected and the two principals who are representatives agree to a date later on. With regard to Charles Lake Project, this is still ongoing. We still have issues with the hydro lines going to the pump house. Hydro is in town now and they're working on this as we speak, but they have not given the Nain Inuit Community Government any timeline for resolution on this. Hopefully it will be soon. A second chlorination pump house, or pump station, will be added to the — what we have on the bottom, Charles Lake there. It's going to be up by the hill by the tower. The request for proposed to install pressure reducing walls has ended. Now it closed on Friday past. So this coming week, or this week, we should be announcing a successful bidder. Once the PRV's, or pressure reducing valves are installed then we should be ready to get Charles Lake on line if the hydro issues are dealt with. And then we can use Charles Lake as our new water supply. With regard to our multi-purpose centre, the Jeremias Sillitt Culture Centre, I'm happy to report that we signed off a certificate of substantial performance with ATCO Sustainable Housing and the Nain Inuit Community Government last Thursday. However, Mr. Speaker, there's still some work left to be done in order to meet the Provincial Occupancy Standards. We have held back \$150,000, and by signing off that substantial work performance we

now can, as a community government, we have called a request for proposals to install the disability ramp and paths for the entries and exits. So once the successful bidder is announced, that work should be done quickly. There is still some work to be done in the crawl space, but that's something that Inuit Community Government's going to do and there's not a lot involved in that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Will the AngajukKâk please make a final remark, Standing Order 33(a) as member statements shall exceed five minutes, please. Thank you.

**MR. DICKER:** Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to update the Assembly on our Waste Management Project. It went very well. It was from September 8<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Nunatsiavut Government and the Summerhill environmental people. I had some figures here, but I cannot mention now because of time restraints, but our dump is a lot more environmentally friendly. Our cars, freezers and all that is all cleaned up, ready. The refrigerants; the gases are out of that into a container. Waste wells are ready to be shipped so we're just waiting on the barge to get to Nain now to do that. And if somebody, like I said, if you want some figures, I have some figures here for those who are interested. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize Ms Diane Gear, the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to wish all the athletes the best of luck as they compete in the upcoming fall sports meet taking

place later this week here in Hopedale. To the Postville athletes I wish you all the best as you take part in the upcoming sports meet. To each of you, play fair, make new friends and renew old friendships. Good luck to each one of you. Mr. Speaker, to update on a couple of things happening this summer in my community, we can finally say that the new community centre is ready for occupancy and the Recreation Department will be moving in shortly. Now we're all looking forward to being able to continue having sports and whatever else, exercise, and everything in that community centre. Right now we have to share the gym with three or four other groups and sometimes you don't get very much time. The new fire hall has some deficiencies with the cement floor. So work at the fire hall is at a standstill now until the contractor and the engineers decide what their next step will be to rectify this problem. We are hoping this problem will be resolved sooner rather than later. Because of the lateness of the season, it will be soon too cold to do anything and we're still waiting on furnace parts, and if we don't soon get this started we'll start having freeze-ups in the building and then that'll be more problems. The floor is really bad. It's like you walk across it. It's like walking on waves. It's so bad and it's full of cracks. So it seems like we're going to have to get the whole floor taken up. I want to say a big thank you to everyone that donated or exchanged food for the Community Freezer. The Community Freezer has proven to be a valuable asset to our community, especially for seniors and low income. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms Diane Gear. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Before I begin my address, I do like to send my condolences on behalf of myself and my family to the family of Annie Edmunds, as well as to Finance Minister Kate Mitchell who's related to the family. God bless them all in their difficult time. Annie was a frequent visitor of our Community Freezer so we're going to miss her coming in there and having a chat. I'd also like to acknowledge Rita Andersen, our translator, and she's really going to be missed with our government, and she was there back from the old days of LIA, and I always liked working with Rita. She's very dedicated to what she did, and when I needed something translated she was always there to provide translation. Just today I had a document here from Dr. Hans Rollmann that he found in the archives written by my great, great uncle Edward Mitchell back in 1912. It was all in *Inuttitut*. So I brought it here and Rita translated it today while she was having her lunch. She did a translation of that document. Nakummek, Rita. That shows her dedication, and we're really going to miss her and wish her well. An overview of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation activities, this is since June 2015 when we had our last Assembly. It's been business as usual with the Community Freezer Program and beneficiaries continue to use it regular. Some of our food items which we stock in season are currently unavailable, such as moose, partridges, rabbits, seal meat and salt fish. Right now we currently stock salmon, char, raspberries, blueberries,



squash berries, as well as store bought strawberries and raspberries, frozen corn and peas. Just recently we just purchased twelve hundred pound of cod fish from a fishery in Pinsent's Arm. I'd like to thank Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake, for coming with me the other day, and Edward Mesher, to pick up the corn fish from Pinsent's Arm. We had a great trip, but we had a big load. I thank you very much, Mr. Blake, for transporting it back to Goose Bay for us. After many months of going without it, we were able to finally stock Arctic char again, which is one of our most popular items of beneficiaries, and we certainly hope the Arctic char's supply will last longer than last winter. We want to thank the Department of Lands and Resources and Department of Education and Economic Development for their contribution of char to our Community Freezer. Living in the area of where many of our seniors and disabled people can't fish for themselves, you are certainly much appreciated. You have this assistance and we received 10 cases of char for our freezer from the department. We'd also like to thank the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for providing us with a hundred and fifty salmon tags again this year. Salmon is very plentiful and we had them all harvested in two weeks. We are continuing to sponsor applicants for the Firearms Acquisition Courses, if they are fortunate enough to get a seat at the college for these training courses. There's always a wait list for these courses so we sponsor the FAC courses because when people have the FAC courses it allows them to continue their tradition of hunting and trapping and things like that.

Regard to safe boating courses, which we sponsored in the past, these courses are not done in the classroom anymore as they are provided online. As mentioned in my June statement to this Assembly, there have been some inquiries and some problems with beneficiaries trying to get a commercial or provincial seal licence, 2015. The problem is that the people cannot obtain a commercial seal licence now until they have taken the training course for humane harvesting and quality health and handling of seal. This is a requirement of DFO. After consulting with the Provincial Department of Fisheries and Agriculture, there is now a workshop planned by the Professional Fish Harvesters and is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> at Goose Bay. We hope that any interested hunters in the Upper Lake Melville area will take advantage of this workshop and get their certification for killing and handling of seals for commercial purposes. I have been in contact with some who are interested in doing the course. A new project that the NunaKâtiget Corporation took on this spring was an agriculture project whereby we leased a few bits of farmland at one of the local farms, Birch Lane Farms, and planted some crops like potatoes, carrots, turnips, peas and greens. The greens have now been picked and distributed to seniors and disabled people around the community who use our Community Freezer. We plan to harvest the rest of the crop in about a week or so and will bag the vegetables and distribute them to the beneficiaries as we did with the greens, and the people are very appreciative of having this fresh produce done for them. You know, it helps them, along with their income, on low income, and it

gives them something fresh and something to eat. And one of our farmers who have helped us out with the greens has also indicated his interest in supplying some to Nunatsiavut, if somebody could reach him, Desmond Sellers. He's out in Makkovik so he's willing to ship produce to the coast, if he had the contact to do so. We did receive a grant of \$1,000 from MHA Keith Russell's Office for this project to assist with our agricultural project. I think, as I mentioned, it's a good idea to start thinking about more food security, and I think growing crops is a way to do it. I think there's already some projects on the coast to do that. Food security is becoming more of an issue, and I feel this is something to be considered. We have been successful in receiving another grant from the ITK Board for \$21,000 to assist with the Community Freezer expenses. This is the volunteer service centre that receives funding from the *Trust*, and they always help us out generously with money for the Community Freezer because they see that as a great asset to have in the community for our beneficiaries and disabled people. We were successful again in receiving a big game moose licence from the Provincial Government and along with one from the Nunatsiavut Government, we should be looking good for meat later this fall and winter, and hopefully more will come from the Gros Morne harvest as well. As you know, the price of...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Chairperson.

**MR. MITCHELL:** ...store-bought meat is steadily rising.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Chairperson.

**MR. MITCHELL:** So for seniors on low fixed income, any contributions of fresh meat we can get will be much needed and appreciated. Finally...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Chairperson, please know that you have exceeded your five minutes for the member statement.

**MR. MITCHELL:** I've got one line, can I finish that?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please, make your final remark.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Finally, our audit for 2014 is done by Deloitte and didn't identify any problems or issues, so we're in good standing there. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. SHIWAK:** This being, I guess, I looked at it as my first anniversary as an elected member. So I thought I'd take a few minutes, Mr. Speaker, just to reflect on what's happened, what I feel has happened over the past year. It's been very challenging. It's been a real experience. There's been ups, Yes, high points. There have been downs, the low points, but I've learned from the low points that you have to pick up and start all over again and make it happen. When I campaigned to be elected as the AngajukKâk or the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, I campaigned on two things. One of them was you didn't need a hundred thousand dollars, you didn't need a million dollars to make a community better. The idea behind that was to try and reunite the community as one. And once we unite the people together and fight for a common cause, that's the way we get things

done, and that's what I've told people. That's what people are coming to me with right now, and I think I've had some success in some way because I've been to houses that people told me they'd never ever seen a AngajukKâk in their house. And, you know, they said in 30 or 40 years I've lived here the mayor, or an AngajukKâk, has never been here. The only thing is that, you know, you tend to gain a bit of weight if you keep doing that because everybody wants to feed you a little bit. The other promise was to lay some sort of a foundation for an economic future for our community. I don't intend to do this myself. I have been working with the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Shiwak there. We've went off and conversed back and forth, had an exchange of ideas and how we go about this. So that's how I'm going and I'm sure will continue to work as we go forward. And, finally, without taking up too much more of your time, I have to warn you that by July I will have lost all my staff in the office. I'm not firing anybody. It's just that they're moving on. So I will have a complete new staff by the first part of July and, as I said, this is my first anniversary as an elected official. I've got to say I enjoyed it and I look forward to the next three years. Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Jack Shiwak. Some beautiful adherence to time constraints there. Are there any other member statements this afternoon? I'd like to recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Over the last couple of years we've seen a marked increase in Canadian Armed Forces activity in the Nain area. This, I think,

provides not only economic benefits for Nain and its residents, but also benefits national security and Canadian sovereignty. I look forward to looking with my colleague, Ordinary Member Richard Pamak, in the future in assisting the Canadian Armed Forces whenever they come to Nain and whatever they need. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Sean Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque, the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that mine's much too long as well. No, I'll cut it short. First of all, it's great to be back here and it's been a long time and a long haul. And it's all good to see you all again and be able to see. I'd like to thank you all, each and every one, and my Makkovik Community Government for supporting me as during my absence. I'd like to wish the teachers and the students at our school a successful year as they return to school. I'd like to welcome our new RCMP Officer, Corporal Mark Hoskins. We wish him well in serving our community. I'd like to recognize a couple individuals. First of all, Barbara Anderson, better known to us as Tiny, who's going to be working for Air Labrador for 20 years this week. I'd like to just a little report on our arena. It's coming along great. Should be done, now we look forward to it in completion in probably April of 2016, and our community is quite excited and can't wait to see it happen and certainly going to invite each and every one of you guys or your communities to come and compete with us. I guess I'd like to also commend and thank Pat Ford for all she's done for our beneficiaries as they visit St. John's during their hospitalization or visit to

the hospitals in St. John's. She's been very outgoing. She has spent a lot of time with our beneficiaries, and I would just like to thank her for that. Not only myself, but she went to a couple of appointments with me as well. I'd like to recognize one of our Deputy Ministers up there, Nunatsiavut Affairs, Happy Birthday today, Toby. And I'd like to also thank Kate Mitchell for all she's done and what she's done for me in the past, and we work together. She visits my office quite often and I'd just like to commend her as well. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I was a bit rusty.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Herb Jacque, the AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Very briefly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Sheila Downer, formerly of Smart Labrador, for her invitation on behalf of the North Atlantic Forum for Nunatsiavut Government to participate in the forum. The invitation was extended to President Leo in April of this year, but as President Leo had commitments in Cambridge Bay last week with respect to the ITK ICC AGM's, President Leo asked me to attend to represent Nunatsiavut Government. I did put a copy of the conference proceedings on everyone's seat this morning, so I would certainly encourage you to read through this conference agenda, become familiar with the Canadian Rural Revitalisation Foundation North Atlantic Forum and the Institute of Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island, all who partnered to put this conference on. The conference entitled, "Building Community Resilience Innovation, Culture and

Governance in Place" is a bi-annual conference of the North Atlantic Forum. There were approximately a hundred and fifty delegates and participants to this forum from all across the world, not only Canada. There were key note speakers from Ireland, from Germany, from Norway and from the United States, and including myself from Nunatsiavut Government . On Thursday morning I presented a key note address to the North Atlantic Forum 2015 entitled, "Indigenous Perspectives of Building Community Resilience." In my key note address I provided an overview of the Nunatsiavut Government going back to the days of LIA, and Nunatsiavut Government becoming the successor to the Labrador Inuit Association. The focus of my overview was on Nunatsiavut Government past, present and future. Then the second part of my presentation I focused on Nunatsiavut Government's Sustainable Communities Initiatives and highlighted some of the things that we're doing to address housing in Nunatsiavut. I had an hour and a half, Mr. Speaker, for the presentation. I did use that entire hour and a half and there was not time remaining to field all the remaining questions that the delegates and participants to this conference had. We were well received by the conference and the delegates and participants were, I think, surprised about, really, who we are. They didn't have a full understanding of who Nunatsiavut Government was and they certainly didn't, I don't think, had any insights and understanding to the many great things that we are doing as a government. I did participate in some concurrent sessions, whether that was presentations from papers or



other initiatives that are being undertaken to revitalize rural communities throughout the world, not only in Canada, but globally. On Friday morning I attended a tour of the Summerside Waste Treatment Management Plant, and we had a tour of Slemon Park, which is a former Canadian Forces base in Summerside, and they presented some of the great things that they're doing to revitalize the community of Summerside with the closure of that base in 1989. In the afternoon, Mr. Speaker, I also had the privilege of attending a community tour to Lennox Island, First Nations. They provided a panel discussion on some of the things that they were doing to revitalize themselves as a First Nation from economic development to governance to education. They talked at length about their programs through the assets with which we're all familiar with, and there was also a panel presentation from their member from their Health Program. We also toured the Founders Park, the church, and the cultural centre on Lennox Island. And it's astounding some of things that they're doing there. That being said, Mr. Speaker, I had committed to the organizers of these conferences that I would share my wonderful experience there and encourage our members of our Assembly to become familiar with some of the initiatives that are undertaking globally and nationally to revitalize rural areas. There's a tremendous work being done from research to different programs and services to revitalize rural areas, and I think we could learn from some of these initiatives. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I encourage each and every one of you to become familiar with this and possibly participate in the next

conference which will happen in two years' time in Norway. Again I would like to thank Sheila Downer for her initiatives in having Nunatsiavut Government, have her present at this conference, and it was one of the best conferences that I attended. I learned a lot, and I still have a lot to learn about this conference, and I hope that members of our Assembly, as well, get to know the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation and North Atlantic Forum. I think we have a lot to share and a lot to learn from each other. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. Are there any other member statements today? We'll move on to item six. I recognize Ms Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I just want to take the opportunity to once again welcome April and Nikita. I think it's very good and it's really nice to have pages from other communities so that the other young people can see and perhaps spark some interest in what we actually do with government. So welcome, girls. We're very happy to have you aboard. And I'd just like to formally welcome back Herbert Jacque, our AngajukKâk, and I'll say one thing about Herb. It's good to have you back, that you can see, but I guess one of the best things about it was, you know, after not being able to see for a while, one thing was we all looked really good when you could see us. So that's a plus. And I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students that'll be gathering here in Hopedale for this upcoming week for the sports meet, and I know that

between now and remember and the Inuit Community Government of Hopedale, you'll be a very gracious host. And wish all the students, you know, a lot of fun. And, I guess, one of the other things I would just like to say is that to Rita, Nakummek. It was an honour to have the pleasure to have worked with you, and I wish you a long, peaceful healthy retirement. Nakummek. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. Are there any other member statements today? We'll go on to item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." There are two returns today, both of which are related to the Department of Education and Economic Development. The Assembly Members will find these returns in your briefing books, and the Honourable Minister will provide the responses for the purposes of the Hansard. I'd like to recognize the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. At the June sitting the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mrs Diane Gear, asked about the status of the Postville proposal with the Community Economic Development Program, or the CEDP. The proposal as presented by the Postville Inuit Community Government to the Community Economic Development Program requesting \$38,418 for a tourism co-ordinator. The proposal was discussed at the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 CEDP Review Committee Meeting. The Review Committee has requested a change in their proposal for an expansion in the duties for the requested position to include all economic development with a focus

on tourism. It was agreed that no more than \$30,000 would be approved for this project to keep parity with the position funded in Rigolet by the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* funds for economic development. Deputy Minister McNeil conversed with AngajukKâk Gear about the changes to the proposal in July, 2015 and the Director of Economic Development reconnected with Postville Inuit Community Government to see when a new proposal can be expected. Also the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, asked if a scholarship from the College of the North Atlantic could be set up for the benefit of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. There is a full briefing in our books, but I'm going to summarize it. The Economic Development Committee, consisting of Lucy Brennan, Roberta Baikie- Anderson, Jodie Lane, Tom Evans, Bobby Shiwak, and Michelle Dyson reviewed this request. The detailed response is contained in your briefing books under, "Scholarship Review," but the final determination is stated in the last two paragraphs and are as follows: Other than the Nunatsiavut Government's Specified Program Award, all awards are inclusive to all beneficiaries studying throughout the country. We feel it is not in the best interest of our programs and beneficiaries to create a special award for one particular campus of one institution. We want to maintain equality and fairness to all students wherever they may be studying with our current program funds. We do not feel a new award is warranted for the college of the North Atlantic and Happy Valley Goose Bay from current program funds. There are many things that need to be taken into consideration when setting up

awards, and at the same time, ensuring fairness in equality to all students as well as keeping within our guidelines for our program funding. The information provided in this document should provide you with current information on awards and how they are established. There are a lot of other things that will come into play, but you now have the basis for a recommendation not to establish a new award. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. That concludes the returns to oral questions for today. We'll move on to item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question's directed to the First Minister. As mentioned this morning, NGC is quite visible in our community. They're working on Illusuak and the contract for Retrofit and, using that, now last spring the Nain Inuit Community Government worked hard to free up some land so that the Nunatsiavut Government could get land for the housing six-plex unit that they were going to be building. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that a contract has been awarded, but to this date I have not seen any development on that particular piece of land or any equipment or materials landed in Nain. I ask the First Minister if she can give me an update on what's happening with that particular project.

Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the question from the AngajukKâk from Nain, at this point I would just like to say that I do have some updates, but right now I would have to go back to my notes and whatever because I was out of the office practically for the last two weeks. So I would just like to check the information before I get back to him. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk for Nain have a supplementary question?

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for First Minister regarding, I guess, responsible for transportation, marine transportation. My question is if we're putting money into marine transportation or I say we, but it's NCG, why is it that the Provincial Government is overruling NCG on when you could ship freight, where you can ship freight from, back and forth Cartwright to Lewisporte because I find it the inconvenience when the boat is coming from Cartwright or going to Cartwright that you can't ship freight, we went up the road the other day. It was fine that we had a truck, but it took a long time because the road was bad and the heavy load, whereas, if we took it to Cartwright, the guy was willing to take it to Cartwright to ship to Goose Bay, but they won't take freight

back and forth. How come, if we're subsidizing service, we can't use the shore base services for shipping and why is that? Nakummek .

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. The Honourable First Minister, will you be able to answer that question?

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget for your question. Okay, even though transportation falls under the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Nunatsiavut Government is not responsible for transportation. Transportation is one of the areas that will always be under the jurisdiction of the province. The best thing that we can do is to lobby on behalf of our people, and the way that I understand it is that because there's a road that connects Cartwright now to the Trans Labrador Highway, that you cannot ship things then from Goose Bay to Cartwright because the way they see it the money has been spent on the road. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, First Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? Please proceed.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I understand that. Yes, but isn't the Nunatsiavut Government Group of Companies or Nunatsiavut Marine supporting the will of the people to be able to ship freight back and forth? In the report that was tabled today it says that you're providing shore base administration services, and it's very hard for me to understand why you can't go aboard and ship a package to Goose Bay or to Lewisporte or vice-versa. Sometimes I go to Newfoundland and I like

to ship back things, but I can't ship back anything from Lewisporte, so I've got to drag it back in my vehicle and you're limited to what you can carry. I wonder why there's not much more support coming from Nunatsiavut Group of Companies because I know Randy Edmunds has been fighting with this as well as MHA. I think we should be going all out just to overrule that that because there's a road there we can't ship, you know? I mean, there are roads going all over Canada, but we still ship by rail or...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Chairperson, please state your...

**MR. MITCHELL:** ...hanger. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ms Leo, please proceed. Please concisely state your question and if not it will be stricken.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker, please.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please proceed.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I'm not sure what particular part of the Standing Orders it is, but I think when a member asks a question, it has to be put to the person that can answer it. And just from what I understand from the Chairperson's question, that question should be directed at NGC and not First Nation.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Point of order taken, Ms Leo. Standing Order 32.2, "Oral questions shall be concisely put and shall refer only to a matter which may be reasonably assumed to be in the knowledge of the Minister at the current time." And the supplementary question has been ruled out of order because of that. We'd like to move on to the next line of questioning. This will come from Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.



**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ullâkut Illonasi. I wish to direct my question this afternoon to Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Human Resources, Finance and Information Technology. During Nunatsiavut Executive Council visits the communities, you informed the beneficiaries of the communities that 88 percent, well, from recent information that was supplied by your department on Friday, it is now down to 82 percent of the Nunatsiavut work force is made up of beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Can you tell me roughly today the number of employees of civil service employees outside of community-based programs and services that are employed outside of Nunatsiavut?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik, and Nakummek to the Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. Just a point of clarification, never ever did state that the percentage of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, employees of the Nunatsiavut Government through the civil service was at 88 percent. We've always stated that it was 84 percent. You had asked several questions some time ago and we did take some time to answer your questions which we provided to you by email yesterday. I'll certainly take your question, Ordinary Member, under advisement. At this point in time I can't give you the numbers of people who are employed outside of our communities. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? Please proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister Pottle. I certainly look forward to your response. Minister Pottle, unemployment continues to be one of the biggest issues within my community, and the latest statistics of Statistics Canada states that 56.7 percent of eligible work force in Nain is neither in the work force, or has part time job, or has unemployment insurance. Nearly 50 percent, Mr. Speaker. A 2000 census also state that 56.6 percent of all Nunatsiavut communities do not have permanent employment. One of the priorities set out in NG's strategic plan for 2012-2015 is to have a plan in place to relocate key Nunatsiavut Government personnel...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Member, please...

**MR. PAMAK:** ...of Nunatsiavut by...

**MR. SPEAKER:** ...please state your question.

**MR. PAMAK:** ...March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please state your question.

**MR. PAMAK:** Can you tell me if NG has finalized such a plan to start relocating positions outside of Nunatsiavut back into Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister to provide a response.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. We are still working on that transition plan. The working committee did present a first draft to the executive some time ago, and we're still waiting to further discuss the details of some of the amendments that we asked for that transition plan. So that is still a work in progress and, again, I'll take your question under advisement and get a further update for you in tomorrow's session on "Return to Oral Questions" on where we're to on that transition plan. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member for Nain have a final supplementary question that is related to the main primary question? If not, it will be ruled out of order. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Shiwak. Sir, why wasn't the Upper Lake Melville included in the five-year ban caribou consultation two-year review held by the Province and representatives from Lands and Natural Resources. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for a point of clarification, and you did state it, that it is the Provincial Government's two-year review of a five-year ban of the George River Caribou. It was not Nunatsiavut Government

consultations. It was a request that Nunatsiavut made to the Provincial Government to have those consultations within the communities within LISA, which is the five Inuit communities. We were very surprised and we had expected that in doing a two-year review that they would have done more consultations in the rest of Labrador. Apparently they did not, but our request is just for the five Inuit communities.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Are there any other oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is directed to the Minister of Health. I have some issues and concerns from my community regarding daycare. I was asked to ask why aren't daycare services provided during the summer months when most parents are working. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess, Mr. Speaker, this decision was made long before I became Minister of Health and Social Development. I guess, you know, it goes on a request basis if we feel that — and the funds is another issue, Mr. Speaker, that, you know, if daycare is not provided during the summer months, that's all through Nunatsiavut. It's just not in Makkovik and, actually, in Postville we had to cut out daycare altogether

at this time but, you know, it's because I guess, I say we must have reviewed and looked at, you know, daycares in the community summer months, and the decision has been made that during summer months that daycare would not be in Nunatsiavut. But I can certainly follow up with you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, on a more detailed explanation if you would like me to respond to you one on one at a later date to confirm exactly why the — and your work house could be taken and we could look at it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any other oral questions? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister of Education and Economic Development. You mentioned that you're preparing for the underground Voisey's Bay Project by applying for training dollars. How else are we preparing for the proposed project with regard to training, getting paper ready for training, and procurement so that people will know what they can take advantage of for the construction part of the project because it's, like, for training I think people need to know what jobs to train for, like, so we don't get cut off guard like Muskrat Falls. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson Mitchell for the question. In relation to preparing for training, not only will the LITP proposal, if it comes through will be \$40 million over 5 years, so that's a nice chunk of money. And not only will the people be trained, they will become employed before the training begins because that was one of the issues we've had in the past is people took training, but then they never got jobs. This is a unique perspective so certain jobs will be targeted. They'll go through a process, they'll become employed and then they'll go for the training. Also, we have been talking with post-secondary student support, and we're going to provide them with a list of possible jobs for underground that they can get people ready for it, that is, university or college, more than two years. And we've also been talking with Inuit Pathways about other positions because the LITP Project is targeting underground mining and underground technical, but there will also be jobs on top of the ground, like more cooks and all different, **whatever it takes**. In regard to procurement, I'm going to speak a bit about this tomorrow in my minister statement, but we have been conversing with Vale to have more procurement sessions. They had one last year. But we're actually talking to them about having one within Nunatsiavut. So they're working on possibly the end of this month having one in Nain or Hopedale for Nunatsiavut businesses, and they're going to have one in Goose Bay and St. John's, but we really advocated for them to have one in Nunatsiavut, and we also — right now we're very low on our staff for Economic Development. We're still two positions down, but we are

hoping to get them filled in the very near future and that will be their priority, is getting businesses ready for Voisey's Bay going underground.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? Thank you, Chairperson. Are there any other oral questions today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct y question to Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development. At our last sitting of the Assembly you informed this Assembly that a number of initiatives have taken place within your department with respect to gaging seniors and a need for a seniors facility. This survey of seniors in Nunatsiavut was published for NG in September, 2010. The survey was a general survey addressing all areas relating to seniors, and not specific, just to a seniors home or a seniors facility. My question is given Nain was not part of this survey, is your department and NG willing to look at conducting a feasibility study in Nunatsiavut to assess the need for a seniors facility in Nain and for Nunatsiavut as a whole? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. You're right; we did try to do a survey in Nain, but never

got any responses when the survey was going around. That is my understanding. But if things has changed, I certainly can't see why we cannot oblige to do another survey for Nain because, you know, I was kind of, you know, concerned when Nain did not apply to this request or why didn't want to be part of it. So I can certainly look into it and I can certainly get back to you and see if, I guess, the information or the things that's changed in Nain, people can, you know, want to do a survey and to see about a senior's complex in Nain. I have no issue with that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member for Nain have a supplementary question? Please proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't asking for a survey to be conducted in the community. I was more asking to see if a feasibility study can be done to assess the needs for a senior's facility within the community of Nain, or within Nunatsiavut as a whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain. Do you have a response to that, the Honourable Minister?

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we can look at that if that's what Nain would like. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member for Nain have a final supplementary question? Thank you. Are there any other oral questions? If there are no other oral questions then we'll move on. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.



**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another question. It's going to be directed again to Mr. Flowers. I have a concern here from a couple of my people in the community. And this is regarding accommodations. Why aren't our accommodations provided in Happy Valley Goose Bay, like in St. John's? Not everyone has a place or family to stay in Goose Bay, and usually the Friendship Centre is filled, or you have to share rooms. Can you answer that for me, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Accommodations are a very big concern of ours in Upper Lake Melville, and we had this discussion at the NGC level. I guess the biggest thing is that we did approach a private individual with a bed and breakfast, and at the time they were interested, and we thought we were on the right track there, having a plan worked out there, but things kind of went in a different direction with the individual. So I guess we are still looking at other avenues in Happy Valley Goose Bay, and it's very preliminary, but we are looking at probably having our own spaces in Happy Valley to look at people coming from the north coast. I also know that we're in talks with the Innu who is having the same issues when it comes to providing accommodations in Happy Valley Goose Bay. So we are on the issue, Mr. Speaker, and hopefully we can come up with a solution to help our beneficiaries when they go to Happy Valley Goose Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions? If there are no further oral questions, then we'll move on to item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? If there are no written questions, we'll move onto item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Item 10 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions." There are no petitions today. Item 11, "Responses to Petitions." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although the text of this response is in your briefing book, I would like to state the contacts verbatim to be recorded in the Hansards as this is a matter of great public interest to many of our beneficiaries, especially in Nain. I am writing in response to the petition dated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 drafted by Emma Kalleo and submitted to the Nunatsiavut Assembly by Ordinary Member Richard Pamak regarding concerns about the management of tuberculosis in the community of Nain. I appreciate the efforts made to address the issues and the comments by both the individuals for bringing forward the concerns from the community. TB is certainly present in the community of Nain and with an outbreak of a communicable disease; anxieties and fears tend to be present. Expressing those fears and concerns is very important in order for us to follow up with appropriate information and education. Public health staff, Department of Health and Social Development and

Labrador-Grenfell Health has been working to effectively manage the situation. Those teams work well together to ensure that the National TB Standards are being met. TB is identified and contained, and appropriate follow-ups is provided. Due to confidentiality much of the work takes place without community knowledge, so it is understandable that when the public become aware of TB cases, suspicions and concerns arise. The Department of Health and Social Development, along with Lab-Grenfell Health, has worked very hard over the past few months to improve communications and community education. Interviews has taken place on OkâlaKatiget Radio, CBC Radio, CBC Television, the Labradorean, press release from President Leo, and a community information session facilitated on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The public information session provided factual information and allowed residents to raise their concerns and have questions answered. In the petition forwarded, several requests were made. The first request was to have all residents of Nain tested for TB. There was several reasons why this is not the route taken by public health officials. Community members would all have to agree to be tested as there is no way of forcing individuals to be tested. This is not good use of resources as in any community there will be a large number of individuals that would have test results coming back as positive due to previous contact, like in TB, which are no risk to others but does require follow-ups. This takes valuable resources away from those at risk. TB tests and follow-ups is labour intensive and in outbreak situations. There are protocols and procedures that have been set nationally to deal with

these situations. The second request was to close the school and daycare centres. Nunatsiavut Government certainly has no mandate that schools be closed. This is a decision that would be made by the medical officer of health, along with the English School Board. This is not a decision that we would support as we feel that there is a minimum risk within the school setting. NG does have the authority to close daycares but, again, due to minimal risk, we do not feel this is necessary. Every parent has the right to decide if their child attends daycare. It would not be fair to close the daycare centres and inconvenience parents who require the service when it is unnecessary. While we stand behind the decision to not test everyone in the community of Nain, including those who are passing through to work we do engage anyone who feels that they should be tested to attend an open clinic at Lab-Grenfell Health. The clinic is held once a week and all individuals will be assisted and, if necessary, tested. We will carry out to determine whether a person is infected with this disease. Once again I thank you for forwarding your concerns as well as the concerns of others through this petition. I assure you that Nunatsiavut Government will continue to work with Lab-Grenfell Health to monitor the situation very closely and take appropriate measures and communications with the community on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Minister Flowers. That concludes returns to petitions. We're now on item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I'd like to recognize Ms Patricia Ford, the Ordinary Member for Canada, to give a

report on the recruitment process for the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer from the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. In January 2015 the Rules and Procedures Committee met, and one of the items discussed was the process and timeframe required to appoint a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO. It was decided that the Speaker's Office would be responsible for the recruitment process and interviews. The *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* states that an NEO shall be appointed by a resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and answerable to the Nunatsiavut Assembly through the Speaker. An expression of interest for the NEO was widely advertised. Four applications were received and two candidates were screened to be interviewed. The then Speaker, the Honourable Sean Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Canada, myself, Pat Ford, and the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms Mary Sillitt, interviewed the candidates. Mr. Jack Shiwak, the AngajukKâk from Rigolet and the past NEO, sat in as a resource person. Each candidate was asked 12 questions and was expected to write a 200-word essay summarizing the responsibilities of the NEO. One candidate excelled in her knowledge of the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act*, and the other was more experienced in elections. One concern with one candidate was that she worked full-time, and the question was would she be able to work full-time as the NEO for a four-month or longer period during elections or bi-elections. She provided a resolution from her employer stating that she would be given proper leave from her job to work full-time as an NEO during election time. The results were

communicated to members of the Rules and Procedures Committee. There were ongoing concerns about the ability of this candidate to devote full time to an election as the NEO with her current employment. Also, experience and a lack of knowledge on working on and running elections was also cited as additional concerns. The Speaker's Office who was tasked with the responsibility of recommending an NEO appointee agreed that a resolution would be tabled at the June sitting for the Assembly's discussion in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution was tabled and the vote was defeated in a vote of seven for and eight against. The RPC decided to advertise again with a deadline of July 10, 2015. Two applications were received and, in consultation with the RPC, it was decided to interview only the applicant with experience. This is also an applicant who had applied previously. The interview questions were revised focusing on the applicant's computer skills and ability to handle challenging situations from voters. The hiring committee was comfortable with the answers provided knowing that the Speaker's Office was committed to developing a comprehensive training program for any newly-appointed NEO. That individual was also endorsed by the past NEO who participated in the interview as a resource person. The recommendation that this person be appointed as NEO is also endorsed by all members of the Rules and Procedures Committee. Therefore, at this sitting, the RPC will be representing a resolution to appoint this person as the new NEO. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the

Honourable Dan Pottle, that the Rules and Procedures Standing Committee report on the Nunatsiavut Electoral Office be received and adopted.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Patricia Ford, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. The motion is in order. Would the Ordinary Member for Canada like to speak to the motion? Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? No other member wishes to speak. Does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:**

I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That concludes debate. Are there any nays? The motion is carried and the RPC Report has been adopted. That concludes standing and special reports from the committees for today. Earlier today we have visited item 16, "Motions," to permit the auditors to address the Assembly in Committee of the Whole. At this point I am seeking to use Standing Order 16.1 and seek unanimous consent to revisit item 16 so that Ms Ford can present her motion and the Assembly can break into the Committee of the Whole to discuss the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. Are there any nays? We will now go onto item 16, "Motions." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion that the Nunatsiavut Assembly be referred to the Committee of the Whole, COW, to discuss the appointment of Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer , NEO, today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Ms Ford, please proceed.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. Be it resolved that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole, COW, to discuss the appointment of a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The motion is in order. Ms Ford, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS FORD:** No, Your Honour.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:** I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. We are now in the Committee of the Whole, and I invite Ms Ford to open the discussion.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was one of the interviewing committee members, and I wish to say that Ms Nannette Blake, she did a much better second interview. The second interview did not have the same questions as the first one. I felt very comfortable with her experience in the conduct of elections, and she showed very clearly that she was interested in and would fully commit herself to the responsibilities of the NEO. You do have a resume in your briefing books which identify her



qualifications and experience. We talked about the need for training and the Rules and Procedures Committee, through the Speaker's Office, does have a training plan which will include the expertise of David Hamilton who was a long-time electoral officer in the Northwest Territories, and Jack Shiwak who was the past NEO. I thought that a good discussion was needed on our motion to appoint Nannette Blake as the NEO, which I will be prepared to do after the Committee of the Whole discussion.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Patricia Ford. Is there any questions around the table regarding the process that was followed regarding the recruitment for the NEO? At this point I would like the Assembly to take a break while we are in the Committee of the Whole. We will reconvene in 20 minutes and then we will resume in the Committee of the Whole for further discussion on the NEO recruitment process . Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We're still in the Committee of the Whole and, again, we'll open the floor to any questions or commentary regarding the NEO recruitment process or the interview that was conducted by the RPC. Does any Member have a question or a commentary with regards to that process? I'd like to recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Okay. As some of you may have heard during the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency say that, as former NEO, I did endorse the appointment of Nannette. And one of the main reasons I looked at it that way is, you know, there was talk of reading the *Election Act*. Reading

the *Election Act* is fine. It gives you the guidelines, what you can do and what you can't do, but I think the experience you need for conducting the election itself comes from actual experience. I've personally been in the election process for some 40 years, and it has always been a learning process. I got to know Nannette about 12 years ago when she started, and I know she held the same position I did with the Provincial Government, and the experience part really plays a big role in all this because, you know, you can read all the bi-laws and law of the *Election Act*, but it don't give you any deadlines of when things should be done, how it should be done, or all of the importance of doing the things that you should do. For example, make sure that you appoint somebody to sign the appropriate papers. When people are nominated, make sure they sign the appropriate papers because you have to cover yourself no matter what you do, and that's why I always express to my Deputy Returning Officers, sign your papers. Whatever I ask you to do, sign your papers, and then if there's any question comes back to me, or would be Nannette, if she's appointed now as Returning Officer. There's no question. I sign the papers, you promise to do this and, as far as I'm concerned, you did what you had to do. Now what you did outside of that, you're on your own. But, you know, we want to cover ourselves. So there are a lot of little things that the *Election Act* doesn't tell you to do, but you have to do. It's a whole planning process from day one until three days after the election when you have to do the recount. So, and I can honestly say, I started working from the bottom. My first job with

the elections was going door to door doing enumerations. I moved up to the poll clerk, and then I moved in as a Deputy Returning Officer. I was finally appointed as a Returning Officer, and I was also given a chance to move into Ottawa or St. John's to work on the provincial or federal elections, which I turned down. But it's all experience that'll help make the election go smooth. So I know this next election to come up is going to be very difficult. So I think you need somebody there with experience, and the know how to handle most every situation that will appear. So, thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Jack Shiwak. Are there any comments or questions? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to know the composition of the committee.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sean Lyall. Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:** What do you mean, Sean?

**MR. LYALL:** The composition of the committee that selected the NEO.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I believe you're looking for the membership.

**MS FORD:** You want to know who is on the committee, the Rules and Procedures Committee? The Rules and Procedures Committee or the Interview Committee?

**MR. LYALL:** The Hiring Committee.

**MS FORD:** Okay. The Hiring Committee consisted of the Speaker, myself, as the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk, Mary, and we did that with talking to the Rules and Procedures Committee, which consists of the Speaker, myself, Dan Pottle, Darryl Shiwak and Loretta Michelin. So they were the Rules and Procedures Committee who agreed then with the Interview Committee that this person would be right for the job.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Patricia Ford. I believe Mr. Joe Dicker has a question here.

**MR. DICKER:** I just got confused. Mr. Speaker. While I understand that we're going to be appointing the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. I didn't know she was going to be hired. There's a resolution here in our book saying the appointment of a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. What are we doing? Are we appointing this person, or is she already hired? I'd like an answer. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Joe Dicker. Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:** The Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer has to be appointed by the Assembly, and the Rules and Procedures Committee are the ones that will come up with this. So the Speaker's Office was tasked with doing the interviews. We advertised everywhere and then we interviewed. This is the second process we're going through through an interview for an NEO. So three of us, as Speaker, myself, and Mary, the Clerk, did the interviews, and then we went back to the Rules and Procedures Committee and all the Rules and Procedures Committee agreed with us that this name should

be brought forward to the Assembly. So it's up to the Assembly to accept this appointment.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Patricia Ford. Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to add to what the Ordinary Member for Canada has stated, the Rules and Procedures Committee was an advisory committee to the Selections Committee for the appointment of the NEO. Our main role and responsibility was not to make a recommendation to the Selection Committee on who the name should put forward. We were there just to ensure that due process was followed as per our legislation, I guess, outlined in the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, and any relevant legislation regarding that appointment. We did not have any role and responsibility in saying yes or no *per se*, but we agreed unanimously that the procedures followed by the Selection Committee was followed and we were satisfied with that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Any further questions or commentary? Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** I guess just a couple of points from me. I mean, I think time is of the essence with respect to the appointment by the Assembly of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. If the Assembly does appoint the person whose name has been put forward to be the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, upon appointment by the Assembly, that person will have to undertake the oath of office. That person will have to participate in the training program that's being developed by the Office of the Clerk, the

Speaker and the Clerk. That's going to take some time, from what I can understand, and shortly after that training we would expect, as an Assembly Member, I would expect that this person begin their duties, and probably it's timely given the fact that we have an upcoming election for President within the next six months. So I think it's timely that this appointment be made and, again, that decision will result with the Assembly and not with anybody as a sole member of the Assembly. So I just wanted to make those few points. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Any further questions or commentary? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

It's my understanding that the subcommittee was composed of two elected officials and the clerk. I'd just like to bring attention under the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* Section 414.12, "The number of persons who are not Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly who are appointed to a committee or subcommittee of the Assembly shall not exceed 25 percent of the Members of the committee or subcommittee, as the case may be." Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Sean Lyall. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

I just wanted to ask Mr. Lyall if he can qualify or clarify what he's referring to as a subcommittee. I think you're referring to the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. So, I mean, I think, I'm not sure and I'm not clear, but I assume you're talking about the Selection Committee. Am I correct in making that assumption, Mr. Lyall? Thank you, Mr.

**MR. LYALL:** Yes, it was just a clarification. In my calculations, that would be 33 percent. I might need some clarification on that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I'd like to get the Assembly to welcome Ms Loretta Blake to the table as a witness. Michelin, apologies, to the table as a witness if — thank you.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MS MICHELIN:** Is there a question that?

**MR. LYALL:** If you will. I guess the question does Section 414(12) pertain to committee, or selection process.

**MS MICHELIN:** What that section is referring to are committees of the Assembly. Now the Rules and Procedures Committee of the Assembly would fall under that. So that means that no more than 25 percent of the Rules and Procedures Committee can be members who are not Assembly Members, and that is the case. I'm the only non-Assembly Member on the Rules and Procedures Committee.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Michelin, for clarifying that. Any further questions or commentary? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just further to Loretta's response and Mr. Lyall's question, I mean, again, going back to the Committee on Rules and Procedures, just to reiterate that we were an Advisory Committee, and I think when we had some discussions on who should be the Selection Committee for referring a name to the Assembly for recommendation for appointment as NEO, the advice of the Rules and Procedures Committee, was because that the NEO, the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, would be responsible to the

Assembly through the Office of the Speaker, our advice was that the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly and the Deputy Clerk would comprise the Selection Committee.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Ms Michelin.

**MS MICHELIN:** *The Election Act* speaks to the appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer. And, basically, I don't have a copy of the *Elections Act* right here but, basically, what it says is that the Assembly will appoint a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. It doesn't outline how they get to that point. So, basically, it's up to the Speaker's Office how they come up with the name to put forward to the Assembly. And so it was done in conjunction with the Rules and Procedures Committee how, you know, the format, the process that would be used in coming up with the name to put forward to the Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Michelin. Any further questions or comments? Thank you, we are still in the Committee of the Whole and I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Patricia Ford, to state her motion on the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion on the appointment of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO, today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Ms Ford, please proceed.



**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. My motion is as follows:  
Whereas the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* provides for the appointment of a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO, by resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* states that the NEO is answerable to the Assembly through the Speaker, and whereas the Speaker's Office, in conjunction with the Rules and Procedures Committee, RPC, publically advertised for the NEO through an expression of interest, and whereas the Speaker's Officer co-ordinated the recruitment process and conducted interviews, now therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Dan Pottle that Ms Nannette Blake be appointed as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to hold office during good behaviour and may only be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. Ms Ford, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS FORD:**

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? No other members wishes to speak. Does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:**

I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. That concludes the Committee of the Whole. We're now back into the Assembly and there

will be no further motions made today. We're now on item 17 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There are no assents to bills today. Onto item 20, "Adjournment." *Inuttitut* training will take place after the formal assembly today in the courtroom, and I'd like to thank all the presenters for their time today. For the information of the Member Services Committee, we will be scheduling a teleconference next week. The Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi. Item one on your *Orders of the Day*, prayer. I'd like to ask Augusta Irving to do the opening prayer today.

**MS. ERVING:** (Recites prayer)

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Augusta. Onto item two on your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery," I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Assembly. Is there any member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? Onto item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements today? I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. We are pleased to welcome back Melissa Webb as Human Resources Manager to our department. Melissa graduated from the University of New Brunswick with a Certificate of Applied Human Resource Management to compliment her Bachelor of Arts degree, and has worked previously with the Nunatsiavut Government as a maternity leave replacement. Melissa can be reached at our Administration Office in Nain. Mr. Speaker, the Assistant Comptroller has started discussions two weeks ago with our agent from Sun Life, Danny Stevens, on a tour of the Inuit Communities and Upper Lake Melville. This tour, Mr. Speaker, is currently being planned to occur before the end of the fiscal year. Danny Stevens will be available to discuss the Pension Plan with our staff on group and individual basis. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek , Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Culture and Recreation, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Yesterday in my ministerial statement I had mentioned that the Inuit Language Summit on Standardized Rating System for *Inuttitut* was held in Iqaluit August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. And I also mentioned that Nunatsiavut was represented by Christine Nochasak, Sophie Tuglavina, Joan Dicker and, from our department, Johannes Lampe and Deputy Minister Dave Lough. It was mentioned that ITK will take the summit recommendations on using Roman lithography to the National Inuit Education Committee and the ITK Board for action. I'm pleased to announce that the resolution has passed on a standardized system of Roman lithography. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Non-Renewable Resources Division. Despite the general downturn in the mineral exploration globally, Nunatsiavut has seen a slight increase in activity this season compared to recent years. For example, in 2014 our government approved eight separate programs, four of which were located on Labrador Inuit Lands. This year nine programs were processed with six being located on LIL. Not only have the number of programs increased, but the type of activity has increased as well. For example, on a property meet in south of Voisey's Bay, Equitas Resources is presently conducting a drill program within the year which will last between 10 and 12 weeks, with the possibility of extending a winter program depending on results of the drill program. This program has generated a number of employment opportunities for residents of Nain. Similarly, the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies secured a considerable contract from Quest Rare Minerals for the removal of a bulk sample from their exploration site in Strange Lake located on the Quebec side of the border. Mr. Speaker, there have also been setbacks for companies this year. Earlier this summer Aurora Energy was forced to abruptly shut down their Michelin Camp and terminate the exploration program for the foreseeable future. Ultimately, the prolonged drop in global uranium prices was the primary reason for the closure. The plan now for Aurora and their parent

company, Paladin Energy, is to wait for the rebound in pricing before any plans were made to reactive their program. In the meantime the camp where we left in the care and maintenance with bi-annual inspections to ensure that no environmental or structural damage is occurring at the site. The closure has met a loss in seasonal jobs from many local employees, as well as an impact on local service providers. The challenge now is assessing what future opportunities matched the skill set of those local employees in ensuring that any possibility for them to continue working in the exploration industry is made available. Mr. Speaker, the Non-renewable Resource Division is ultimately focused on supporting local prospectors by helping to alleviate the costs of shipment and an analysis of rock samples. There is considerable interest from beneficiaries in expanding this type of support. And the Division is at the early stage of developing a plan in order to harness the interest in prospecting by looking at different programs and educational opportunities that may be available. For the Division, communication is the key. The Division has built a bi-monthly newsletter for NG employees that will help keep our employees informed of major industry trends. The Division also intends on developing a similar type of newsletter intended for Inuit businesses in order to help them identify potential growth areas. Environment Division. Waste Management. Tundra Take Back Nunatsiavut. This is the End of Life Vehicle and Sustainable Waste Management Program that addressed the goal of maximizing the use of existing dump space and diverting significant amounts of waste through

scrap metal collection and hazardous waste disposal. The project feeds into the Regional Waste Management Planning Process, and the training component of this project increases capacity within Nunatsiavut .

Environmental Assessment Manager, Andrea Height, is leading the file. Financial support has been provided by Nunatsiavut Government's Sustainable Communities Initiative. Aboriginal Affairs, Inuit Pathways, the Automotive Recyclers of Canada, supporters of the Summerhill's Impact Tundra Take Back Crowd Funding Campaign. And very much thanks for the in client support provided by the Nain and the Hopedale Inuit Community Government and the Nain Research Centre. This program is ongoing in Hopedale, but was completed in Nain just this past week. The Nain program went incredibly smooth. For Nain alone there was decommissioned fridges, appliances, barrels, vehicles, etcetera. We were able to achieve this while training six people and creating six jobs in Nain and also have created six jobs in Hopedale. This is a program that is a win for the communities, the environment and the economy. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Nain ICG, Hopedale ICG and Inuit Pathways for their hard work and support for this program. It is our hope to learn from this year's program and to make it successful in Makkovik, Postville, and Rigolet next year. Muskrat Falls. Mr. Speaker, over the last few years we have worked hard to facilitate research in relation into the downstream effects of Muskrat Falls, a question which has not been answered adequately by Nalcor. We are in the final stages of the research program. A first paper has been published by a team led

by Harvard University in proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a highly respected journal. To begin with, it must be clear that the organic form of mercury, methyl mercury, accumulates in the food web and is associated with negative effects on the developing brain and cardiovascular health in adults. In short, here's a summary of the findings of the paper. Methyl mercury impacts from Muskrat Falls will be more damaging to Lake Melville and the health of downstream Indigenous communities than methyl mercury changes due to climate change. Nalcor's assessment of downstream impacts on Inuit was severely flawed. Nalcor predicted that there would be no additional methyl mercury to Lake Melville due to Muskrat Falls. Harvard research suggests that they should expect substantial methyl mercury effects in Lake Melville. Flooding associated with Muskrat Falls mega dam will increase methyl mercury inputs into Lake Melville, a key harvesting area for Inuit by at least 25 to 200 percent over the next decade, and likely more. Unfortunately, stratified Arctic esters like Lake Melville create the perfect storm for mercury uptake in marine food webs. More methyl mercury in key Inuit food resources could pose a serious threat to long-term Inuit health and culture. The Harvard University teams working on the Phase 2 analysis which will help to determine with certainty impacts on Inuit health. This is an extremely serious issue and we would urge all Assembly Members to compel their counterparts in current Provincial and Federal Government elections to take a stand with Inuit to protect the health of Inuit. The status quo's not good enough. And, finally,

Lands, Mr. Speaker. Fourteen new land use applications have been submitted since the beginning of June, with a total of 29 for 2015. Most of the applications are for cabin use and are in different stages of processing. With the absence of a Land Use Plan it has made it more time consuming and complicated to review and make decisions on land applications to commercial and industrial uses. In the absence of a Land Use Plan the applicants have to petition to Minister to seek approval from the Nunatsiavut Assembly for the issuance of interest for commercial and industrial uses. During the last quarter we finalized nine marine navigation aid renewal leases for existing infrastructure along Vale's route for the mine in Voisey's Bay to the open sea. Our GIS Specialist continues negotiations with Google to determine logistics of Street View capture within Nunatsiavut communities. The image capture will be done in 2016 with support from Google. We're also looking at improved options for our land data bases. On a final note, Mr. Speaker, the communal fishery in 12(e), the Division of Renewal Resources are currently in discussions with DFO on how the communal fishery in 12(e) will proceed in future years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. First starting off I'd like to wish Tim McNeil, our Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, a very Happy Birthday. The Economic Development Division conducted



interviews early in September for two full-time permanent positions and one temporary position. A good pool of candidates led to job offers being made to three candidates. The Community Economic Development Program, or CEDP, the Review Committee for CEDP reviewed a number of proposals and approved the following: The Rigolet Inuit Community Government Tourism Guide for \$8,280, the Hopedale Inuit Community Government Interpreter Site Manager for the Moravian Mission Complex at 23,920. So far in 2015 – 2016 the CEDP Program has supported three projects for a total of \$45,080. *Fiscal Financing Agreement* funds or FFA. The FFA funds allocated for economic development are being put to good use with a forecasted disbursement of over 1.5 million in 2015 – 16. Twenty initiatives are financed by FFA funds. This year with over 715,000 already paid out. Mr. Speaker, Business Development Committee, or BEDC and the Inuit Business Registry. The Business Development Committee met a few times since June to register new businesses, mostly new joint ventures. Vale's announcement to sanction underground mine at Voisey's Bay on August the 10<sup>th</sup> extended the life of the mine to 2035 and nearly doubled the work force of 850 generated an influx of requests for Inuit partnerships from outside businesses and a mountain of requests for information on how to be nominated for upcoming procurement opportunities. Since Vale sanctioned the development of their underground mining project at Voisey's Bay in August their procurement process has kicked into high gear. The Nunatsiavut Government, in conjunction with the Innu Nation, asked Vale to hold

special procurement sessions for Inuit in Innu businesses. Two sessions were held in Happy Valley Goose Bay within the last year, and another is planned for Hopedale or Nain in late October. Planning is currently underway for this one. A packaged dictionary with all underground opportunities have been provided by Vale and we have made this available through email to all Inuit businesses within our Inuit Business Directory. The last round of procurement opportunities, which included such things as civil work, temporary camp construction, project management, detailed engineering, etcetera, closed on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and a second round of opportunities which includes underground mining construction and development, mining equipment, etcetera, is now out for nomination and will close on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Speaker, the Economic Development Division with the support of MUNS Gardner Centre Faculty of Business offered a writing and winning proposal workshop in Rigolet June 15, 16 in Nain, June 17, 18 and 19, Makkovik, June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and Hopedale, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Interested individuals from Postville are invited and their travel expense is paid to attend the workshop in another community. Two people from Postville participated in the Hopedale session. Hopedale Serpentine and Aggregate Assessment. The Economic Development Division in partnership with the Non-renewable Resource Division and Hopedale Inuit Community Government is sponsoring an assessment of the serpentine for quantity and quality for carving purposes and aggregate deposits available in the community. In the meantime a consultant was

hired to develop a draft comprehensive proposal for a future road in Hopedale. Framed, a filmmaking workshop. The Economic Development Division, in collaboration with the St. John's Women's Film Festival Frame Film Education Series, offered two frame camps in Nunatsiavut in Nain July 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> and in Hopedale August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. The frame film workshops guided participants through all stages of film making from script to screen. Frame camps introduce valuable technical entrepreneurial skills and offer insight into filmmaking as a potential career choice for youth. Two films were produced, "The Return of Throat Singing" was done by Nain and "Handicrafted," Hopedale. These films will be premiered in a special frame Nunatsiavut presentation at the rooms in St. John's on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and then shown part of the regular line-up at the St. John's Women's Film Festival on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are also hoping that we may be able to launch the two films in Nain and Hopedale on December 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the celebrations. Mr. Speaker, Arctic char for Community Freezers. The Division contributed a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative Society to provide an additional 13,000 pounds of Arctic char for the Community Freezer Program end of summer. The Environment Division takes charge of the distribution of the traditional char. Some of the extra Arctic char will be traded in Southern Labrador for cod. Arctic Char Fishery. The Division, in partnership with Torngat, leveraged funds approved by the Department of Fisheries and Agriculture under its Fisheries, Technology and New Opportunities Program and the National Research Council of

Canada to improve processing efficiency and quality of Arctic char, a new fileting machine and commercial smoker for the Nain fish plant, develop printed packaging and marketing material for the Arctic char and to explore fishing methods. The Division generated an investment of close to 460,000 in the Arctic char fishery this season. We provided 256,000 and we had 240 from the outside agencies. Mr. Speaker, the Economic Development Team invited Inuit businesses from Nunatsiavut to attend the Expo Labrador Conference and Trade Show in June to network and promote their businesses. We had three booths at the trade show to advertise Inuit businesses. Many companies from Goose Bay area displayed their products and provided business cards and brochures. Sandy Michelin, Wayne Jenkins and Heather Agnatok seized the opportunity to be at Expo Labrador. Lack of available commercial accommodation limited their participation from Nunatsiavut. Hotel Operations Training in Hopedale. Our Division, in partnership with Inuit Pathways and Amaguk Inn and Kona supported hotel operations training in Hopedale for \$68,000. This hotel operation program was designed to enhance the skills of the personnel working at the Amaguk Inn providing hands on practical training with periodic sit down classroom type instruction. The graduation ceremony was held in Hopedale on July 30<sup>th</sup> with 10 participants. Engaging Inuit Women and Economic Participation and Mentorship for Inuit Women. The Division was invited by Pauktuutit to sit on two advisory committees, one on Engaging Inuit Women and Economic Participation and Mentoring for Inuit Women. The Division will

bring its expertise and participate in regular conference calls. The Natural Resource Sector. How to Seize Large Project Opportunities in Nunatsiavut. The Division, in partnership with Stantec, is planning for November, 2015, a series of business seminars to be offered in all five Inuit communities on the Natural Resource Sector and opportunities offered by large projects such as Voisey's Bay going underground.

**MR. BLAKE:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Minister has exceeded her time limit.

**MR. SPEAKER:** There's no time limit, Ordinary Member, for a particular minister statement. The total time allotted for a minister statement, according to Standing Order 29(2) is 35 minutes, the total length of time for all minister statement in its entirety. Please continue, Honourable Minister.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** I'm just about finished now. The Economic Development Division is organizing a Trade Mission for the Northern Lights Business and Cultural Showcase in Ottawa January 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Twelve Nunatsiavut Inuit businesses have been invited to join the Trade Mission. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'll be only two minutes, Roy. Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development, in partnership with CYFS, delivered a land base program to a family of 10 from August 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at the Little Bay Lodge. The intent of this land

based program was to improve parent/child relationships including building trust, encouraging communications and fostering supportive and open interactions. This program was facilitated through the cultural activities such as fishing, berry picking, cooking, and storytelling. We also celebrated our annual international FASD Awareness Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful turnout for this activity which included a healthy snack and information bags for all the students at the school, a radio spot and the best decorated window contest with the theme, "What My Family Means to Me." It was a great day with lots of participants from the community. Also on September 11<sup>th</sup> we held a World Suicide Prevention Day Walk. We had a good turnout for the event; as well all who participated in the walk has been affected by suicide in some way. We began with an opening and went on a walk around town, ate healthy snacks and set off the Chinese lanterns in memory off all who were lost to suicide. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any other minister statements today? If there are no further minister statements, we shall move on to item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Ullâkut Illonasi. Today I would like to acknowledge a youth from our community and her accomplishments. Breana Andrew is a 16-year-old beneficiary and lives in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Her parents are George and Marjorie Andrew. Breana

started to figure skate at the age of three. Over the past 13 years Breana has continued to excel in her figure skating activities. She has skated at many competitions within the region, province and Eastern Canada. Breana has developed her skating skills at skating schools in Corner Brook, St. John's, Fredericton, Edmonton and Mariposa International Skating School in Barrie, Ontario. All of her hard work and dedication to this sport has resulted in wishing to continue in the coaching realm. To teach Skate Canada Programs coaches must have national coaching certification programming. Trained and/or certified they must also be a current registered professional coaching member of Skate Canada. They must have completed a Skate Canada approved clearance check and positions of trust, and hold a valid first aid certificate. After completing two courses and 50 hours of practical mentoring this past summer Breana has attained two coaching levels within Skate Canada. She has received her Can Skate Coaching and her Primary Stars Skate Coaching levels, and is now qualified to coach in any figure skating club across the country. Breana will be putting her coaching skills to work this upcoming winter with Snowflake Skating Club in Happy Valley Goose Bay. She will also be continuing her personal skating career by continuing to compete. As a young Aboriginal woman and a Nunatsiavut beneficiary Breana is a role model to other young skaters in Labrador. Mr. Speaker, I'm continuing to work with other levels of government regarding Migratory Spring Bird Harvesting, known as 12(e). Also I had the privilege of participating in our local suicide prevention walk. All individuals involved

deserve a round of applause for making this very successful. This event allows family and friends that have been affected by suicide to continue to heal and know that they are not alone and to be able to go for support. Also I attended, "Take Back the Night" walk. Again, although the weather was uncooperative, the event was a huge success. I felt from the amazing group of ladies their empowerment and pride as they walked to their destination. The organizers did a great job. On a regular basis, Mr. Speaker, Minister Kemuksigak and I continue to visit the beneficiaries at our hospital. I also continue to network with HRLE to address many issues and concerns involving our beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, I accompanied Mr. Edward Mesher and Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation to Southern Labrador to get fish for the Community Freezer. Thank you for the opportunity. I am sure our elders will enjoy it. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish our Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeil, a very happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. All the best, Tim. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office, beneficiaries residing in the Canadian Constituency and all beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, I would like to say Nakummek to both Rita Andersen and Don Dicker Sr. for all your support that you have provided to both Patricia Ford, Tama Ball, and our previous



Constituency Officers over our time as Ordinary Members for the Canadian Constituency. Your support and timely responses to all our queries will be sorely missed by all. We wish you nothing but the best in your retirement. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate Natan Obed on his recently successful campaign and for him being elected as President of ITK. I watched the proceedings of the ITK AGM election and I congratulate you on your success, on your graceful and dignified responses posed by the questions to you by the delegates at the AGM. Natan, we are proud of your accomplishments and we know that you will represent the interest of all Inuit at the national level. You are a true inspiration to us all. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mr. Jim Tuttau.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. A new fire hall project is on the go for Hopedale now. We have seven locals hired and crews are pouring concrete for the footings as we speak now. The project seems to be going well. We had a few minor delays with materials, but it's on the go now. Also, Mr. Speaker, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015 Their Honours were here with advice from their regal visit. Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, Frank Fagan, and his wife were here. Hopedale, we had a tour of the mission museum complex which was enjoyed by all. Also we came to the Assembly Building and the message from Their Honours, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fagan, that we have a wonderful, beautiful building here and we should all take great pride in it.

Also after the tour of the Assembly Building, we went to the ACMS gymnasium where we had finger foods such as Arctic char from the Nain Fish Plant and moose nikkuk. Also we had a demonstration of the northern games that are performed at the Labrador Winter Games was performed by Boss Mitchell. He did events such as the high kick with a seal, Labrador hurdles and the seal crawl. Also even His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor Frank Fagan, got involved and done one Labrador hurdle so we were all impressed with that. They also wanted a demonstration of the monkey dance which I got involved with. Boss Mitchell and I done the best I could. But, as I say, I don't think I'll do it too much more. It took me a week to get over that. And, once again, a great time was had by all and, you know I personally believe, that all Nunatsiavut stepped up and gave Their Honours an excellent showing. Recycling at the local landfill as Minister Shiwak touched on earlier about recycling; we have six locals hired on doing that. It's doing an excellent job. He's really cleaned up our landfill site. Gives us more room for our dumps and, you know, as Chairman of the Nunatsiavut Solid Waste Management Committee, and it's a really important project to help clean up our environment. We thank all those that were involved with the funding of this. And also, Mr. Speaker, as a final note here, Hopedale Inuit Community Government is looking for to hosting the 10-year anniversary of Nunatsiavut Government and working closely with Nunatsiavut Government and the Assembly staff here on hosting a great celebration for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. I think cancer affects us all on a daily basis. Each and every one of us has been touched in some form or another. I'd like to recognize Sarah Webb, resident of Nain, who continues yearly to raise awareness and do her part in trying to help mitigate such a devastating disease. Also while I'm at it, I'd just like to wish all the students, they'll be congregating in Hopedale for the Fall Sports Meet. Gives a chance for Inuit across Nunatsiavut to come together in good spirit and sportsmanship. That being said, Go Huskies. Woof. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Go Hopedale. Anyway, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just also would like to congratulate Rita on her achievements and also her dedication to Nunatsiavut. I know where her heart is to. Like a lot of us, her heart is Nunatsiavut, and you really take off your hat to people like that. And I'd also like to like our Minister said, Sean, that, you know, everybody will be here this coming week to participate again in the fall sportsman which I think has been going on now since, must be the early 80's or late 70's, which is great to see our people mingling and getting together. So once again I'd like to thank all the people whose coming and have a good time and make new friends and don't stay out too late. So thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief. I wanted to wish Rita Andersen and Don Dicker a very happy retirement and you both will be missed for all your patience and assistance over the years. With the Supportive Living Program now in place and run by Department of Health and Social Development in Happy Valley, this program has helped considerably with homelessness, but there are still major homeless issues in Happy Valley Goose Bay. And it's very sad to see people with no place to go and for people to come see you and they're living in abandoned vehicles or abandoned buildings. So the program has helped tremendously, but there's still a lot of help needed, and I just wanted to say that I'm thinking of the people who are homeless in our communities. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. There's a saying that you may be out in left field on this topic, or you may be off base. I'm going to create my own little thing and say I may be way to Sina on this one, but I'm going to talk on communication and information flow. First of all, I'd like to commend Jodie Lane on the newly created site on Facebook, Nunatsiavut Government PSSSP site, regarding to information on post-secondary education. I'm sure this site will provide valuable information all in one place not having to look for other searches on the network to find information on education for our students that are continuing education.

I believe that this is what we need in Upper Lake Melville for getting info to beneficiaries. There are numerous events going on. Yes, we have TV, ROLL-UP, radio stations, newspaper and all this. But this is a fast changing world; fast paced society where we need info at our fingertips and social media can provide this. Of course, along with that comes a lot of negativity, but its how you use the site that creates that. We need our own Facebook site for information purposes to feed the people. There have been a number of people who suggest we have our own radio station, and I would agree yes, that would be very beneficial and serve the people of Upper Lake Melville very well. Our own radio station would also keep us together as a means of holding onto our identity. We'd have our own profiles of people, interviews, music and art, announcements, events, news and updates on what's happening in Upper Lake Melville area as well as what's happening in Nunatsiavut area. I have worked and run a radio station in Makkovik so I know what it means to the community to have a radio station, its importance and the role it plays in the communities. We go out and buy companies. We sponsor events like Cain's Quest. Maybe it's time we look at improving communications and information flow among ourselves. Newsletters are helpful and play a role but they only come out periodically, and sometimes the news is outdated by the time they come out with respect to the news. I refer to Dr. Tom Gordon who a couple of years ago was going around to the communities with a project called, "Tradition and Transition Among Labrador Inuit". We had some discussions on how we can improve on

traditions and transition, where we're going with, you know, where we have a culture. One thing that we discussed was radio stations and he thought a radio station would be good to help preserve culture. I think at the time Dr. Tom Gordon was going for get information from people and he was going to put in for a grant to bring some things together to help with culture among ourselves. I think it's important that what they were doing to collect Inuit knowledge, as well as academic research. There is a good way to preserve culture, to talk about it and keep it alive and use modern means to do it. So I think the Facebook site that can provide information would be very beneficial to us. There's ways to set it up so we don't have people providing negative comments. But I think we definitely need more information and communication flow to keep us together and help us to keep our identity and our culture. There's ways and means to do it, and this is just some food for thought and I hope you all consider what I've given you here today. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson. Are there any other member statements today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to recognize and thank our Deputy AngajukKâk, Bernie Andersen. During my time of absence Bernie did a tremendous job and holds a full-time job, has a family and I'd like to thank him for his dedication and his hard work. I'd also like to thank Tim's department for additional funding to do additional work on our boardwalk and a couple of rest stations. We were very happy to have received this funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Students on Ice. Students on Ice, driven by passion for the Polar Regions. The program connects youth to nature and fostering with them in appreciation for the planet, themselves and each other. Education is the foundation of the Students on Ice approach and is dedicated to inspiring and supporting the youth in providing them necessary tools to instill positive change in their communities and around the world. This year three students from Nain, Megan Dicker, Chase Holwell, Jonathan Lidd, joined the Students on Ice Program. That took them on a two-week Arctic adventure from the Torngat Mountains National Park to communities in Greenland and Nunavut. A trip that I'm sure that they will never forget. Programs such as this and funding from the Nunatsiavut Government gives our youth a chance to travel to see the beauty of the north to the wonders of the Antarctica. Employment. Mr. Speaker, employment continues to be an issue within my community. The unemployment rate in Nain is nearly 30 percent. Four times the national average. NG currently has several large projects underway in my community. The Illusuak Cultural Centre is under construction. A six-plex residential unit soon to be started and home repair project with an understanding that NG has plans for additional staff housing apartments to be constructed in the near future. It's great to see NG, the Nunatsiavut Government, investing in badly needed infrastructure within our community. Our employment for qualified local beneficiaries

continues to be an issue in my community. We see general labour positions given to non-beneficiaries residing outside the community, and to see this happening within NG's own projects is disheartening to members of the community. These projects are of the Nunatsiavut Government for the beneficiaries and should be built by the hands of the beneficiaries when possible. My statement this morning is not intended to discredit all that has been done today in any way, but a message from my constituency seeking more support from the Nunatsiavut Government for employment opportunities on current projects and any further projects of the Nunatsiavut Government. TB. Mr. Speaker, since the last outbreak of TB in our community much has been done by the Nunatsiavut Government through the Department of Health and Social Development, Public Health Office and the Labrador-Grenfell Health to contain the spread of TB. The community is more at ease and comfortable knowing that measures are in place to prevent the spread of TB. At the last sitting of the Assembly a petition was filed and yesterday a response was provided by Honourable Greg Flowers. A part of my commitment at this last sitting, I will take that message back to my constituency along with a TB update. It is important that NG, Nunatsiavut Government, continue to provide regular updates through the community and I'm there to help get that message out in any way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Are there any other member statements today? I recognize Ms Kate Mitchell, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Don Dicker Sr. for all his hard work for our department and the government for all his dedication and leadership and, to us, his quiet gentle manner will certainly be missed, and we wish him all the best. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the three graduates from our school last year in Makkovik; Amanda, Willie and Amos, and especially to acknowledge the accomplishments of Amanda Dyson. Amanda graduated with an average in public exams 20 percent higher in math than the provincial average. She excels at her academic studies and she has now moved on to university, but I would just like to acknowledge the accomplishments of some of our brightest and young people, and we wish her all the best and I know she will go far in whatever career she chooses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. Are there any other further member statements today? If there are no further member statements, we will proceed onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the following question: NGC is visible in Nain through its contract with Illusuak and Attic Retrofits and Repairs. Last year the NICG worked with NG to get land to build a six-complex unit. NGC was awarded this contract but, to

date, there are no materials or equipment. Can the First Minister tell me why nothing has started on this project? Is the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, prepared to provide a response today? If so, I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for your question. The Nunatsiavut Government received an offer from Nunatsiavut Construction to construct the proposed six-unit building in Nain. The NG accepted the offer in writing and prepared a draft construction contract based on the offer and submitted to Nunatsiavut Construction. To date, we have not received a written response from Nunatsiavut Construction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Honourable First Minister. Also yesterday the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, asked the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the following question: During any see visits to the communities you informed the beneficiaries that 88 percent of the NG workforce is made up of beneficiaries of the LILC Agreement. Can you tell me the number of NG employees outside of community based programs and services that are employed outside of Nunatsiavut? Is the Minister of Human Resources prepared to respond today? If so, I'd like to recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik ammalu Kiggatuttik Nainimi First Honourable Member Pamak, I want to say that you did correctly state yesterday that the Nunatsiavut Government did have 88 percent of its workforce composed of beneficiaries. As of the end of August, 2015, Mr. Speaker,

the workforce is now composed of 82 percent of beneficiaries. This decrease, Mr. Speaker, is a direct result of the Nunatsiavut Government taking over the Supportive Living Program in Happy Valley Goose Bay, in which approximately 35 employees were recently hired. In response to your question, there are approximately 35 employees who are not directly involved in the direct delivery of programs and services working in the Lake Melville area. While the transition plan, Mr. Speaker, is not finalized and available for discussion, I think it is important to note that for current hiring practises, all new or vacant management positions are advertised and filled within Nunatsiavut without exception. As well, Mr. Speaker, permanent positions in the employee division are advertised and only after every attempt an avenue has been exhausted does the Nunatsiavut Executive Council consider approving these positions to be filled outside of Nunatsiavut. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I believe that the Honourable Minister answered both questions in a single statement with regards to NG's plan to move positions back to the Land Claims Area as well. Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That concludes returns to oral questions for today. We'll move on to item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question, I guess, is to you, Mr. Speaker. I got an answer from First Minister this morning on the question that I asked yesterday. I was wondering if I may be able to ask a

supplementary question to that answer because I do want to ask another question later on. We're allowed one question per day. So I ask if I could ask a supplementary question first with regards to the answer I received this morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

AngajukKâk for Nain, again, questions can only be directed to the Ministers, and a Member can only speak to a matter, a single matter, once during a particular sitting. If you can phrase, perhaps, your question in an appropriate way you are free to voice that question.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I do have a question. Then I'll direct that question to the Minister of Human Resources and Technology and Finance, Honourable Dan Pottle. It's been talk today, communities in our settlement area in this past week and this past two weeks, I guess, since the cut back of internet high speed has been taken place. At our last sitting, Mr. Speaker, it was mentioned at this Assembly that the Nunatsiavut Government would look at going to, before this was announced, going to the CRTC, possibly, to check with the commitments that Bell Aliant was not making. Now with this doing an interview with CBC, President Leo said that CRTC would be approached, or may be approached. My question to the Minister is what approach, or stand, is NG taking on behalf of the beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut Settlement Area to reverse the step back that the Bell Aliant happened to make to our beneficiaries? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik, and Nakummek to the AngajukKâk for Nain for your question. We have been since our last session in June, Mr. Speaker, working to challenge, I guess, for lack of a better word, Bell Aliant, on its current services, and in light of the recent downgrades by Bell Aliant announced last week, as the Assembly Members are aware, the Nunatsiavut Government, through the Office of the President, did issue a press release calling on Bell Aliant to publically disclose how it intends to meet the CRTC's commission for targets for Broadband. The Nunatsiavut Government, Mr. Speaker, is also challenging Bell Aliant to be a true member of our community in Northern Labrador and make an investment in Nunatsiavut. Just last evening, Mr. Speaker, we sent a letter to Dan McCain, the Vice Chair and Senior Vice President for residential services to Bell Aliant. In that letter we expressed our disappointment with the company's recent decision to implement a new internet management measure in our communities. We acknowledge that in an updated form letter to residential customers we were advertised that Bell Aliant would reduce network congestion and improve internet performances for web browsing, email and ecommerce. In our letter, Mr. Speaker, we have reiterated the CRTC's traffic management practices that indicate as a service provider Bell Aliant must provide specific information to customers, and I'm not going to go through all of those verbatim, but I certainly can provide the information to any Member who may be interested in further information on what those traffic management practices are. Mr. Speaker, as per the CRTC's

guidelines, there must be at least 30 days given before introducing new traffic management practises or revising an existing one. This, we believe, has not been complied with by Bell Aliant. We believe that the form letter that the company provided doesn't provide enough detail on the above points and, in some points, no detailed information whatsoever. We are asking for a meeting with Mr. McCain and others with Bell Aliant, and as of last evening we understood that the letter was received by Mr. McCain and two other officials within Bell Aliant so we're hoping that meeting is going to happen very soon. In addition, Mr. Speaker, since the reduction in service was implemented; we have undertaken the following initiatives: We're continuing to research the CRT regulations to find out areas where there has been non-compliance by Bell Aliant. Again, we've drafted a letter to Bell Aliant questioning their compliance with the CRT traffic management practices. We're attempting to set up meetings with Bell Aliant and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Business, and we are continuing to finalize the drafting of our complaint to CRTC, which we hope to have done within the next few days. We're reviewing proposals for funding to Governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Governments of Canada by Smart Labrador, and recently an initiative undertaken by various people in the country called First Mile. This group will be intervening at the upcoming CRTC hearings and advocating on behalf of all Northern Regions, including Nunatsiavut. I've provided this group with our recent press release and I'm working with them on

putting together some more comprehensive questions that we would have for the CRTC in addition to the complaint that we are putting forward to CRT. So that's just some of the initiatives, AngajukKâk for Nain, that we're currently working on and if anybody, like I said, would like more information, certainly give myself or my Deputy Minister or the Director of Information Technology, Frank Andersen, a call to express your concerns, as well, and to find out in more detail some of the things that we're working towards to address this unacceptable measure taken recently by Bell Aliant. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:** No, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to thank the Minister for a very detailed and informative response. I'll take that information to the people I was speaking to. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque, the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question's directed to the First Minister. For the benefit of our Inuit Community Governments, can you elaborate or give us any information on the situation of the wood for our seniors and disabled for this coming fall or winter? I'm just wondering do you have any information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, for your question. As the email that I sent to our AngajukKât from Hopedale and Nain, on September the 8<sup>th</sup> the information that I had then was that there was 200 cords of wood that we had, and there was space at the dock. So there were arrangements being made then to ship that wood to Nain and Hopedale. And I have not had any updates since then, but I'll certainly check into it and keep you updated. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Thank you, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is for the Minister of Education and Economic Development. You mentioned in your statement about procurement sessions planned for with regard to the Voisey's Bay underground project. Will these procurement sessions be opened for any potential or people that might want to start a business, or only for established businesses? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development , Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Chairperson Mitchell, and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not a hundred percent sure on the question so I will have to talk to staff and get back to you, but I understood to cover the cost of people that travel to the procurement session, they have to be a registered business on our



Inuit Business Registry. But if it was happening in the community that people are from, or they wanted to pay their own way and they're prospective entrepreneurs, I think that will be okay, but I'm not a hundred percent sure. So I would have to check with our staff. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Honourable Minister has taken that question under notice. She'll provide a response back to the Chairperson. Thank you. Are there any other oral questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, and Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs. NG currently has a couple large projects underway in my community with plans to construct six-plex units and additional staff apartments in the near future. These large projects are tendered through NG's tendering and procurement process. My question to Minister Mitchell, as part of these tendering practices for any capital works projects or infrastructure projects, do the Nunatsiavut Government have any stipulations in the tender package that requires a percentage of qualified beneficiaries to be hired on by the successful contractors or subcontractors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak for your question. Yes, in regard to your question, we have the *Nunatsiavut Government Procurement Act*, and under that *Procurement Act* it lays out how much Inuit content and whatever we should have in our projects. Thank you for your question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? Thank you, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions then we'll proceed onto item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? There are no written questions today. Move on to item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Onto item nine, "Petitions". There are no petitions today. Item 10 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions," there will be no responses today. Onto item 11 on your agenda, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I'd like to recognize Ms Patricia Ford, the Ordinary Member for Canada and a Member of the Member Services Committee, to provide an update on the MSC.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. At the June, 2015 Assembly sitting, the Assembly accepted and adopted the Member Services Committee Report on the decisions, recommendations made by the MSC for the period February 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. As an update the 2015 seven-seater Ford Flex 2015 has been purchased and is now in Hopedale for the Assembly use. The 2016 Scandic wide track 600 Ace has arrived in Hopedale and will be available

for operation this winter. David Abel of Hopedale has agreed to build two Kamutik boxes and the building materials have been ordered. The four silapât for the pages, two male and two female, have been made, but they are too small for adults. This issue will be revisited. We have not been able to find someone to build a speaker's chair, foot stool and podium, so that will continue to be an item of discussion. With respect to the web casting, funds were found under professional fees of the Assembly budget to undertake this project with Sliq Media Technologies of Montreal. Sliq Media worked with our IT Department this summer. Slick Media has built the streaming media solution and has sent the necessary hardware to Hopedale. One of our IT support technicians was on site last week to install and test the equipment with remote support from Sliq, and everything is configured and working. We are currently testing the audio services, and video services can be provided in the future if interest and band width is available. Given that IT and the Assembly are getting accustomed to the streaming services, this September sitting has been designated as a pilot test. If everything functions smoothly, the services will be publicized for the next Assembly sitting. Once public, the online link to access the streaming service will be placed on the Nunatsiavut Government website for public access. There will also be an archive to listen to past Assembly proceedings. As we move forward training will need to be provided to the Assembly staff for managing the audio streams, including how to start and stop the service. The scheduling of future streams, archiving the streams and

other logistics related to the streaming service. That concludes my update, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, that the update of the report accepted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly on the MSC decisions and recommendations for the period February 1st to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 be received and adopted.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. The motion is in order. Ms Ford, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS FORD:** No, Your Honour.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. I'd just like to take this time to commend the Speaker's Office and all involved in this very important initiative. Very important to get that information out there, and this provides a very cutting edge technology to have Inuit beneficiaries join in the Assembly proceedings. It provides accountability, transparency and, most of all, information to Inuit beneficiaries. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Sean Lyall. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:** I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. That concludes debate. Are there any nays? The motion is carried. We'll go onto item 12 on your *Orders of the*

Day, "Tabling of Documents." There are no documents to be tabled today. Onto item 13, "Notices of Motion," I do not believe that there are any notices of motion today. Onto item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. At this point I would like to call a recess for 20 minutes and we will reconvene at 25 minutes to 11:00 on this particular clock here.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We're now on item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Motions." We will deal with Motion 04-3(7) today, and I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled documents in the Committee of the Whole with witnesses. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole to receive the financial statements and presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Just very briefly. I've asked the Assembly Members to support my motion. This is an opportunity annually where we bring in representatives from each of the respective *Trust*, and as Assembly Members know, when we convene as a Committee of the Whole it's a more informal process and, again, in keeping with our Standing Orders when we're in the Assembly of the Whole, Members will have the opportunity to ask more questions than they have during the normal Assembly proceedings. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I've asked the Assembly Members to support the motion for the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** I have no final comments, Mr. Speaker. I wish to close debate.  
Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek , Honourable Minister. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. These documents will now be considered in the Committee of the Whole with the witnesses. We are now in Committee of the Whole, and I invite Isabella Pain, along with the appropriate representatives to

start with the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* presentation. Please join us at the table, appropriate witnesses. I recognize Ms Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to take this opportunity to welcome the LICST and their management to the Assembly, and we look forward to your presentation. I know there were some questions yesterday with regards to certain initiatives and financials. So I invite the Assembly Members to be very engaged in a discussion but, again, welcome to our Assembly. Welcome Natan, President of ITK. It's not a formal welcome as President of ITK, but it's good to see you here.

**ASSEMBLY:**

[Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Leo. For the benefit of the Assembly, the witnesses are currently sitting at the table. Would you give a brief introduction to the Members around the table.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My name is Clint Davis. I'm the Chairperson of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and the Chair of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*.

**MR. OBED:**

I'm Natan Obed. I'm a member of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*.

**MR. THORBOURNE:**

Good morning. My name is James Thorbourne and I'm the President and the CEO of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies.

**MR. IGOLIORTE:**

Nakummek (*Speaks in Inuttitut*) Jimmy Igloliorte and I'm a member of the LICST and Nunatsiavut Group of Companies Board.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, witnesses. At this point I'd like to welcome you to conduct your presentation as you see fit.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and Nakummek to the Executive Council and all members of the Legislative Assembly for this opportunity to report on the operations of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* for 2014. The *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* is governed by a *Trust* document that mandates, and I'm paraphrasing, the *Trust* to pursue economic opportunities that will foster employment, business and other relationships for the benefit of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. The beneficiaries of the LICST are Nunatsiavut Government, Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, and any corporations owned by Nunatsiavut Government. LICST is the sole shareholder of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, or NGC, which has as its mission to create wealth in trust for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries by owning profitable, sustainable businesses. So, in effect, NGC is like a Crown corporation of Nunatsiavut Government, not unlike Crown corporations of the Provincial and Federal Governments. So, in effect, everyone here, you own us. NGC has a diverse portfolio of companies operating in a variety of different industries. So what I'm going to do is describe each of those businesses, rather quickly, and then get into some of the issues that, no doubt, were top of the mind yesterday, in particular, the financial performance overall. NGC, as a reminder, is involved in the fisheries and we own such assets as 33 percent ownership in Dominion Trading, which is a 95-foot Longliner License and quota. Fifty percent ownership in Pikalujuk Fisheries, Shrimp



License and quota. A hundred percent ownership is a Lester Mitchell License Crab, quota. Northern Coalition Shrimp quota of 874 metric tonnes and Turbot Quota of 70 metric tonnes. Nunak Land Corp owns commercial real estate in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Goose Bay. Rentable space is leased to a variety of clients, however, the Nunatsiavut Government leases more than half of the total rentable space. NCI owns a variety of heavy equipment and it carries out civil works and building construction in Nunatsiavut and in Goose Bay. In 2014 NCI produced 8,000 tonnes of gravel in Nunatsiavut communities of Hopedale and Makkovik. NCI constructed a new washroom facility and septic disposal system at Base Camp, completed site work for the Illusuak project in Nain, completed a storm note and paving at the Goose Bay Town Centre and completed restoration work at the church in Nain. NCI also attained its Certificate of Recognition, or COR status from the Newfoundland Construction Safety Association in 2014, which is a very, very positive recognition. NGC Nunatsiavut Marine owns and operates a tug and two barges in the commercial charter market. NGC Solutions, or NSI, operates the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. 2014 saw a Base Camp host Parks Canada, researchers, student programs, various management boards and upwards of a hundred and twenty tourists. NSI also operates the Bank of Montreal agency in Nain for the second year of its three-year contract. Air Labrador. NGC owns 51 percent of Air Labrador. Air Labrador provides scheduled flights to the north coast including all five Nunatsiavut communities and Natuashish.

Air Labrador also services the south coast of Labrador and the Quebec north shore. Specific to the Nunatsiavut Region, Air Labrador carries out the Skedivac work for Labrador-Grenfell Health, medivac standby, Canada Post flying for four of the five Nunatsiavut communities and charter work on wheels, skis and floats depending upon the client's requirements.

2014 saw strong support from Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and the Nunatsiavut Government for Air Labrador to the North Coast of Labrador.

Torngat Service Inc., TSI, is a joint venture with ATCO Structures and Logistics. TSI is 51 percent owned by NGC and 49 percent owned by ATCO. TSI has been providing site services at the Voisey's Bay mine site since its opening. In late 2014 TSI awarded a contract to provide catering and cleaning services to Valard, the company which is constructing the power transmission line for the Muskrat Falls Project. Goose Bay Capital Corporation is the developer of the Goose Bay Town Centre Project. NGC owns 51 percent of GBCC with the remaining 49 percent owned by the project founders. The Town Centre Project involves the development of an initial 26 acres of land for commercial use, a subsequent 100 acres for high density residential use and another 200 acres for standard residential use. Nunatsiavut Marine has three contracts with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to operate the Northern Ranger, the Sir Robert Bond and to provide shore based services at the ports of Lewisporte, Cartwright, Black Tickle, Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale, Natuashish, Nain and Goose Bay. The Robert Bond contracted ended as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. 2014 also saw NGC purchase the shares

owned originally by CAI Logistics to gain 100 percent ownership in the company. In June 2014 NMI responded to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Request for Proposals to construct two new vessels and operate the vessels on behalf of the Province for 15 years to service the Strait of Bell Isle and the Labrador Coast. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador informed Nunatsiavut Marine in October, 2014 that it had not made the short list. Subsequently, the government cancelled the RFP in 2015. Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics is a partnership between Inuit Business Corporations from the four Inuit Regions. NGC owns 19 percent of PAIL. PAIL had a joint venture with ATCO Structure and Logistics to form Nasittuq, which had a contract with the Department of National Defence to operate and maintain Canada's North Warning System. In 2013 the Department of National Defence issued a Request for Proposals, for continuation of the North Warning System operations and maintenance. Nasittuq was not successful in retaining the contract and started to wind down its operations after the contract expired in July, 2014. Nillik Construction is a joint venture owned 51 percent by NGC and 49 percent by Bird Construction which carries out heavy civil work. In 2014 it was awarded a construction management contract to construct the Illusuak Project in Nain. Universal Helicopters, in late November, 2013, a partnership of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and CAPE, with a general partner of NGC purchased Universal Helicopters from Harry Steele. CAPE stands for Capital for Aboriginal Prosperity and Entrepreneurship, and is a Canadian Private

Equity Fund established by Former Prime Minister Paul Martin and his son David. Universal Helicopters continues to serve its long-term clients in 2014 including the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Polar Continental Shelf. However, the reduction in mineral exploration in Labrador saw Universal's revenue from mineral exploration clients significantly decrease. So that's a picture of our current collection of different operating companies for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. So the Financial Performance. The 2014 financial performance as consolidated at the LICST level was revenue of over 30 million with a net loss of \$3.8 million. The revenue growth from 2013 was 7 percent; however, the loss was also greater from the previous year. Needless to say the board and senior executive and all employees for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies are not happy with this performance. When you look at this performance, you can point to two things. Significant one-time losses in 2014 and the under performance of certain businesses. There were two one-time losses in 2014. The first was a write down of over a million dollars in PAIL due to the loss of the North Warning System contract. The second was legal costs incurred in the purchase of CAI shares in Nunatsiavut Marine and the proposal costs incurred for the submission of Nunatsiavut Marine's response to the RFP for the Labrador Ferry Service. The total of these two one-time costs was over \$1.6 million. In terms of company performance, Nunatsiavut Construction lost over \$875,000, mainly because of lost opportunities for Nunatsiavut Government business going to non-Inuit companies despite what we

believe were competitive bids from us. Nunatsiavut Solutions lost close to \$800,000 as a result of challenges to meet the revenue targets of Base Camp. Nunatsiavut Marine lost over \$700,000 since there was no work for the tugs and barges specifically in 2014 despite ongoing cost to maintain them. Goose Bay Capital Corporation lost over \$640,000 due to a lack of sales from a softening real estate market which, as many of you know in the room, is attributable to a slowdown in the resource economy. This was also the primary reason why Air Labrador lost over \$270,000 in 2014, that being the economic slowdown. While NGC's fisheries assets, Nunak Land Corp and TSI each made positive contributions to earnings in 2014, work for NGC's operating entities in the resource sector was very slow. This combined with NGC's ability to secure significant work in Nunatsiavut communities resulted in the majority of the financial losses. LICST is living up to its mandate and is providing significant benefits to Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and communities. NGC operations provide considerable employment to Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. In 2014 we paid about \$2.4 million in salaries and employed over 120 beneficiaries in full and part-time positions. 2014 was the third year in a row that Nunatsiavut Group of Companies funded a Wood to the Coast program whereby in 2014 100 cords was delivered to the communities of Nain and Hopedale at a cost to us of \$40,000. NGC provided cash and in-kind donations totalling \$16,000 to support various events and organizations including Labrador Winter Games, Nain Heritage Dog Team Race and Kids Helpline. Air Labrador also provided

cash and in-kind contributions valued in excess of a hundred thousand dollars to a variety of Inuit community organizations and events including Inuit Community Crisis Committees, Santa to the Coast, Students on Ice and the Restoration of Labrador Sites, or the ROLES Program. To conclude, once again the trustees, the board and the senior executive team are not happy with the financial results. Like so many other companies in this Province and across the country we are facing head winds in a depressed resource sector. And this has impacted our businesses and our employees. But this loss may not have been as big if we were able to secure the business being offered by Nunatsiavut Government and the communities. In 2014 Nunatsiavut Construction lost a \$2.3 million contract to a competitor for a subdivision in Nain. The reason? Our price was about 8 percent higher. There was no consideration for Inuit content, employment or economic spin-offs for Nunatsiavut. We use local suppliers, hire local people, but the procurement process didn't recognize our efforts to be socially responsible, which is required under our *Trust*. In 2014 we were disappointed to learn that Nunatsiavut Government decided to abandon the lease with Nunak at Kelland Drive and, instead, Nunatsiavut Government had a 10,000 square foot building constructed and owned by one of our competitors. Prior to this decision Nunak contracted a builder to commence construction of a 30,000 square foot office building at the Town Centre site in Goose Bay. We were hoping that NG, being a very important tenant, would want to secure space in an NGC-owned

development being the Town Centre. As a result we were left with a property with no tenant and extra office space. Economic Development Corporation model is very popular for Aboriginal Governments all across the country. There are over 270 Ec Dev Corps like NGC enabling Aboriginal Governments to take advantage of business opportunities in their regions. Ec Dev Corps provide vital employment, training, business capacity and revenue for the communities. And in my travels across Canada I have never heard of an Aboriginal Government-owned business losing their own Aboriginal Government business to a competitor. And in 2014 it happened to us twice. So, frankly, when I look at this it is embarrassing and it worries me that it does erode our reputation in the eyes of our beneficiaries across, not only this region, but across the country. I believe the Nunatsiavut Government has an important role to play in ensuring the NGC gets sufficient work to remain sustainable. Procurement practises in Nunatsiavut are critical to NGC's success. NGC's strategy to hire beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut communities and to operate with a high degree of social responsibility, both to the benefit of Nunatsiavut communities, has not translated each time into winning work. And we do seek Nunatsiavut Government's co-operation in changing the scenario because unlike our competitors, our success, in fact, is your success as well. I do want to say that this is a bit of a prelim, I suppose, there has been incredible improvement with working together with Nunatsiavut Government this past six to eight months, and James can actually elaborate on that as well, if asked. So we're very happy to

see that there has been a change. To remind everyone this is from the report of 2014, but I believe Nunatsiavut Government and NGC have done a tremendous job in starting to forge a deeper relationship, which I think is positive everybody. And we're hoping to see the trending of our business for this year has been very positive as well. We still have a few months left before the end of the fiscal year, so I don't want to pre-empt anything, but it does look much better than this year. So with that, Mr. Speaker, those are the conclusion of my remarks, and me and the rest of the board are here to take questions. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Davis. The floor will be open to questions now to either Mr. Davis or any member of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. I recognize Ms Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Clint, for your presentation, and thank you for being candid on the relationship. I just sort of want to respond to your comments in regards to the relationship between Nunatsiavut Government and NGC. I agree with you, it has improved over the last six to eight months, and we see it in our contracts that are going out and I think in the communities as well the work here in Hopedale with regards to their leak detection, another ongoing work. But I think one of the things that we have to keep in mind is NGC is working its way into our communities and I think that's a positive thing. But in the past it was rather a struggle because we, as a government, as well, have to be fiscally responsible, we have to be financially responsible, and while it's important to look at the Inuit contact in



supporting our own businesses, we still have a bottom line that we have to follow. But it's good to see that we're moving towards getting to the same bottom line so that we can actually work together in different opportunities within our communities. I just sort of wanted to add that in, and it is encouraging to see how much is being done. One thing I would like to ask, though, is your corporate social responsibility policy available? Could it be made available?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Davis or Mr. Thorbourne. Thank you.

**MR. THORBOURNE:** Nakummek , Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is. I believe we're going to be putting it online very soon. There are six principles in the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy and we're happy to share those with you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Thorbourne. We will go around the table and return if Ms Leo has further questions or comments. I recognize Mr. Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do I call you Mr. Speaker now, or just Tyler good?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The purposes of decorum, Member, it's Mr. Chair.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Mr. Chair? Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, and I will call you Clint. I just want to go to simple terms here. I became Minister of Health about a little over a year and a half ago and one of the first things that I kind of dealt with at the time was the closing of Kelland Drive. They were building a new building, and the first question I asked was why? We have to support our local companies and if we're ever going to be a body that's going to support our industry and we have to support, but one of the

things that came out what I understood was that and I'll get right down to the nitty gritty because that's where we need to go. And I think the President alluded to it, was the pricing and the office space. The office space was nice. I thought we'd rent from you guys for ever and a day and when I came on there was, you know, that you guys increased the office square footage for the building and I guess they had to look at it, you know? But it seems like it wasn't open for negotiation. It seemed, like, from my understanding it was your number and that was it. So if we're going to work together, I think that we have to be able to work with what's going to fit us as a government and also going to fit you guys in the end of it I was sorry that we lost that, but it's neither here nor there now. But the thing is we have to support our government. And the other question and I really have sometimes some hard questions from Nunatsiavut, the five communities, and especially this community. I know that you have ongoing work, but yet we still see a lot of people that come into quota war and especially in the labour part of it that could be qualified labourers in the communities that are doing the work. But we feel that we can use qualified people in the communities, and that's still, even though it's getting better, it's still part of the equation that we had to involve our community and more workers from our community. So that's still a little ongoing issue there.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Flowers. Mr. Davis or anyone else, do you have a commentary with regards to the labour practises?

**MR. DAVIS:**

Thank you, Minister, and I think one thing I'd like to say and it's in particular to President Leo's comment as well, we're not perfect, right? And I think, you know, the fact that here we are in 2015 celebrating 10 years of implementation for Nunatsiavut Government is something to be celebrated, but it's a new government, and when you look at the incredible work that you've put in in terms of developing very sophisticated and professional processes and systems, I think, we should applaud it, and it certainly is a model for everyone across the country. And so having that strong fiscal responsibility, I think, is a very positive thing. And so for ourselves, I mean, obviously, we've had a bit of a legacy at the same time referring to how often are we hiring the right people in the communities? And so we're trying to work through that at the same time. And having said that, I'll stand by our record over the last five years in terms of anybody. We've grown our revenue five-fold and we've increased our number of companies from 7 companies up to 14. When we actually made the purchase with the remarkable support of *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, of Universal Helicopters, it was actually one of the biggest purchases by any Indigenous group in Canada at the time. So it's something I think all of us, as Inuit in Nunatsiavut, could be proud of. So two things: So, first of all, I think now maybe it's a bit of a turning point where we're starting to see how we can work together in a way that's financially sound and meets goals and aspirations of all of us. And for sure it's not going to be perfect and it's going to be clunky and we're going to make mistakes. The Kelland Drive piece you could say that it

was sort of no negotiation. We would probably say that that was our perception of the other side, right? So it is he said/she said whatever and, as you said, it is what it is and there's nothing we can do about it. The unfortunate thing is that my understanding was that the savings wasn't massive at the end of the day for Nunatsiavut Government, but it was significant for us in terms of a loss of a major tenant, and I think, despite all the policies and processes you have in place which is, you know, the financial responsibility in place, we kind of have to look at the bigger picture because, honest to God, if we don't succeed, you don't succeed. And, in fact, in my cases we are the face of Inuit of Labrador in doing these businesses, and so when you have our own government who, you know, is building a business with somebody who certainly wouldn't have the social mandate that we actually have, that's a huge message to beneficiaries in the communities and we're just concerned about our own sort of brand as well, right? So that's how I respond.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Davis. I believe we have a question from Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I have several questions, but I'm going to go one by one and let everybody else have a chance. Because, as I said in my introduction to my motion and my comment on the motion, this is a more informal process and Members have the opportunity to speak more than once, but we go in turn. So out of respect for the proceedings, I'll field my questions after everybody has a turn. Just, I guess, a preamble to my first statement and a response to your sentiments, Mr. Davis, on behalf of LICST and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, I'm somewhat

disappointed to know or hear of, I guess, NGC's LICST's perception of a not so good relationship with Nunatsiavut Government. As we all know, relationships are a two-way street, and building those relationships is a reciprocal relationship on behalf of the two parties that are trying to maintain and build that relationship. I don't agree that, as Mr. Flowers has stated, you know, bygones are bygones for lack of a better word and there's nothing that we can do. I think we need to learn from those relationships, I guess, and why they don't always come into fruition and be more positive that we can. I think it's a sad comment to hear that bygones are bygones and there's nothing that we can do. I certainly don't agree with that, and I think we can learn from those experiences to build a more solid relationship between the government and LICST. That being said, on a couple of occasions, by way of example, the Joint Management Committee had asked for and we did receive time from Mr. Thorbourne and from Mr. Brown at the last time that we met at the JMC in Nain regarding some possible partnerships between the Inuit Community Governments and NGC. To my knowledge, nothing has transpired from that. There were commitments for further discussions and some work on building that, but that never happened. And I guess, one of the things that I had asked before and I haven't seen any movement on is is there any plans for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to move your administration and your basis of operation to Nunatsiavut which will benefit everybody, I believe. So that's my first question.

Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister Pottle. I recognize Mr. James Thorbourne, to provide a response.

**MR. THORBOURNE:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle and Mr. Chair. No, our base of our administration is in Goose, and we don't have a plan to move that to Nunatsiavut. However, we do realize that a presence in the Nunatsiavut communities is a positive thing, and just the other day Mr. Brown and myself are chatting about how we ensured we had a presence in each community so that we could carry on doing construction projects because you need a place to gather time sheets and to cover equipment, and if we expect to garner work in the communities, we know that we need to do that. So I guess the answer is you probably won't see the administrative centre go to communities, but I hope that you receive more operational presence, especially where we expect to carry out those operations in the communities.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Thorbourne. Mr. Obed.

**MR. OBED:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you for the question, Danny. As far as the relationship and the points that have been raised so far, I think that we've tried to be as responsive as we can be in discussing the challenges that we may have or the opportunities as well and how NGC can fulfill the needs, whether they be infrastructure or marine or fixed wing that the government has as well. So I think that perhaps sometimes we see these as bigger problems, or we might overstate them. But in the end the relationship is the key, and if we do have a trust from both sides that we're both working in each other's best interests and we're all working

for the common cause, that's all we need. And I know from a political level that exists. We've heard it the last few times that we've been here. I think the challenge sometimes is ensuring that every single piece along the way feels the same way that we do in this room. And we, as trustees, demand that our senior management respect and enter into respectful relationships with the Nunatsiavut Government. And I'm not saying that that's not the case on the other side. I'm just saying that I think that, from the political level, we can all push a little bit harder to ensure that things don't get hung up on the senior staff level and that we don't get briefed up saying it's impossible. That there's always a way forward. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Obed. At this point I'd like to recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's very evident that NGC'S becoming more recognized in our communities. You know, with projects ongoing like Illusuak, like housing repair programs, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies Construction, you know, and other business entities are receiving contracts from the Nunatsiavut Government, and two things kind of and I recognize, you know, the projects of rock crushing and all the projects in my community, and very beneficial to my community that creates a large number of employment where you're involved in. But two small things come out of NGC kind of in our communities. One is Nunatsiavut Group of Construction was more to going into the big contracts, like water, sewer, infrastructure projects. They're into Illusuak. But they're also

starting to dab into some projects that are usually done by local businesses. And there is some talk out there that, you know, the NGC, our construction, is starting to undermine small local businesses in the community and taking away some of the work that they normally do within the community. There was an impression that NGC or Construction would be more into the water or sewer projects and bigger developments type of thing, but they're starting to get into some of the smaller projects too as well. And another thing Greg kind of touched on too as well, certainly I recognize a large number of employees are employed through NGC in our communities, but there is times that, you know, there's positions through your business entities, labour jobs, general labour jobs are still being given to outside of the beneficiaries too as well. These may be small in terms of when you look at government and your business overall, but these are big issues within the community. So and that's the message that I've been trying to pass here for the last couple of days too as well. So I guess my question is, you know, is there a way that you can, not so much get involved into the smaller business and start to cut their ability to be able to do certain contracts too as well.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Any commentary, Mr. Davis?

**MR. DAVIS:**

Thank you, Mr. Pamak, and, frankly, that's a great question, and I can tell you again that it was a priority of ours to not be that big monolithic corporate entity that will go to the communities and wipe out Inuit small business, right? The thing, as all of you know in the room, the fundamental foundation for any economy is small business. And so, for



us, we work and we have a policy around it, but we work hard as we can to ensure that we work with our local Inuit businesses and suppliers. And to the extent that if we're undercutting them, you know, we'll take that back and look to see what's happened there, but I'm not aware of it, specifically, and so we'll certainly look at it because it's not our intention and it's our intention to ultimately, at the end of the day, support small business. If anything, you know, and I remember when we had discussions, this could have been before James came on board as well. But we've even had discussions of saying, you know, for ourselves; we could almost be a little bit of an incubator, right? We have to create sustainable businesses, but at some point there could be a time where we consider with some of our businesses, if they're successful, why not sell them to an Inuk in one of our regions so that they can actually run it and it's beneficial for them, and that we would have the ability to kind of forge ahead and start another business. So that's one thought that we had. We'd never really kind of went anywhere because we've been trying to rebuild everything over the last couple of years so that's one piece. And with the question around labour and, again, it's our intention to do what we can to hire Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. We're probably not perfect, and we'll certainly take that away, but for every board meeting that we have we certainly request that information, to what extent we're hiring beneficiaries, and I know that, you know, and I can have James respond to that, but I know James is committed to it and so is the senior executive. So James, I'm going to pass it to you for your thoughts.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Thorbourne.

**MR. THORBOURNE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I need to be careful how I say this because it might not be exactly congruent with the Chair of my board. I want to tell you some of the challenges that we, as a business, have, and let's talk about Nunatsiavut Construction. We've invested in infrastructure. We have two rock crushers. We have loans to ACOA and the Bank of Montreal, and we need to pay for that equipment. In order to pay for that equipment, you need to have work. We also, I think it's safe to say, have a legacy reputational issue to overcome. Three or four years ago Nunatsiavut Construction could crush rock, but they certainly were not known to be doing water and sewer work in the communities. But if you ask people, that would not be pointed out as their forte. So we knew we needed to bring on professional help to help us do that, and we also knew that we needed to have work to sustain Nunatsiavut Construction as we built its reputation. So when you don't win the larger jobs, you have equipment and people that need to do something. As the CEO responsible for the financials, I make my management accountable to find work, and while I agree with everything that's being said, the challenge is, if you're not winning the big jobs, you need to get smaller jobs. So if we didn't go after the smaller jobs, the financials would have been worse, I'll guarantee you that, because we have a certain amount of overhead that we need to have profitable work to contribute again so then hopefully enough to make a profit. So I certainly understand the dilemma, and I can tell you that wasn't intentional to take work away

from community groups, but when you're running the business, you need to drive to make a profit, and if you're not doing that by winning the larger jobs that you hope to get into, then you better come up with another plan, or else we're not going to be in business. And so, again, not intentional, but those are the challenges that we face in trying to elevate the reputation and the capacity of the construction entity so that we can all benefit from its work in the communities. Thanks.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Thorbourne. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek UKâtik. First, I'd like to thank you gentlemen for coming today to present to us. And also I'd like to say I understand Mr. Thorbourne is leaving, and I wanted to thank you for your service in trying to help Inuit beneficiaries. Nakummek, sir. It was not uncommon a decade or maybe two ago that big contracts were awarded and you'd have no Inuit working, none whatsoever on a project in your communities. You look at it today; I think there's been substantial headway made in having local jobs and local workers. That being said, there's still a way to go. In your report, NSA operated Bank of Montreal Agency named for second year of its three-year contract, my question is what happens after those three years, what plans are in place?  
Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Lyall. I'll look to Mr. Thorbourne to respond.

**MR. THORBOURNE:**

Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, my Mr. Chair, and thanks for the question. So yes, we do operate the Bank of Montreal in Nain, and

we operate at a loss. We lose — I don't have the exact number in front of me, but probably in excess of \$50,000 a year in providing that service. So, really, we have two options. One option is that — and we are going to follow two options. The option (a) is the Bank of Montreal pays us more so that we continue to operate this service. At least that'd break even. And if they can't do that, then we need to seriously consider not continuing with the operation after the contract is done. And we were just discussing that earlier today. The Bank of Montreal didn't exercise its option to extend the contract so we're in a position to stop kind of almost any time we choose. Now that's not going to happen, you know, in a week or a month. There would be lots of consideration put to that, but we're in a position to stop doing the contract now. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Thorbourne. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Davis, how many people are employed with TSI, and how many are beneficiaries compared to as non-beneficiaries? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. Mr. Thorbourne, would you be able to provide a response?

**MR. THORBOURNE:**

Again, thank you, Mr. Chair, and thanks for the question, Mr. Blake. So I'm not going to give you the total number and it's interesting when we sent the report to Mrs. Sillitt a week and a half ago we didn't get the TSI numbers until the day after. So from a numbers of employees and income perspective, TSI's numbers are not included in the report. I can

tell you that TSI achieves approximately 70 percent of its employees as Labrador Inuit. It contributes over \$4 million in salaries to those Labrador Inuit employees on an annual basis. It overshadows the rest of the businesses, and starting next year we'll certainly be reporting those numbers. Just as a comment you ask, might want to ask why that's the case, and it's excellent. It's beautiful that that's happening. They've been in business for 20 years and over that 20 years I can probably guarantee that at the beginning they weren't that successful, but they've developed the employees, employees have stayed. They've built capacity, and that's a really good example of the success that can be achieved. Based on the IBA, as well, that when you're in business for a longer period of time with a consistent contract to bring people in, have them stay and make a very significant contribution to the Nunatsiavut communities and Labrador Inuit in general. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Thorbourne. I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess more of a comment than a question to any of the gentlemen sitting at the table with regards to how the Inuit Community Government's funding takes place for our capital works projects that we have ongoing each year. As five communities, we are funded by the Joint Management Committee, and there's a set amount of dollars that is in that pot that ourselves, as AngajukKâk, and chief office administration and town managers have to approach, I guess, on a quarterly basis, or once a year, first of all, to see how those dollars are going to be sent. So we don't have an unlimited amount of money. We

are under a fiscal financing arrangement with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Provincial Government and the Federal Government. So the dollars are there, but we had to fight amongst each other to see what projects we're going to take on. So we don't have the luxury of being able to choose, I guess, who's going to get the contract because that we are also under the municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador. We had to follow their guidelines. So Municipal Affairs has a say in how those contracts are awarded. Depends on if Nain needs water and sewer development in the next two years then, you know, we have so much money that we can fight for, I guess. Hopedale might have their water issues, things like that, you know, so there is only a certain amount of money that we have. So we are limited to or our hands are tied, I guess, as to how we want to spend our money. So in that regard with your comments in saying that Nain did not award NGC any contract for land development, we had no say in that. It's money that's there that we can't over-spend. We have a budget that we cannot go over, and I just want to make that point so that you would understand that, you know, we are in a different situation as Inuit Community Government when it comes to developing projects on behalf of our beneficiaries in the community. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Joe Dicker. Does any of the trustees have a response?  
Mr. Davis.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Thank you, and I do recognize, and we do recognize that there are certainly very stringent requirements, certainly under the conditions for

which you receive funding. Doesn't make it right, though, meaning that we do have our land claim. We do have a commitment to ensure that we're actually trying to do what we can, that our beneficiaries are benefitting from our land claim, and if it's an issue with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, they should be made aware of our requirements to support our own beneficiaries, and I'm sure you're doing that, but they need to be made aware of the requirements to support your own beneficiaries and by extension of that supporting companies under Nunatsiavut Group of Companies as well. But this is a very different environment than the rest of the province, you know, and we saw that. For instance, going through our whole process with respect to the Labrador Ferry RFP. So it's if they're not taking into account, Inuit content, Inuit employment, Inuit business, and that's a major issue for the Newfoundland government, and so we need to do what we can to address that, and we have no problem with being able to say that to them as well, so. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Davis. We have a question from Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Mine is sort of a comment. I believe that the department I'm responsible for, Education and Economic Development and NGC should find ways to work more closely together. We do somewhat, but I think we can work more closely together and communicate more because our department may be able to assist in some ways as well, such as providing funding that could supplement something, or being in support of, or political. And maybe there's things we could do like setting up scheduled times to meet

or different things like that, but we're all trying to work for the same people. We're both trying to benefit the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut. So if there was more ways that we could work more closely together, I think that would be positive.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Kemuksigak. I recognize Mr. Obed.

**MR. OBED:**

Thank you for those comments, and we completely agree. I think we should look at the example that we had this year for the operation of Base Camp and how our NGC staff worked with your staff to figure out a way to make Base Camp more sustainable. And the early indications are that we have had a much better year and the integration of the NGC and NG in relation to that project has shown immediate dividends for the way in which it's operated and the standard in which we can do the work because there's essential information on both sides, when you put it together, allows us to have a level of success that we haven't achieved in the past four years of Base Camp.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Obed. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek. I look at the financial performance on this sheet here and it's kind of discouraging to see all these high numbers in the red, because I'm sure when these companies started up they had a business plan on how they're going to achieve positive results and not look at the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they would be in the red. At some point there must have been some indication that these companies were going to be losing that much money and you mentioned just now there's



going to be some changes made. I'd just like to know why these figures are so high before changes are made when you see things not running right, companies not performing and why this wasn't nipped in the bud before that we lose this much money. As Mr. Dicker pointed out, we get by on a fixed budget and, you know, I think if the NGC or the *Trust* is going to be getting money from wherever, there should be more fiscal management, fiscal responsibility. You know, we look at the corporate structure, the top one there is Nunatsiavut Government, which we represent. And I have to speak to beneficiaries about why is NGC doing this? Why is NGC doing that? In my office I have to answer for NGC. I shouldn't have to, you know, but I do because I'm an elected representative, and it's always a negative thing. It was mentioned earlier that we don't have the relationship that we should have and I've been around Nunatsiavut Government since 2011, and I see it. Like, I see the relationship is not there that we should have, you know? We should be working toward the same goals. Maybe we are, but we're working at, you know, we're not together. And I think we should be more together and we might see different figures on this paper than these high figures that are there. Earlier I asked the same question, why not unload these companies if they're losing money because I think at the time there are two companies that were losing money. Now I see one, two three, six companies there, or five companies. So we're slipping backwards, it seems like and, you know, among all our expertise and I think we're good together. We can change this, you know? I'm sure we can. We don't

want to slip back into the old LIDC days of look what that left us, you know? Because I know when NGC came on there was a lot of positive things there and I was hearing a lot of positive things, I was seeing a lot of positive things. But when you look at the final report, or financial report, and see this and there's definitely something that needs to be changed. That's just my opinion, and I want to get it out there this morning because I have to answer to beneficiaries for what's happening in the organization, in the government. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Davis, you have a response, I believe.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell, and I think your comments are a great one. As you said when you look at a lot of red, it does require us to ask some really tough questions, but I can assure you that if you do look at the expense lines of our businesses, you wouldn't see any out of control spending. And so, if anything, for the most part, what we were hit with was more of a revenue hit, right? So, as you know, for simple business, to grow profitability, you do a couple of things. You grow revenue and then you cut cost. And if your revenue is dropping, there's only so much cost that you actually cut. So we have been impacted by the economy. I think that's real. I think that's something that's impacting, not just this region, but in different parts of the country. That's a given. We did talk specifically about, or I had mentioned earlier, about one time write downs. We, as I'm sure all Inuit across country, were very upset with the fact that Nasittuq lost the contract for the North Warning Systems. And so that would have certainly been very positive for us if they would have

won it. It would have maintained a revenue stream. So that was a major one. And then I mentioned the other two one-time deals. We do have businesses, which certainly are in the red, and we're looking at, probably, one business to see whether or not we should divest it, and we've done it in the past. I mean, you saw that we had our pharmacy in Goose Bay. One of the things we had to do is to shut it down and we also, in terms of talk, we actually had to shut those operations down as well too. So we're taking this very seriously and, as I said, if we have responded, I think there's still a lot more work to do in order to ensure that we are fully financially stable. 2015 is trending in a very positive way. It's too bad it takes all this time, right, before we can actually kind of come in and talk about it. But everything that you suggested is certainly something we're taking into account and divestment is not off the table either so.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Davis. While we're on the question of fiscal responsibility, I believe that Ms Leo has a comment.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just sort of wanted to respond to something that the Chairperson had said with regards to us, as elected officials, being responsible for what NGC is doing. I just want to make sure everybody understands. While NGC, the LICST are a Inuit business, we are not responsible to answer for what they are doing. That's why they have a Board of Trustees. That's why they have managers. We do not have no control over what NGC does. And I think it's a perception that's out there that Nunatsiavut Government owns airplanes, Nunatsiavut Government owns helicopters, you know, Nunatsiavut Government is bringing wood

into the communities. That's not right and that's not how it works. The Assembly has appointed a Board of Trustees that the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is responsible for. That's the only involvement between the Nunatsiavut Government , NGC and the LICST . And I think we have to ensure that the Labrador Inuit understand that. We do not control NGC. We do not own airplanes. It is up to the LICST and NGC. They come to the Assembly to report on how things are going with regards to the LICST and NG. As an Assembly, we can replace or appoint trustees. That's the only control or involvement we have with NGC and LICST, and I just want to make that clear because I think there's still a lot of misunderstanding as to the relationship between the Nunatsiavut Government, LICST and NGC because really I cannot answer for the financials of NGC right now because I have no control over it. I can't defend it. I can't do anything with it because the only authority I have as an elected official with the Nunatsiavut Assembly is the fact that the trustees were appointed by an Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Leo, for that clarification. I recognize Mr. Jimmy Tuttauk.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. No question, as such, since getting elected last September of AngajukKâk of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I have been trying to create a working relationship with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and we've had discussions over the years, and the one thing I think a lot of people need to understand is about RFP's, Requests for Proposals under the 90(10). When we do that, we go to the Province

and they basically come out then and dictate on who the contract is. Even under Land Claims legislation it states that if an Aboriginal company has the costs same as any other company there and this can be done at a cost effective time, shall be awarded a contract. And until the Province understands that, we are faced with this situation, and I can relate to that with our water and sewer here and trying to get everything fixed up. Until Nunatsiavut Government and the Province gets together, I know that they're working on it. But the Province, Nunatsiavut Government, has to make the Province understand that this is what shall happen, not will happen, but shall, that's the binding word, and in speaking with Adam Brown there recently on a phone conversation where Nunatsiavut Group of Companies has a contract to replenish our secondary pond when the intakes are repaired, I stated that I wanted all locals working as the labour force, both with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Budgell's. And in speaking with Adam Brown, Adam had somewhat of a beef first because he thought we wanted everybody. But when I explained to him that the labour force, I don't want to see no labourers outside of Hopedale working on this project, he understood, and he came into agreement that yes, he would hire all local workforce there, which is great, and I will state this under the Leak Detection Program that we had recently I was very pleased and very happy with the scope of work that Nunatsiavut Group of Companies has done. We've had some local person hired on, which is great. The rest were technical and we had nobody here in Hopedale that could fill this position. So that was the

understanding, and which is great, and I'm hoping to, in the near future, keep the working relationship created with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Hopedale Inuit Community Government to keep going on with this understanding that any skilled workforce that's in my community will come out of my community, first and foremost, and that's the understanding I have right here and now. And, like I said, it all comes down to the RFP's. The Province has to honour that, and they have not been doing it and we know and the Nunatsiavut Government understand that, and it's until that Province understands and realizes about our Land Claims, that we are serious about it, and I will honestly say this. I have stuck my neck out and defended our *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and our *Land Claims Agreement* by stating to Municipal Affairs, already, Minister, that the reasons why that we awarded the contract to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for leak detection was because under our *Land Claims Agreement* they were competent and could do the work. So the onus is on us at times that, we have to step up and help defend our *Constitution* and Land Claims. So this is what I do and I will continue to do so, to create employment from my community, my workforce, and also a company that's owned by Inuit people. And, like I said, I'm optimistic and very positive that we can continue working together with this understanding that you do not bring the entire workforce in here and that you will honour what we request. And that's about it for me. Having said this, I will still keep them honest if they do decide to bring in one labourer. Nakummek, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Tuttau. Are there any other questions? You have a response, Mr. Igloliorte.

**MR. IGOLIORTE:** Nakummek, Mr. Chair and Nakummek, Ministers. And we always come to these meetings recognizing that we have take-aways that we assemble afterwards and consider the nature of the report we've given and how we move forward to continue to build, not only the relationship between NGC, LICST and NG and the community governments, but also the direction we give our managers as we move forward. In hearing the reports from the various communities and the Minister's responsible, we want to assure you, the four of us, as beneficiaries, and board members and trustees that the feedback we get directs how we think about the upcoming year. We report on 2014 in this meeting. And, as you can see, in particular with the commentary and the questions that Minister Mitchell has, we appreciate the kind of very direct questions that you give us because it gives us food for thought and it makes us consider how we move forward. But, most of all, we appreciate the relationship building that these reports allow us to give you. So we're extremely grateful for the opportunity that we've had to be presenting and be present here.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Igloliorte. I recognize Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Being one of the original Assembly Members, and I think me and Dan has been around the longest, and having seen what has evolved from LIDC, to the creation of LICST, to the creation of NGC and seeing the slow evolution of where you're going, and it's much

appreciated that we do, as a government, need to work with you and we're slowly getting there, and we do have our ins and outs and whatever, but we're slowly getting there. But I guess my point or my question is regarding you guys, as the trustees, are mandated to make us into sheiks and eventually pave our road with gold and make us very wealthy at some point. Now given that losses aren't going to do that and you're going to need to create some immense wealth to do that, the platform you've created, like, with what you see here, is this the platform that you see as a trust in going forward to create that wealth? Is this the platform that you intend to build on, is there another direction that you intend on going? And how does going into a company like Universal Helicopters build into that platform? Trying to get some insight into where you're headed with this and into making me a sheik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. Mr. Davis, your response?

**MR. DAVIS:**

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. I'm going to say a few comments then pass it over to my colleague, Mr. Obed, but, well, the price of gold is actually dropping so it probably wouldn't be that bad to see if we can pave our roads with gold, I guess. Great question about the platform itself. I think if I were to say this now without consulting with the board and senior staff, I would simply say that it's probably an evolving platform. I would venture to say that we're probably too top heavy in terms of reliance on the resource sector. That maybe we don't have as much diversity within our businesses as we probably could have, right? So that was the message I had sent a couple of times. That as we live and die by the



resource sector. And I think we've lived through that cycle and it's not necessarily as positive as we hoped. So maybe there's an opportunity for us to kind of consider other businesses. James has done a remarkable job in terms of changing structure, culture, like, corporate culture, brand and he's been on a bit of a tier in terms of doing business acquisition. And I think what we'll probably do, unless something really great happens — we talked about this as a board. When you do a major acquisition like Universal that takes a lot of your mind space up, right? So it's what we are probably looking at now for the next little while is seeing what we actually have in trying to grow organically with that. Like seeing if we can just try to grow them. Maybe there's a need to kind of bring in something else if there is that need to diversify, but we don't do any, like, we're not going to be trying to acquire a whole bunch of companies, I would think, in the short term. And then the last piece is that are there underperforming companies, right? And so, obviously, Mr. Mitchell had highlighted the fact that we do have some challenges. For 2015 you've seen a turn happen, which is great. But there is certainly one that we're looking at to see what we can actually do with that and if it requires sell-off then that's what it is. So I'm going to pass it over to my colleague, Natan.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Davis. Mr. Obed.

**MR. OBED:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you for the question, Mr. Shiwak. In 2011 – 2012 we were really at a crossroads. We had seen some real challenges from the business side, from an HR side, and then also from

our business lines with losses and, kind of, we were wandering a little bit. And so we did reorganization. We tried to figure out the best possible governance structure that would allow us to 1) implement the *Trust Deed* that we're mandated and 2) to provide a suite of businesses that we felt would resonate with beneficiaries and would make us money. We want to be an Inuit business leader in the north. That's right in our mission, and that doesn't necessarily just mean Nunatsiavut. We want to be a player in as large a stage as we possibly can, if the conditions are right and if we can be sustainable and successful. So what you see before you is a combination of things that have been very successful for us and things that we want to be leaders in because we have recognized the link that it has to our beneficiaries and to our pride in many ways. So if you look at our fishing interests, we've had fishing interests since the beginning of the Labrador Inuit Association, and we have many experienced, accomplished fishermen and many people who would like to continue that. And so we recognize that's a major part of our identity going back hundreds of years and something that we wanted to continue moving forward. We heard from the Assembly, and we got direction from the Assembly, about wanting to acquire an airline. And so we went ahead and figured out a way in which to have a partnership with Air Labrador that we thought would be successful. The same thing for, say, the Universal acquisition. The CAPE fund is not an organization that ever considers anything unless it considers it to be an excellent opportunity, and that's on a national level and they were very happy to partner with

us in the acquisition because of the success that Universal has had over time. We wanted to get in on that because we knew that it was a part of doing business in a remote setting. Is that you're always going to need helicopters, and owning a helicopter company would then link into owning an airline. And it would also link into owning site services or logistics type operations like we do at Base Camp, or like we do at Voisey's Bay. So if you look into our big picture, I'm just mentioning a few things, but you can see that we're trying to create businesses that are going to ultimately benefit communities, benefit our society, linked with our common goals, like, who we are as people. But only if those opportunities can be successful. Despite the numbers that you see from 2014, we believe that we have the structure in place to be successful, and we are dedicated to that. So it isn't just because like certain things that we'll go into them, we have a very rigorous process that we've had any opportunity through. But our strategy is to have business that resonates with beneficiaries. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Obed. At this point I'd like to use Standing Order 16.1. I seek unanimous consent of the Assembly to adjourn at 12:30 for lunch. Are there any nays to this? The motion is carried. We will continue forward until 12:30. If there isn't any Member who has spoken yet in this first line of questioning, is there any other Member that would like to speak? I'd like to recognize Ms Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Actually, Chair, if I could sort of reserve to have the last word when we're all said and done. My question's sort of...

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Yes. Thank you, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to, before I ask my next question, just clarify for the understanding of the trustees a comment that was made by the AngajukKâk for Nain regarding procurement processes and awarding of contracts. They're not going to take a lot of time in doing this. The role of the Joint Management Committee is very clearly defined in the *Financial Administration Act*. When it comes down to distribution of dollars that the Nunatsiavut Government awards to the community governments for capital works projects annually the Joint Management Committee, by way of example, next month, in October, will be sitting down and discussing the allocation of dollars for capital works project under next year's budget. Those allocations for the communities are based on, and should be based on, the 5- and 10-year plans set out by each of the respective community governments. And the allocations are prioritized from a health and safety perspective for each of the communities. That's namely how the dollars are allocated as per the Joint Management Committee. Any awarding of contracts is subject to *Nunatsiavut Government Procurement Act*. We've worked long and tirelessly with the Inuit Community Governments to help them understand that *Procurement Act*. We even went as far as amending the procurement process relative to the concerns identified through the Joint Management Committee with respect to tendering. The *Act* specifies that, you know, Inuit content must be built into the tendering process, and it's up to the Inuit Community Governments themselves when they

are approved, when we reach a consensus on the allocation of those dollars, it is up to the Inuit Community Government to put out the tendering with the support of the people from the Joint Management Committee and from Municipal Affairs where we had some advice too as well. It's up to the Inuit Community Government to identify what Inuit content should be built into those tendering processes. Once the RFP goes out for the tendering process, they're reviewed by a procurement committee, and it's up to the Inuit Community Government to have the final say on whether or not those contracts are going to be awarded. They have the right to say no if they're not satisfied with the content that's built into those tenders. So I just wanted to, for the benefit of the trustees, to make sure that everybody understood that, and out of respect for Mr. Dicker, I know he's new and he's learning along with us all. So I just wanted to make sure that that was clarified. Moving on to my next point, I'm a little bit disappointed to hear Mr. Thorbourne say that there is no future plans for moving the administration of NGC into the communities. That is always been the thinking and, again, we have no control over your decision making process and we respect that. But Nunatsiavut Government is working on a transition plan to transition the administration of programs and services into Nunatsiavut, and one day would like to see Nunatsiavut Group of Companies do that as well because it's a win-win situation for everyone. You move your employees and your administration into the communities. We benefit by getting your income tax that you pay into that, and it gives you an on the ground

presence, and I think that would help to strengthen the relationship between Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Labrador Inuit overall. My question, I guess, is some of us are scheduled to fly out today or tomorrow. As most of you know, I think it's very difficult to get a flight or to change a flight plan on short notice. And I think I asked this before; are there any plans from Nunatsiavut Group of Companies from Lab Air perspective to initiate and to expand your operations to the island portion of the province? By way of example, we currently have agreements with both Provincial Airlines and Air Canada. They get a substantial amount of our business and, I mean, you know, if there was a change in mindset, and if you did that, I think it would be beneficial again to Nunatsiavut Government and Air Labrador. You'd get more of our business, if you decided to do that. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. James Thorbourne.

**MR. THORBOURNE:**

Thank you for the question, Minister Pottle. I and Isabella Pain sit on the Air Labrador Board, and the topic of reinstating flights to the island comes up on a regular basis. The question for Air Labrador is how do we do that? We have talked about taking a Beach 1900-D and doing a, not really a milk run, but perhaps going from Goose through to somewhere on the peninsula and then over to St. John's. When you take an aircraft that has a, you know, a fairly large monthly expense, there's some risk involved in putting it on a different route because you need to get the number of customers on the plane to pay for it. Air Labrador has done okay, but certainly isn't in the expansion mode at the moment, and those

are the issues that we try to deal with. But if it is certainly is on the radar, and I think we would certainly look to the Nunatsiavut Government to support that type of service should Air Labrador take the leap and start performing that because its success would be very dependent on getting enough customers to make it pay. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Thorbourne. I recognize Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question and I couldn't let this go without raising or asking a question on the fishery and Mr. Obed for, you know, alluding to the fishery. I guess my question or food for thought is that there's a business, I think, a big business opportunity. I don't know if you guys even discussed it, but I'm going to put it out there. I know that you are well aware of being OB and OA where the up off of Baffin Island where the turbot, Greenland turbot fishery occurs every summer and fall. I think there were preliminary talks before. I just want to kind of see if you have any, give it any more thought that probably using your tug and barge for a, kind of like a distributor, I suppose, or a place where boats could off load, or even using the Nain fish plant as an off loading area for all these boats that'd be up there because they have to steam into Greenland. In my knowledge about Greenland and Nain is about the same distances apart, and we have to go through foreign customs and everything else with the fish and/or take it back to the island, St. Anthony is closest, which takes away at least five to six days of steaming time, so it's like a 10-day turnaround. With Nain it would be like a five or six-day turnaround, and talking to a different fishermen and companies that if

there were something established either in Nain or like a collector system up in that area, I think it would get the majority of the fishing boats to off load their catch to the closest, you know, to say that they could accommodate them. So that's the question that I have for you. Did you give it any thought, and I'd like to ask one other question if time allows after that, but I'll just go with this one.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. I recognize Mr. Webb to provide the appropriate response.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Flowers, for your question. We haven't really looked at that business opportunity. We have 70 metric tonnes of turbot quota that we allocate each year. We are coming up on a five-year arrangement ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, and we'll be looking to beneficiaries on a go forward basis to harvest that turbot quota for us, but long answer short, I guess, what we can do is we can maybe open up the discussions with the Department of Fisheries with the NG Government and also Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and we can come up with some sort of a solution, or if it does make sustainable sense to do something like that I'm sure that we can take that opportunity to put the numbers together and see if that can be a possible solution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Webb. I recognize Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that I'm really glad that you've come here for us to ask questions, and I didn't want to leave the



impression. We do have a good relationship with NGC, but we would just like it to be stronger. The question I have is what are your intentions on the fisheries file? Does NGC have any intention of building and developing the fisheries in Nunatsiavut? As a department we have made substantial investments into building and developing the fishery with Torngat Fisheries, so I'm curious about NGC's intention, or do you have a vision for development of the fishing industry? And I just want to use now the Baffin is starting to really build their fishery and, you know, we're, like, it was spoke before we're fisher people. We come from the sea so I just wanted to ask that question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Kemuksigak. Again, I welcome Mr. Webb to the table and to provide an appropriate response.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for the question, Minister Kemuksigak. It's been a long process, I guess, evolving over since I joined almost six years ago now, and they're in early stages of the one fishing entity, and the one fishing entity being assets owned by LIDC or LICST now and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and assets owned by the Nunatsiavut Government, and assets owned by Torngat Fish Producers Co-op. Together, communally, we are all working together to harvest all of our quotas. We're actively working together, you know? Torngat Fish Producers and the NG Government help us tremendously in getting the best prices for our dollars. Right now we're putting it out there. Our shrimp and turbot quotas are on a royalty basis. Now we would love to have beneficiaries harvest those quotas for us so, you know, we're

actively involved with discussions with the Nunatsiavut Government and Torngat Fish Producers to get our beneficiaries out there and harvesting our quotas for us. On the PiKalujak side, you know, it's a tough area to get into because the shrimp prices are so high right now and the vessel operator has their staff on board so every time there's a job opening that we're trying to push our beneficiaries to get employment on those vessels. So because the shrimping is so good right now there's not a whole lot of turnover so positions are hard to come by. But, yes, we are working actively together with all groups, you know, at some point hoping to get more beneficiaries employed in harvesting our quotas. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Webb. I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is in regards to Torngat Fish Producers Co-op as well. I'm wondering if, could or would, you take into consideration in providing funding to assist Torngat Fish Producers Co-op to building an accommodations facility in the community of Makkovik so they could accommodate employees from out of town. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Jacque. I, again, recognize Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Jacque. This is something that we would have to discuss with our board, the LICST. We do have a vacant building in Makkovik right now. The Markland building. It was due for demolition this year, however, we deferred that to next year, but, you

know, if there was an opportunity and it made sustainable sense and being financially made sense then, you know, that's something that we could have some discussions with the TFC Producers Board and see if there's some sort of an arrangement or something that we can come up with and we can definitely have those discussions, but that's not something that we really looked into, but I'm glad you brought that to the table.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Webb. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle again.

**MR. POTTLE:** Only if everybody has the chance to ask the question in this second round. I've already had my first question in this second round. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. Fifty percent ownership in PiKalujak Fisheries, Shrimp License and quota. My question is where can I buy some shrimp?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Lyall, for your comment. The Oceans Prawns is the distributor for and harvests the shrimp. We don't sell it locally and we probably should. They're in five-kilogram boxes and they are already sold. As they're harvesting it, it's actually sold already. But, you know we own 50 percent of the license so, yes, we could request X number of boxes of shrimp to be sold with our partner at Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Webb. Is there anyone else who hasn't spoken in the second round of questioning? You have. With that, I'll enter into the third round of questioning of Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** My last question, and thank you for entertaining my questions so far. As you're probably aware, Bell Aliant just announced a downgrade in services to internet. In Nunatsiavut our government don't appreciate that, I guess. Given that there are other models in the country where other entities and Aboriginal groups have built their own network services, namely, the Cree and Northern Ontario through K Net. I'm not sure if you're familiar with that network or not. And I know it's an expensive proposition, and but I'm wondering has there been any discussions at the board level or through Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to possibly look at building a networking system to put Bell out of business? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. Davis to provide the response.

**MR. DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. That's thinking really big to put Bell out of business, that's for sure. But we haven't considered it, I don't believe. We've never had it as a part of our discussions at the board meeting. It's something that we should definitely look at. And for us at the board, we'll consider any type of business considering that it actually provided viable and sustainable and it meets our objective. So it's a great suggestion, and K Net, for sure, we'll certainly looking at that and see if there's something that we can do. So, thank you very much. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Davis. I recognize Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Recently I had some concerns brought forward to me on the early closure, I guess, of the marine out of Goose Bay. This is the end of October; it's the last date for shipping. It used to be around the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, and some of the concerns was that business people on the north coast wasn't consulted on the early closure because sometimes when they do order their stock for the winter, or what have you, the suppliers have to get it from elsewhere. It's just not already in, say, Newfoundland and Labrador, for instance, and they have to wait for their shippers and they're wondering if they're going to be able to get some of their stocks on time because of the earlier closing season.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. I welcome Mr. Adams to the table and please provide a response.

**MR. ADAMS:** Nakummek and thank you for the question. I was wondering if I was going to get through this whole session without having to answer a question, but you got in under the wire, I guess. It's a great question. As you know, the province dictates the ferry service and, as a contractor, we are in place to provide the ferry service under their direction. So it's the province that determines the start of the season and the shutdown of the season. As most of us will remember, last year Lake Melville started to freeze quite early and that presented some challenges, certainly. So all that's really been announced is the guaranteed shipment date for the end of the service, or the end of the season. We will continue to operate the service up until the ice conditions and the weather allows. However,

trying to be realistic in a shutdown date or, at least a guaranteed delivery date, was certainly a key consideration that the province had in mind when they were proposing the shutdown dates. There were two dates given, the middle of October for contractors for construction supplies and so on and so forth which is always a challenge towards the end of the season, and then the end of October for residents and businesses on the coast. And so on and so forth. It's slightly earlier than it's been in past years but, like I said, that's recognizing that sometimes Lake Melville freezes early and but we will continue to operate and typically will operate up until, you know, usually the first week of December or even into the middle of December. So if ice conditions allow, and so this is really just guaranteeing freight. It's not the actual end of the season. On the consultation part of that question, like I said, it's not Nunatsiavut Marine that determines those dates. It is the province, but we do provide our input and our feedback on that so, but we do recognize that the end of the season is always a crunch time for everybody, the businesses and the residents on the coast to get their winter supplies in. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Adams. I recognize Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

My question is related to the TSI contract with Valard for the Muskrat Falls power line. We do sometimes lobby contractors to hire more of our beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut in particular for the Muskrat Falls site. We know we're as Innu, first, Labrador, in second, and I've had comments like why are you lobbying other corporations when our own TSI is not

hiring very many beneficiaries? So I would just like to know the numbers of beneficiaries that's being hired at under the Valard camps because I've heard, and I don't know if this is substantiated, that they're getting Newfoundland people to come in and do kitchen help or housekeeping, whatever. Thank you. Labour jobs.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Thank you, Minister. I don't believe we have those numbers, specifically. But what we can do is undertake to provide them to you in short order, if that would work. So our apologies that we don't have them on hand, but we will certainly get back to you as quickly as we can. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Kemuksigak and Nakummek, Mr. Davis. At this point I'd like to recognize Ms Sarah Leo, who earlier stated she'd like the final comment before we go out of Committee of the Whole with the LICST. So, Ms Leo, please proceed.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Seeing I had very limited time I'll try and fit my question into my closing comment, I guess. First off, I want to thank the LICST and the management of NGC for being here and the Assembly for engaging. I think it's always interesting and it's always a learning experience, I think, from both sides when the LICST and NGC are here. At the beginning of the presentation I had asked about your Corporate Social Responsibility Policy being available, and I think it's important that we all take a look at it and understand what it is exactly that LICST, through the NGC, is helping Labrador Inuit. We're all aiming for the same thing. We're here to improve the lives of Labrador Inuit, us, through our governance, yourselves, through your economic activities. But I think it's

important that we all understand that and we all understand while NGC is looking at helping Labrador Inuit, there is a limit, and I think we need to understand that. That being said, one of the questions I was going to ask them that was raised here in the house earlier, it's been a program that's been provided to some of our communities, is the Wood Project, and just before you wrap up, if we could get an update on the Wood Project. But, again, I want to thank you for all for being here, and I especially want to say thank you, James, for the work that you've done. Even though I haven't been around as long as Dan and Darryl have, I've seen the evolution of LIDC through the management, not only through the trustees, but through your management and guidance, and I think you've done a great job. Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Webb.

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for the question, Ms Leo. I figured we would have gotten this question, like, Peter, you know, right at the last minute. Right now as it stands we have 200 to 220 cord of wood sitting on the dockyard in Happy Valley Goose Bay. We have some beneficiaries working cutting those logs. They were in 16-foot lengths. So, as in previous years, we will load sea containers and ship those, the wood up. You can get roughly eight, nine cord of wood in a container. We have a little bit of an issue this year, and we're trying to solve that, and we've reached out to Nalcor because occasionally their containers become available. We have enough containers in NMI to service their needs. The containers that we had from the previous year's program are comprised.



And what I mean by comprised is that the steel is somewhat softened so it's hard for the reach stackers to grab a hold of them now and put them on trailers to get them to the coast, and the floors have rotted and given out in some of them. So we're looking for new containers. We have a line on them. So we should be able to — well, I say, should. We will get wood to the coast. Right now we will bring — we have a proposal together to present to the trust and the trust will determine which communities will be selected to get wood this year. Understanding that, you know, there are elders and single-parent families in all of the communities. However, Hopedale and Nain seem to have the hardest trouble getting wood for the communities and the elders and single-parent families. So, as in previous years, we will co-ordinate with the Inuit Community Governments. We will let them know when the wood is coming. We will look for your support to contact the Province because what they do in this process is they allow the wood to be shipped for free. So you'll just need to make that contact, and I'll be in close contact with the AngajukKaat in each of the communities that wood is going to. So, yes, wood will get to the communities this year. And then, like in previous years, we will rely on the Inuit Community Government to have people in the communities to help distribute those wood to those families that they recognize in need. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Webb. I'd like to thank all the trustees for their time and their presentation and for fielding all those questions. For the information of the Assembly Members, any further questions can be

directed to Isabella Pain, and those can then be distributed to the appropriate trustees. We will now adjourn for lunch and we will reconvene at two o'clock to finish up our Committee of the Whole business . Thank you all for your time.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We are still in the Committee of the Whole, and at this point I'd like to welcome the trustees from the *Implementation Trust* to the table as witnesses, and I'd like to welcome Ms Patty Dicker and Ms Rexanne Crawford to do their presentation on the *Implementation Trust*.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

We're going to start with the *Implementation Trust*, and I'm going to talk through the implementation, then we'll go on to the *Settlement Trust*, and at any point feel free to stop us and ask questions. Patty is one of the trustees. So we all work together. In my role with Nunatsiavut Government, we assist the Implementation Trust with all the accounting and management of the funds. So I'm going to speak to some of the numbers as well. The *Implementation Trust* was created May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and has noted the objectives are to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* Chapter 23 payment. So under our Land Claim, Chapter 3 is our implementation dollars, and it sets out, you know, the purpose of receiving those funds. The *Trust Deed* also states that we have to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of the amounts received from the Nunatsiavut Government. And the reason it's read that way is because the *Land Claim Agreement* states the money comes to the NG, and it flows right into the *Trust*. And then 75 percent of all the capital

dollars that are received are set aside in their reserve not to be touched. The only beneficiary to the *Implementation Trust* is the Nunatsiavut Government. And the current trustees, which remain the same as the previous year, are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters and Patty Dicker. So we've done a lot of work on both the *Implementation and Settlement Trust* over the last two years looking at our investment policy. Coming out of 2008 when the markets crashed, one of the things we realized was that our funds were concentrated in equities and bonds, which are very much subject to market fluctuations. And it was agreed among all trustees that we needed to diversify our portfolio. We went through an exercise with our investment manager looking at different criteria, such as do we want income creation, capital preservation, growth, diversification. And so as we've gone through this process, I know in our last presentation to the Assembly we had indicated that our policy was going to be in advanced income products. And over the last year we've had a lot of discussion and met with various investment managers, and we've decided to change our policy to reflect that we're going to look at infrastructure as one of our new investment managers, and that is to help us create diversification among our portfolio. So, as noted, our investment policy has 60 percent in Canadian and foreign equities, 25 percent in fixed income cash and bonds, 10 percent in real estate and 5 percent in infrastructure. And we are in the process of interviewing a lot of different investment managers whose specialty is real estate and infrastructure. And so while I think we've got it narrowed to six

investment managers that we're looking at, we're at the second stage of investigating them and doing due diligence procedures on. So for the *Implementation Trust*, the financial update, we've done a seven-month period for the year 2015. So, as you'll note, our book value at the end of the period is \$182 million, and the market value is 228 million, giving an increase in value of 45,857,000. So our portfolio is doing very well and we are able to grow the funds. And that concludes the presentation on the *Implementation Trust*. The financial statements for the year 2014 have been tabled, and really the biggest thing we've been doing is looking at the diversification of the portfolio in order to allow us to be protected against down turn in markets.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Is there any questions? I recognize Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think it would be good if you could explain, I don't know if you did that, if I didn't catch it, explain to the Assembly because some of them are kind of new, what it means to be a beneficiary, which is Nunatsiavut Government, and how being a beneficiary to the *Trust*, what that means, or what you can do with it.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

Beneficiary to a *Trust* means that that is the only organization or person that can receive funds from that Trust. So the *Implementation Trust* is solely set up for the benefit of Nunatsiavut Government. Currently under the *Trust* there is a clause in the *Trust Deeds* that says that the

Nunatsiavut Government will receive 50 percent of all investment income in a particular year. So for the year 2013 the *Trust* made, I think it was \$7.8 million or \$7.4 million in income. And when we did our last *Budget Act*, you'll notice there's a line item called Interest and Investment, and we built in the 3.5 million that the *Trust* has to give us. And that's what under the *Trust Deed*. And so we'll get that every year. That doesn't preclude us that if there is another initiative or something that of importance in regards to implementing and fulfilling our *Land Claim Agreement*, that we can't ask and submit a proposal to the *Trusts* for additional funds. So two years ago I think it was a proposal was submitted to the *Implementation Trust* for funds to support our legal action against the governments in regards to Muskrat Falls, and they granted us some funds to pursue legal action because we felt that this was a violation on our *Land Claim Agreement* and we wanted to pursue it as far as we, you know, we felt that it should be pursued.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any more questions on the *Implementation Trust* report? I recognize Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for some information, can you go into a little bit more detail on book value and market value? Like, you said that it's increased by 45 million, roughly.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** So book value is the actual dollars we invested, and market value is if we turned around and sold it today what we would get for our dollar. So if

we put a dollar in today, we'd a dollar forty-five. Or if we had put a dollar in on January 1<sup>st</sup>, as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, we would have got a dollar, forty-five back. So it's just what you could get on the open market.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know you mentioned that some funds have been used for legal action and so forth. Can you give us a range of what can this funds be used for for the benefit of the Nunatsiavut Government? It can be used, for example, like housing or other too as well. Just give us a range of what that funding could be used for.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

I may have to get back with all the exact details, but under the *Trust Deed* which, I believe, every Member of the Assembly should have, and if you haven't had a copy of it, I think there are copies at the Clerk's Office that can be forwarded to you. But the mandate and purpose of all the funds is outlined in, I think, its clause 2.1 of the *Trust Deed*. I have it on my computer. I can pull it up. These funds are Chapter 23, dollars, in the *Land Claim Agreement* which is specifically under Implementation. So we have to make sure we always fulfill what's under our *Land Claims Agreement*, and how we have looked at it in requesting funds from the *Trust* is looking at they give us 50 percent of the income that we can use for, you know, for the purposes of government operations. And other pieces that have been asked for in the past and, really, I think in the last

three years it's only been the piece on the litigation from Muskrat Falls which we felt there was a violation on our *Land Claim Agreement* and we wanted action on it. I believe those are the only pieces that have been asked. Yes, I don't sit on the *Trust* proposal, like, if there's a proposal. I don't sit on the assessment. But that's all that I recall coming from the government side. And there was another one for legal cost to look at the Voisey's Bay revenues where they have decreased. So we have asked additionally. It just came to me. We were talking about legal costs because we also feel again there is something against our *Land Claim Agreement* and we're exploring to see if we have a case.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions? If there are no further — again, I recognize Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

You say you're putting 5 percent into infrastructure? Is that infrastructure that can relate to Nunatsiavut or outside of? Can you just explain where the infrastructure that you're increasing 5 percent?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Flowers.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

So infrastructure is not about us going out and building infrastructure, as such ourselves, or the *Implementation Trust*, but there are actually investment managers out there, that have what they call infrastructure funds. So they'll go out and they'll build a toll bridge, and you earn your income on that infrastructure because for the money that they pay on a toll, you get a certain percentage back into your fund. There are infrastructure managers that deal with energy, hotels. So, when you go, I

guess I'll use St. John's as example. So when you go up to Stavanger Drive or Kelsey Drive you see the big sign with the little, there's two little penguins, that would be kind of an infrastructure management company, and they go and their whole business is about building these box stores, and they go and their whole business is about building these box stores, renting them out, getting income from it. And so when you look at infrastructure, there's two ways to make your money, and we recognize it's a long-term investment because you typically won't get your capital appreciation till you sell out, which could be 25 to 30 years down the road. But you have that income stream every year from then renting out that building. So the Sobeys stores you see out there, those buildings are all rented from a potential company that we could be investing in through an infrastructure fund.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Any further questions? If there are no further questions, I'd like to thank Ms Patty Dicker and Ms Rexanne Crawford for their time and the presentation for the *Implementation Trust*. And we'll lead into the presentation now for the *Settlement Trust* which will be done by Ms Crawford. And, Ms Dicker, you may be excused, again thank you for your time.

**MS DICKER:**

Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Ms Crawford will be joined by Mr. Daniel Pottle to conduct the presentation on the *Settlement Trust*. And you may proceed as you see fit.



**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Chair . Just an explanation to the Members of the Assembly why I'm sitting here with Rexanne. As the Assembly is aware, myself and President Leo, have been replaced as trustees, both to the *Settlement Trust* and *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. But because these presentations are mainly dealing with last year's investments while President Leo and I were trustees and because Isabella Pain had to rush out of here today to join the trustees from the *Settlement Trust*, she asked that both I and President Leo assist with the presentations for the *Settlement* and *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. That's why you see me sitting here this afternoon. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pottle.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

So the *Settlement Trust* presentation is structured very similarly to last year's and also to the *Implementation Trust* presentation that we just completed. The background on the *Trust* is that it was established on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There is a *Trust Deed* that governs what us, as trustees, have to follow in our obligations under the *Trust Deed* and, again, if any of the Assembly Members do not have a copy of the *Settlement Trust Deed*, they can be requested from the Clerk's Office. There are registered copies there. So the *Settlement Trust* was set up to take the Chapter 19 dollars under the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Agreement* so again those funds are flowed on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and they flow right into our *Trust* on behalf of the government. The money that comes in is always net of our negotiation loan payment. So as you read Chapter 19, and as most of us all are aware, we incurred

almost \$50 million in loans from Aboriginal Affairs in negotiating our *Land Claim Agreement*, and as part of our settlement, those dollars are over a 15-year period, are taken off the transfer payment that occur from the Chapter 19 dollars. So that's why it says net of our negotiation loan payment. So the objectives of the *Trust* are to receive and invest the Chapter 19 payments and to provide a broad range of social, cultural, housing, health, education and economic assistance to eligible beneficiaries. And, again, I think it's clause 2.1, but it outlines all the mandate of the *Trust*. This *Trust*, the eligible beneficiaries, include the Nunatsiavut Government, the Inuit Community Government, beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim* or any class of eligible beneficiaries, a registered charity or a non-profit organization for the benefit of Inuit. This is the same as the eligible beneficiaries under the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. The only difference is that during the first 11 years of the fund, no distributable cash flow is to be made to any eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government, and that's all built into the *Trust Deed*. So we're entering year 10 of our *Agreement* this year. The current trustees are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, I, by virtue of my position with the Nunatsiavut Government, Daniel Bennett and Tiffany Flowers. The last individuals are new to our *Trust* and sat in on our first *Trust* meeting in July, and that was the first meeting that the President and the Treasurer were not involved as settlement trustees. And, again, as I spoke with under the *Implementation Trust* we have been spending a lot of time on our investment policy. So in March, 2015 we

finalized our investment policy to reflect Canadian and foreign equities, 60 percent, fixed income cash and bonds, such as Government of Canada, Provincial or corporate, 25 percent, real estate, 10 percent and infrastructure 5 percent. And as I noted in my previous presentation, we are currently interviewing real estate and infrastructure investment managers on completing due diligence exercises on them to make sure we're only investing in the right company that will do what we want them to do with our funds. The Financial Update. Again from January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, is our book value is a 116,735,000, and our market value is 144,702,000. This is an increase in value of 27,967,000. And we made a payment on our negotiation loan on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 of 3,512,000 and an interest payment of 1,129,000. We have five years of payments left on this *Trust*, the *Implementation Trust*. All the money was received as of last December because it was set up for a 10-year payment with the first payment being made on effective date.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question to you, Rexanne, I guess, on your payment of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 of 3,500,000, to the loan, and you say an interest of 1.1 million, is that interest on the loan?

**MS CRAWFORD:** Yes. Our net loans with Aboriginal Affairs are subject to interest, and the interest ranges from, I think, it's around the 4 percent range, up to 4.5 depending on — I wasn't around when the loans were being drawn down, but I know there are two or three different loans that were drawn down and each of those three components had different interest rates.

So we're actually paying down the last piece of it now. We have paid a significant amount of interest on our loan back to Canada. And at the time when we were negotiating, Canada was not giving interest-free loans to Aboriginal groups for negotiations so.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you. I have a question on the objectives where it says provide wide range of a social, cultural, housing, health, education and economic assistance to eligible beneficiaries. Does the *Trust* follow up on what monies were paid to Nunatsiavut Government, if that's where it goes, and to see if they're spending on those places because, as you know, housing money's just been holding in the account until last year when, I think, some of that spent for repairs. But over the years it's been just held so it wasn't really going to reaching the housing, so does the trustees ensure that this money goes to where it's supposed to be going?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** Yes, the Nunatsiavut Government has not taken any funds out of the *Settlement Trust*, I believe, since 2010 or 2011. Back in those years, and again I know one of them will be before my time, the funds would have been taken into on its worse revenue and spread out over all the different programs that we were offering. So we could sit back if you wanted me to go back to 2010 and see how much money we drew down at that point. But we have not taken any funding or asked *Settlement*

*Trust* for any funds since— I think it's the 2011 *Budget Act* and nothing since then.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pottle. You have something to add to that?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, if I may. Just in relation to Rexanne's explanation, the Nunatsiavut Government, upon requisition, or request from the Treasurer, can draw down dollars from the *Settlement Trust*, but that has to be approved. I just can't arbitrarily do that as Treasurer. I had to be directed, I believe, and I don't have the *Trust Deed* in front of me, and I stand to be corrected on this, but under direction of the Assembly, I believe, is where I get my authority to request. Anyway, whichever process it happens, either I'm directed by the Assembly, or if it's proposal driven, I have to request through requisition to the *Settlement Trust* to ask for a draw down on those dollars. That doesn't necessarily mean, I don't think, that the *Settlement Trust* has to comply with that. That is audacious, and that rests solely with the trustees of the *Settlement Trust* and not with me as Treasurer of Nunatsiavut Government. So I just wanted to add that little bit of information.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you're looking at the financial update here, it states from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to July 31<sup>st</sup>. So it's a seven-month period that you received an investment income of \$4.8 million. So it's safely to

say that in that short of a period, is that overall since we received the funds, or is that just for that period alone?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** What I did was I took the value at the beginning of the period. I used the dollars for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. And so the investment income 4.8 is what was earned in that seven-month period, and the value at the end of the period is the value that we have in our total investment at July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions? I recognize Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I guess it would be good to explain to — did you say this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the *Settlement Trust*, so after 11 years this *Trust* is open to the other beneficiaries. What can the other beneficiaries expect other than the Nunatsiavut Government expect? What should their expectations be with regards to this *Trust* and how to apply for funds from this *Trust*?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** It's not an answer I can provide today because it is an exercise that the trustees will be working through on, you know, how we are going to make the determination on the amount of funds to be distributed, keeping in mind that there are different clauses in the *Trust Deed* about reserves and things like that, as well as the process for requesting proposals, when we're going to request them and what criteria we're going to use to evaluate them on. And that's an exercise that we'll be undertaking within the next year and a half or so to be ready for that at

the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> year so other organizations will be able to apply for funds.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. My question is I notice at the beginning of January there was a hundred and eleven million and something. I was just wondering how much money was put in in March, 2010 when the *Trust* was set up?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Kemuksigak. I recognize Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** I'll have to get back and send that answer around. I don't have it off the top of my head, but every dollar that was given to us by the Government of Canada under Chapter 19 was maintained in a separate bank account up until the date that the *Trust Deed* was executed, and before the date that the *Trust Deed* was executed, some of it had been moved into the fund managers, but I would have to go back, it's prior to my time to get that exact dollar value.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Mr. Chair. My question is, in your opinion, based on this report, this *Trust* is in a healthy state?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** I think the short answer is yes, but we're always cautious as trustees because we watch the markets very closely, and we when we hire an investment manager we set a bench mark to which they have to attain because this is money for Labrador Inuit and it's, under our *Land Claim Agreement*, it's the only money we're getting through our *Land Claim*

*Agreement* outside of the FFA dollars. And so we're very, very cautious on making sure that the money will grow, will continue to grow. So we monitor our investment managers very closely to ensure that they are meeting the objectives that we have hired them to meet. You know, but, obviously, we are growing the dollar so it is healthy. It's just that we're always cautious.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions? Mr. Pottle, if you'd like to add something to that.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just further to what Rexanne said, in addition to managers who are managing some of these *Trusts*, we do have what we call an advisor as well by the name of Pierre Carron. Pierre is not a decision maker in any decisions of the *Trust*, but he is there solely to provide advice to the trustees on investments, investment policies, and to give us his opinion, I guess, relative to risk in any investments that we may want to make. And relative to Sean's question, I mean, recently heard Pierre say we've done very well with our investments and it is at a healthy amount right now so, I mean, he's commending us many times on that from the date, again it was before my time when the *Trust Deeds* were developed and when the dollars were starting to be invested. We grew our investments quite significantly since day one so we're quite proud of that. And Rexanne said, I mean, the main purpose of setting these dollars aside in trust is to preserve our dollars and to grow those dollars for future generations of Labrador Inuit. So, again, as Rexanne said, I mean, it's very prudent, I



think, that the trustees manage the dollars as tightly as possible so that they're there for future generations of Labrador Inuit.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Is there any Member who has yet to speak who would like to raise a question? I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for clarification, I'm kind of confused with the section there under unrealized gains and losses in brackets. What's that, or what does that mean? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Jacque. I recognize Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** An unrealized gain is part of our market appreciation during that time period. So it's unrealized because we don't realize it until we cash in that investment. So as long as that investment's in there, it will continue to grow at whatever rate or loss. A loss is there in brackets. If you had seen the number in brackets that meant that we would have lost some of our value on it. But, again, it's unrealized because until you take it out of the bank, that's when you realize your additional value, or your additional loss.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. I'd like to recognize Mr. Jim Tuttauk.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Mr. Chair. In saying this for the 11 years, so this, correct me if I'm wrong, but I think you said this was the 10<sup>th</sup> year now that the *Trust* was in. So after the 11<sup>th</sup> year, we should be expired next year. Then the Inuit Community Governments have access to their *Trusts* then?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Tuttauk. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:**

So we're entering our 10<sup>th</sup> year. Would be on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 we'll enter our 11<sup>th</sup> year, 2016. The Trust doesn't expire, but what it does is that it opens up the eligible beneficiaries to include the Inuit Community Governments, and it kind of goes back to the question that Darryl Shiwak asked. One of the exercises the Trustee has to do over the next two years is finalize and figure out how that process will work. Will it be proposal driven? Will it be certain ways? I can't answer that at that point. I can't speak on behalf of the *Trust* when we haven't done the exercise yet. But what it means is that after 11 years in the *Trust*, the eligible beneficiaries will not only include the Nunatsiavut Government, but those other organizations that we have on the list.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Again, is there any member who has yet to speak and would like to raise a question? If not, we'll enter into the second round of questioning and I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

My question was just asked, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Joe Dicker. Is there any further questions for the witnesses? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and in your financial statements ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 it states that expenses were \$582,000, roughly about 10 ½ percent of the income. Would those expenses be towards someone who sits on the *Trust*, or is this part of a percentage that if we get 10 million they'll get another \$1 million type of thing. It kind of looks like about 10 percent for 2013, 2014, so.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** The professional fees were not to any trustees. While we do have an honorarium set in the past the last sitting for our new trustees. The professional fees that we pay go out to our investment managers. And a small portion to our advisor, but as you can realize, our investment managers are managing millions and millions of dollars on our behalf, and in order for them to do that there is a fee associated with us entering into our management agreements with it, and those are the fees for those types, whether it's we have four managers currently, Beutel Goodman, Hexavest, Aberdeen and Fiera. And we use RBC Dexia as money manager-type thing. So those are where the fees go.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. For some reason, and you can correct me if I'm off base or on here, but for some reason I think that it is 10 years ago that *Labrador Inuit Claim Settlement Trust* was book valued at a hundred and forty million dollars, and if that's the case, then there is \$29 million that's missing from this *Trust*. Or not missing, of what are used or whatever.

**MS CRAWFORD:** So under the *Land Claim Agreement* it states where two receive a hundred and forty million dollars in 1997 dollars over a 15-year period. So we have not yet received all our funds in the Chapter 19. We still have five more payments left.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**MS CRAWFORD:** And also to add to it that's a hundred and then we have to deduct our negotiation loan payments as well.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. I'd like to recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. Payment made on negotiation loan and interest. My question is when is the loan going to be paid off?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** In five more years when our last payment received from the *Settlement Trust*. So the schedule, actually in Chapter 19 there's two schedules, Schedule, I think it's 19(a) and 19(b) or something. One will outline the schedule of payments to us, and the other one outlines our schedule of repayments back to the Government of Canada. We never actually have to physically make the payment. They deduct it off before they give it to us.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions for the witnesses? I recognize Mr. Jim Tuttau.

**MR. TUTTAU:** Nakummek, Mr. Chair. Just a clarification so that we're all on the same page there. Payment made in negotiation loan on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 of 3.5 million, interest of 1.129. So the interest was on that overall total loan, not the 3.5, right?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Tuttau. Ms Crawford.

**MS CRAWFORD:** There is a repayment schedule, and the interest is amortized down based on the amount of the overall loan. So if you recall from yesterday's

presentation, I think we have \$20 million left of loans to repay, so that's approximately how they calculate what the interest is on that.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions for the witnesses? If there are no further questions, then I'd like to thank the witnesses for their time with Implementation and *Settlement Trust*. At this point we'll be remaining in the Committee of the Whole, moving onto the presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, and I welcome Sarah Leo and Dan Pottle to conduct the presentation. I thank you, witnesses, for joining the table and you may begin with your presentation of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Dan and I sat on the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and, again, like the *Settlement Trust*, the Assembly had made a motion to remove any sort of perceived or assumed pole interference within the *Trust* because the *Trusts* are supposed to be at arm's length. Therefore, we have two new trustees and, again, for a lot of what we will present in this *Trust* will be a lot of what was covered in the two other *Trusts*. Again Dan and I were involved in the *Trust* as trustees in the previous year and that's why we're here presenting today. For the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, this *Trust* was set up to receive an invest of payments under the IBA from the Voisey's Bay Project. Again, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, again, has its own *Trust Deed* itself that outlines what the trustees are responsible for and what's included in the *Trust*. But, basically, it's to be able to for Nunatsiavut to meet its obligations under our IBA, to help with our five community volunteer centres that are set up to meet their community

needs, and overall, to reduce negative impacts of the Voisey's Bay Project to help promote our social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives within our communities. The eligible beneficiaries, again, as was mentioned in the *Settlement Trust*, is the Nunatsiavut Government a charitable organization with specific criteria or community or class of Inuit. With regards to the charitable organization, and I'm going to raise this now because we have come across it over the last couple of years, is we've had groups of people apply for funding under the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and, unfortunately, we could not provide them, even if we did approve, if we agreed with what their proposal had said, we couldn't give them any money because they weren't registered or incorporated in some way. We can't have a group of people come to us and say we're going to say this and we want some money, and we just, as trustees, give them the cheque. We have to know that they are sort of some sort of incorporated legitimate body with an address that and have some way of managing the proposal money, right? That's one of the things I think we've always taken quite seriously as trustees. That this isn't our money. This is Inuit money and we have to really make sure that we're managing it in a way that's responsible. So that's with regard to charitable organizations. The other one is any community or class of Inuit. Now in saying what I just said, there have been instances where individuals have come to the *Trust* because; I'll take Students on Ice, for example. We've had some students who wanted to be involved in Students on Ice and they have to pay a fee to be involved in Students on Ice, and they'll come

to the *Trust* to apply for the funding to take part in Students on Ice. That sort of thing that helps them out. Was there anything else like that? There were a couple of others, but so that just sort of explains a little bit more the eligible beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Excuse me one more moment, Mr. Pottle. Mr. Dicker. Mr. Pottle asked me to use a different mic, please. Thank you.

**MR. POTTLE:** Do you want me to start over?

**PRESIDENT LEO:** You could.

**MR. POTTLE:** Okay. And just by way of example, the group in Nova Scotia that was approved for some funding from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* didn't have themselves set up as a registered non-profit organization so the trustees did manage some of the funds so that they could do some of the cultural things that the money was approved for them. The funds are still sitting in the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* bank account, and the remaining funds will be released to this group once they finish setting themselves up as a non-profit organization. As Sarah alluded to we have to be, I guess, very diligent in where we send money to, and we're not going to send money to an organization that has not set themselves up as an incorporated non-profit body with a physical address and somebody to manage those funds on their benefit.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So, as I mentioned earlier, first, the *Trust Deed* was amended and restated in March through the Assembly because this Deed can be admitted through the Assembly. So there were two new trustees put on

the *Trust* that was Tiffany Flowers and Frank Andersen. And, if most of you remember, there's certain criteria that has to be filled in each of the *Trust* positions. They have to be either at arm's length or a senior Member of the Nunatsiavut Government or live within the Land Claims Area. Those are certain criteria. So with the trustees that are existing now, Mike Flatters, Sharon Pevie, Isabella Pain, Frank Andersen, and Tiffany Flowers, the criteria set out for the membership of the *Trust* has been met with those five individuals. And, like the other *Trust*, there is an investment policy for the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, and you can see the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is a little bit different. We have 25 percent in Canadian equity, 30 percent in global equity, 25 percent in bonds, 5 percent private equity. The 10 percent in real estate and 5 percent in infrastructure, we're still, again, like the other two *Trusts*, going through the interviews of investment managers to see what we may be doing with that 15 percent. One of the things you'll notice, I guess it's kind of good in a way, we have some overlapping trustees, but it helps a lot with the *Trust* when they do their interviews for investment managers when they meet with their investment managers that they share the same ones because it cuts down on a lot of costs for the *Trust*, as I think Richard had asked about how much was being spent on professional fees. When you have this much money with the investment managers, you have to pay to keep it safe and they're the ones that keep it safe. So if you're sharing investment managers and you're sharing your resources as trustees of the different *Trusts*, it makes a lot of sense. And it helps a lot on a more a



more personal side I think it helped me a lot as a trustee to have the other trustees around the table to be learning from them because it is a big learning curve. So the priorities for the *Trust Deed*, and this is more in giving out money from the *Trust* is, obviously, to cover the IBA implementation budget. Thirty percent of all capital receipts and 10 percent of all net income is to be set aside for a Heritage Fund, and that's done every year. The trustees are directed to consider the desirability of setting aside up to 50 percent of the capital and 25 percent of the income each year. So right now it's at 30 of the capital receipts and 10 of the net income. There is accommodation to bring that up to 50 percent of the capital and 25 percent of the income just to grow the Heritage Fund a little more. And a hundred thousand dollars to each of the seven volunteer centres. So that is taken off the top automatically from the distributions from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. So then for the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, applications are received. They're proposal driven, and those proposals are reviewed twice a year; the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. And that's where the trustees see after what was taken off the top, how much is left for that year that they can distribute and they have to remember you have to take into account you have two periods of distribution. So you have one in the spring and one in the fall. So the applications are reviewed, and they're reviewed right off the top for criteria. If they meet the criteria of the *Trust*, if the applicants meet the criteria and if the proposal itself is something that falls within the *Trust Deed*. The trustees can't arbitrarily decide. If they see a proposal and it

looks good, if it doesn't fall within the criteria of the *Trust*, it doesn't make any difference how good it looks. They can't approve it, or it may fall within the criteria of the *Trust*, but the applicant is not a beneficiary, then it can't be looked at as well. So once we've gone through, then we go through the selection of figuring out how much money we have and what we can actually fund out of the proposals that have gone in. And in the handout here are the proposals funded for 2014. And you'll see on the next slide the sources of payments received. And then on the final one, like the other *Trusts*, we have the financial update. This, again, is another *Trust* that's quite comfortable. We started off with a market value of \$192,474,077, and at the end of July the market value was up to \$203,043,653, which increased almost \$48 million. So you can see that the investment managers that we have are doing what we're paying them to do. Between due diligence and good interviews and great advice, I think the *Trusts* are comfortable. Did you want to add anything on the sources of payment, Dan?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, I don't think so, Sarah. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Just one more thing.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Within the *Trust Deed*, and this is something since we left it's the new trustees are having to work their way through. There is a provision in the *Tasiujatsoak Trust Deed* that allows for business loans to eligible

beneficiaries. Now we have had some applications for business loans and we have looked at them, but the more we looked at them, the more we realize as trustees, we were not in the position to judge whether the business plan was a feasible business plan. We aren't bank managers and we aren't loan managers, and we don't have that experience within the *Trust*. So what the trustees have done now is they're in the process of trying to figure out how they're going to address the loans when they come in because we don't want, again, I'm speaking from this past year. We didn't want to say no, we're giving a loan, no, we're not giving loans or yes, we are, or we're in a position to give loans. We need to figure out how we're going to provide the loan clause under the *Trust Deed*.

**MR. POTTLE:**

And in addition to that, I mean, there has to be things taken into consideration as well. I mean, like, what interest is the *Trust* going to add onto any dollars that you may be loaned out? What interest are you going to have to pay back over time on that loan? So, again, as Sarah said, there is some, I guess, capacity issues within the *Trust* where the trustees are not bankers. They don't have a lot of experience in developing loans and loan criteria, administering loans, that sort of thing. So, like, they're still looking at that and building in a process whereby they can start considering applications for loans.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I believe we had a question from Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you. My question is with regard to business loans to eligible beneficiaries. Who would you regard as an eligible beneficiary for a loan?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** The eligible beneficiaries are defined in the *Trust Deed* and the Nunatsiavut Government charitable organizations are a class of Inuit. So, basically, whoever can draw money down from the *Trust* is also eligible for a loan.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Leo. I'll recognize Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. In looking at all three *Trusts*, I'll just make a comment first. We have the *Implementation Trust*, *Settlement Trust* and *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, significant amount of money coming into all three *Trusts*. If you look at all three where they invest in money, can you tell me are all three *Trusts* investing in the same area, such as Canadian equity, global equity, bonds? They all seem to be very similar and I know you pointed out there are some differences, but of the three funds, are we putting all our money into one basket, basically?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I recognize Mr. Pottle to provide a response.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I'll start. In a way, yes, they are. But they're not in one big basket. They're all in little baskets. We have 25 percent in Canadian equity. We have 10 percent in foreign equity. We have so much in bonds. We have so much in global equity. So it's all spread around very well. Now the reason it can make nervous because we remember what happened in 2008. The market wasn't doing well. The *Trusts* didn't do well, and all of the *Trusts* didn't do well because they all, basically, had the same investment policy. But in the long run, it makes more sense, again,

because when you're talking, again, going through what I explained about having the investment managers and chairing the investment managers, it's a lot. It makes a lot more sense for the *Trusts*.

**MR. POTTLE:**

And just to add to that, I mean, it seems that way on paper, and it pretty much is. But when it comes to the *Trust* managers themselves, Hexavest, by way of example, Aberdeen, will invest percentage of the investments into different things such as companies, stock market, that sort of thing. So it's very diverse in that, which you won't see in a report like this. They do, when the trustees do meet, the managers come in quarterly and they report on the particular investment portfolios that they manage as *Trust* managers on our behalf. So you'll see a more detailed explanation of where the dollars are being invested, what the returns on those investments are.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Leo and Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek UKâtik. The *Trust Deed* was amended and restated on March 4, 2014. Just for, I guess, my benefit and information purposes, I would like a history lesson and what or who led to the amendment to have the elected officials as trustees removed?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Ms Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you. Yes, I guess I should have mentioned that and especially for the newer Members of the Assembly. The discussion had started probably five, six years ago, that certain Assembly Members had always felt that having the Treasurer and the President as part of the *Trust* didn't

leave the *Trusts* at arm's length. There's the perception of political interference within the *Trusts*, and the *Trusts* are supposed to be at arm's length. So there has always been discussion about getting the position of the President and the Treasurer removed from the *Trust*. So, finally, and each of the three *Trusts*, they all have different *Trust Deeds* and they all have different ways of how the *Trust Deed* can be amended. So what we had to do was once the Assembly had made the motion that the President and the Treasurer would be removed from the *Trust* that the Assembly controlled, then that started the whole movement. So then each of the *Trusts* were directed to go back, get their *Trust Deed* amended to remove the President and the Treasurer from the *Trust* and have other trustees appointed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. When the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* was, I guess, first thought up, was business loans included, like, from day one, or was that put in kind of after you went along and, I guess, the loans itself, there's no forgivable money. I'm assuming it's 100 percent pay back loans?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. Ms Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** That has always been in the *Trust Deed*. The only thing in the *Trust Deed* that has changed is the composition of the trustees. Everything else has stayed the same from the initial *Trust* when the initial *Trust* was set up. With regards to the business loans and the issues that we're facing now, it's only within the last two years that the whole question of loans have

started coming up. You know, people are becoming more aware. Our communication is obviously getting better because people are becoming more aware. So we recently started receiving applications for loans. So it's only now. As for a forgivable loan, again, that's all part of the discussion. It says we can offer loans, or we can offer grants. So it's something, again, the trustees still have to work through.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Leo. Is there anybody yet who has yet to speak and would like to ask a question? I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is where can we find the criteria to identify who can qualify, and what types of small businesses don't qualify? Because I know of an individual in my community that applied for a grant to start a small business and she didn't qualify. Thank you

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Jacque. Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** The criteria are set out in the *Trust Deed* itself. And, again, if people don't have copies of that *Trust Deed*, the Clerk of the Assembly has those deeds and she can forward them on to you. When it comes to, I guess, deciding who's going to receive dollars, I mean, there are specific objectives. There are five objectives that could be considered for proposal driven or any other distribution of the *Trust*. I don't have all of those five criteria in front of me, or the objectives but, I mean, they're like for education of Inuit, cultural initiatives, employment initiatives, that sort of thing and, again, that's all laid out in the *Trust* and identified on the application itself. So if you don't have that, I certainly would

encourage you to get that. We would have brought our *Trust Deeds* here today, but we did not expect that we would be thrust into this position and speaking here today because we were no longer trustees to both of the respective *Trusts*.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And Danny had alluded to the *Trust* application. On the *Trust* application it identifies who the beneficiaries are and the five basic criteria for applications.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I'll totally understand if you don't know these figures, but I wonder if you have any idea of the amount that's in the Heritage Fund right now, and will that Heritage Fund at some point be able to be drawn upon and, if so, when would that be?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Darryl, I apologize. I don't have those figures, but we can certainly take that under advisement and get that information for you. With respect to the Heritage Fund, I believe, and I stand to be corrected on this, and maybe I shouldn't even give you an answer because I'll probably get it wrong anyway. But there is a process whereby, I mean, dollars can be drawn upon that. By way of example, for compensation for individuals who have lost a right to harvest in the Voisey's Bay area, by way of example. So there's a specific process and a committee that administers that as well.



**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Is there any member who has yet to speak, would like to ask a question? I would like to recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to jump back to the eligibility and the business loan, I'm aware of who the eligible beneficiaries are, but with regard to the business loan, I don't see there where businesses can apply because it says a Nunatsiavut Government charitable organizations or community or class of Inuit. Is that where the business person or company would be in the class of Inuit?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. I'll recognize Ms Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** It's not a expanded list of eligible beneficiaries, but it would come under a community or a class of Inuit as an individual.

**MR. POTTLE:** And the individuals or those eligible beneficiaries would apply for those loans directly to the trustees themselves. I think that was the second part of your question, Gary.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** No. It was just where businesses fit in because businesses weren't in here. Does that answer your question? Okay, I'll give you an example. Say you had a business. Say you started a recording business. You, as a beneficiary of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, started your own private recording business. And you wanted to get a loan to start up your recording business. Because you are a beneficiary and it's your business, you could apply to the *Trust*. Does that make it clearer?

**MR. MITCHELL:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Okay.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. I guess that leads into my question there immediately. I was just looking for an example or proper definition of class of Inuit. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Lyall. Ms Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And, again, another class would be not only an individual, but as Danny was talking about the different groups in St. John's and in Nova Scotia that had applied for the *Trust*, they had formed themselves as an organization. We'll take the little drummers in Goose Bay, they would be considered a class of Inuit that could apply, that sort of criteria.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Leo. Are there any further questions? If there are no further questions, I'd like to thank the presenters of the *Trust*. For the information of the Assembly, as of several minutes ago, copies of all the *Trust Deeds* have been emailed to each of the Assembly Members. So you expect to find that in your emails. That concludes the presentations for today and concludes the Committee of the Whole. We are now back in the Assembly and we are finished with motions for today. We will move on to item 16 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Onto item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." There's no second reading of bills today. Onto item 18, "Assent to Bills." There's no assents to bills today. Onto item 19, "Adjournment." I wish to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions, and I give special mention to the interpreters and translators, Rita Andersen,

August Irving and to the pages Tabea Onalik and visiting pages April Groves and Nikita Chaulk, to Andrew Hamil and Robert Ford from IT. I would also like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel, Christine Lampe and Johansi Tuglavina and to the assistants to the Clerk, Hilda Hunter. The Assembly is now adjourned and the next session is scheduled for the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Nakummek.