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**KAUJITITSIUTINGA**  
**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**In Attendance:**

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

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo**

**First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell**

**Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Patricia Ford**

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

**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**

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

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

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

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**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 Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen**

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Legal Counsel, Mark Gillette**

**Absent:**

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

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

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

**Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers**

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

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**MR. SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi Welcome back to the Assembly. I'd like to call to order the Spring Session for the 9th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask Wilson Jararuse to say the opening prayer.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Wilson. Before we proceed onto item two on your *Orders of the Day*, I'd like the approval of the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole. So the President can administer the oath of office for the newly-elected AngajukKâk from the recent Hopedale bi-election. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MR. SPEAKER:** We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I'd like to recognize Madam President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess we'll just go through the process of doing the oath, and for those that want to take pictures that may be in the gallery, you might want to go to this end.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Madam President. Congratulations to the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers. We are pleased to have you at the table, and we wish you the best in your new responsibilities. We are now back in the Assembly and we'll move onto item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Opening Address by the President." I will now call upon the President of Nunatsiavut to do the opening address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning, everyone. Congratulations, AngajukKâk Flowers. It's great to have you here at the table. I want to start off this morning by saying it's been a bit of a rough go for Nunatsiavut and, more particularly, Nain. We've lost quite a few people, and again we're saying goodbye to Mr. John Lampe today, later on today. I'm sure the members from the communities will certainly be passing on their condolences, but I would like to pass on my condolences to all of the families. There are some special people that we lost and, again, it's been a tough go, but the community on Nain, I think, for the most part and Nunatsiavut with the strong support of everyone around we'll get through this. Onto business. Last week they had the Northern Lights Conference in Ottawa and many members of the Executive Council, as well as support staff, and as well as our local artists and business people came to Ottawa with us. It was a very exciting week. I think what was the most exciting part was meeting with the many Ministers from, not only the Federal Government, but the Provincial Government, and the refreshing attitude there is with the other governments. It was certainly a really busy week. We, as I said, we participated in several meetings

with key federal/provincial officials to discuss many of the issues that are important to us as Nunatsiavummiut. We had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Minister Carolyn Bennett, as well as the Minister responsible for Fisheries and Oceans, Minister Hunter Tutu, Public Works and Procurement Minister Judy Foot, as well as our own MP, Ms. Yvonne Jones. There were also meetings held with officials from Heritage Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the department responsible for the Atlantic Canadian Opportunities Agency. There were also a lot of side meetings as well. It was a very productive week. We also had the opportunity to meet with Premier Dwight Ball, who was there during the conference as well. We met with him as an executive. There were a lot of issues talked about including broadband which has been a priority lately given the internet speed. Transportation, Illusuak. Obviously, the downstream effects of Muskrat Falls. Deputy Minister Carl McLean gave a presentation during the conference. We were given some time to give a presentation on our whole "Make it Right" campaign. Obviously, housing was discussed and, of course, these meetings are all held outside of the conference and trade show which made it even busier. So you're trying to juggle the workshops as well as all of the meetings, but I want to thank the Ministers and the staff that were there that added to, I think, the overall success of getting the meeting sorted out and managing our time so that we were able to have somebody at all of these meetings and being prepared for these meetings. I myself was asked to speak at a

session entitled, "Collaboration of Academics and Tradition Knowledge."

At the beginning of the session we actually had the launch of Unikkausivut Nunatsiavut which features four decades of the Labrador Inuit history and culture. The President of NFB Claude Jolicoeur was on hand to officially launch the films and presented the first copies to myself and Premier Dwight Ball, and I imagine the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation will probably expand on that a little bit. Earlier this week, as well, while at Northern Lights, as a Member of the ITK Board, we met with the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. And, again, like said at the beginning of my statement, it was so refreshing to hear how the new governments federally and provincially are approaching Aboriginal governments and Aboriginal organizations. They were actually recognizing us as their equals and not as just another group, and that was really refreshing. Prime Minister Trudeau actually came to the ITK Boardroom instead of us having to go up to Parliament Hill. He took the time to come to our boardroom and meet with us. I think which was amazing. And it was a very much a two-way meeting. It was quite impressive that he came into the room, took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and sat down which meant he was ready to work. Again, it was a completely different atmosphere than former Prime Minister. He brought with him Carolyn Bennett, the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Hunter Tutu, the Minister of Fisheries and Coastguard, MP Yvonne Jones for Labrador, Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Northern Affairs, MP Michael McLeod of the Northwest Territories and

MP Larry Bagnell of the Yukon again which represents most of the MP's within *Inuttitut* Nunangat. We discussed a number of priority items including a renewed Inuit to Crown relationship, and I don't think renewed would be the right term to use. I think it would be starting a relationship because previously there had not been much of a relationship. We talked about social development and things such as suicide prevention. ITK is currently working on a National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy so it was good to be able to table it at that time so that we can begin to get the support for that. We talked about food security, economic development, including skills advancement, training. Housing was obviously a big part of the discussion, infrastructure needs as well as Arctic resources. During the trade show itself and many have probably seen pictures or heard that the Prime Minister took a tour around the trade show and he selected three booths to stop at. And, fortunately, Nunatsiavut's booth was one that he was interested in and took the time to stop by. He didn't just stop by for a photo op. He actually looked at what the people at the booth had displayed there. You know, the business cards from the businesses, talk to the people that were manning the booths. So it was certainly a highlight for us to know that he was interested in Nunatsiavut and coming to our booth. Overall, it was a very successful week again, the refreshing attitude of the governments. Premier Dwight Ball was the keynote speaker at lunch and he actually used the term government-to-government relationship when speaking to Nunatsiavut. And it's good to know that we actually have a



Premier that isn't looking at our Land Claims Agreement as just guidelines and seriously looking at us as a government. That was very, very refreshing. Certainly, the relationship has been strengthened, and I think it was again an overall productive week. There will be a final report coming out on Northern Lights and our involvement with it at a later date. I just want to highlight as well many of you probably had heard in the news yesterday the class action lawsuit has been adjourned until February 29th so that the parties can go into a settlement out of court. I think this is something I know we as a government have been lobbying for and I think, again, it highlights the relationship that the government has with Indigenous people; First Nations Inuit and Metis. We've been again since this started really lobbying the Federal Government to settle out of court, and this is really, really encouraging. Finally, as you are aware Minister Flowers is not here today. He is away on sick leave so I have been appointed the Acting Minister of Health until he returns. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Madam President. We are moving onto item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." Again I would like to advise the Assembly that the Minister of Health and Social Development, as our President has stated, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, has been properly excused from attending these sittings. For the information of the Assembly, Rigolet is participating in our Visiting Paging Program. And Northern Lights Academy has sent Jessica Mae Williams and Michaela Palliser to participate. Tabea Onalik is our senior page. The interpreters/translators are Wilson Jararuse and William

Barbour. Robert Ford is our IT staff. We'd like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. Again if there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see, Hilda Hunter. Is there any Member wishing to recognize the visitors in the gallery? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize two young ladies from my consistency. Ashley Edmunds is a registrar of beneficiaries and Sheila Angnatok. She is the membership clerk. They both work out of the administration building in Nain. Welcome to Hopedale and I hope you enjoy the sitting.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Member for Nain and the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. I, too, would also like to recognize Ashley Edmunds and Sheila Angnatok from Nain and also the other members sitting in the gallery today. Welcome. This is your house. It's good to see you. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Any further members wishing to recognize the visitors? If not we'll move onto item five, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Okay, I'm just going to give an update on activities ongoing within my department. Since my last report to the

assembly in November and as President Leo mentioned we did make contact with Provincial and Federal Ministers while we attended the Northern Lights conference. In regard to implementation: The Boards have prepared their work plan and budgets for 2016-17 and the governments have reviewed and submitted their comments. A meeting with the Board Chairs and Secretariat was held on December 3rd and 4th in St. John's to discuss and finalize the work plan and budgets in order to start to prepare the first draft of the 2016-2017 funding agreements. The Boards and Secretariat are revising their draft budget based on concerns from the three governments and are scheduled to submit their final budget and work plans for 2016-17 by January 22nd, 2016. So that should already be done. Discussions on the draft 10-year Implementation Plan submitted by the Nunatsiavut Government have resumed and will continue over the next few months. The parties have agreed to extend the current Implementation Plan until the new 10-year plan is completed in regard to membership. And as our Ordinary Members from Nain already recognized our Members in the gallery Ashley Edmunds-Dicker has completed her three-month trial period as registrar of beneficiaries. Congratulations, Ashley. Her former position as membership clerk is expected to be filled within the next month. However, Sheila Angnatok who also is present with Ashley, is currently assisting Ashley until the position is filled. The membership applications and appeals is ongoing and proceeding well. However, we still have a significant number of 19-year-olds who are being revoked because they

did not reapply for membership. Public Property. I am pleased to inform the Assembly that Terry Rice has started work as the Nunatsiavut Government public property manager. Terry has been fully briefed by Deputy Minister Anderson and Legal Counsel, Gillette. Illusuak. Phase II of Illusuak has been completed as scheduled. The building is closed in and the roofing completed to the base layer with final completion to be completed in the spring of 2016 as well as final installation of all windows. This will complete Phase II of the project. We have asked Nillik Construction for a detailed breakdown to complete Phase III of the building. We will continue to lobby both the Federal and Provincial Governments for funding contributions to help finalize this magnificent building. Attic Retrofit and Housing Repair Program. The programs in Nain and Hopedale are completed with the exception of one attic which is near completion. FGMDA will do the final inspection and submit the final report to Nunatsiavut Government. Renovations to the five-bedroom home at 56 Sandbank Road in Nain are completed. This home has been transferred to the Nunatsiavut Government from Torngat Regional Housing Association to be used by DHSD to deliver their Affordable Living Program and help support the homeless. Ten attic retrofits and repairs to three homes have been completed in Hopedale, and repairs to two homes in Hopedale transferred to Nunatsiavut Government from Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation are completed. These two homes will be used to support the Affordable Living Program administered by Department of Health and Social

Development. After final inspection, the consultants will submit a final report on this program to Nunatsiavut Government. This report will be shared with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and used to lobby the Province for another housing repair program. Office Infrastructure Review. Aivek Stantec was awarded a contract to do an assessment of the existing office buildings and number of staff within Nunatsiavut and recommend the office requirements for each Inuit community for the next 10-year period. The work is ongoing and my department has identified Hopedale as the priority for a new office building. My deputy has asked Aivek Stantec for a preliminary report for Hopedale in order that we can review it and determine what our options are for our new office space in Hopedale. Rigolet, DHSD Building. A contract has been awarded to Flotech Enterprises to install electric heat in the Department of Health and Social Development office building in Rigolet. The material did not arrive from Lewisporte until the last trip of the Astron. Therefore, it was too close to Christmas for Flotech to get their work crew into Rigolet. Flotech has now mobilized their crew to Rigolet and are expected to complete the work by the end of January. Housing. We continue to try to work towards assessing any funding available through Federal and Provincial programs for housing. My plan was to meet with the Federal Minister responsible for housing and the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, to discuss the Liberal Party platform for Canada's North Housing Policy regarding North of 60 and the Nunatsiavut Government

Housing Strategy. I have also requested a meeting with the Provincial Minister responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation to discuss the need for additional housing funding. The departmental working group will meet again at the Northern Lights Conference in Ottawa to discuss the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Strategy and other housing issues and make recommendations to Nunatsiavut Executive Council on options to move forward.

Transportation. My department has continued to follow up on all transportation issues. I intend to meet with Federal and Provincial Ministers to discuss the issue of funding for the proposed Nain airstrip. The Liberal platform tabled by Prime Minister Trudeau refers to a New Building Canada Fund. I will ask that the new Nain airstrip could be funded under that new program. I also want to discuss the issue of the landing fees and airstrip bathroom facilities with Premier Ball. I am requesting a meeting with the Provincial Minister responsible for transportation to discuss the marine service for Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. Wildlife. The department has begun community consultations regarding wildlife and fisheries in Nunatsiavut. We have completed consultations in Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale and Rigolet. We plan to complete Nain on February 16th with

plans to head into Upper Lake Melville later this month. We are pleased with the feedback we are getting from these consultations, and we look forward to implementing whatever feedback we get in the future. Mr. Speaker, the Gros Morne moose meat had been well-received in our communities. With regards to our harvest in Nunatsiavut, we have 12 of 35 moose licences harvested to date. Our 2016 polar bear harvest is commencing today. Yesterday a draw was held to determine the first group of hunters in each of our communities. In previous years we allocated our licences on a first-come-first-served basis. This year, we, after receiving feedback, we decided to change our system to a draw system. We have implemented the draw system for this year's harvest. We wish our harvesters success and remind them to respect the animal during all phases of the hunt from harvesting to skinning to cleaning, to preserving the hide and the meat. *Impact Benefits Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, with regards to the Voisey's Bay Project, a committee meeting was held in Nain on December 18th, 2015. Vale continues to be concerned with the low commodity prices. Nickel prices are the lowest since Voisey's Bay started. They are reviewing strategies with the underground expansion project to conserve cash flow. Vale had broken up the underground procurement packages into smaller packages and has told suppliers and contractors to sharpen their pencils. Mr. Speaker, we are discussing with the company the need to update our employment database in preparation for the underground, and our IBA co-ordinator will work with the Department of Education and Economic Development

to complete this task. Vale has informed us that negotiation with various union groups on site have commenced as the last contracts have expired or are expired. Winter shipping information sessions were held in Nain and Hopedale on January 11th and 12th. Winter shipping has commenced, however, adjustments may be made to the schedule so as not to interfere with the Easter Break. An employment initiative session was held with Vale. The session talked about recruitment and completing online applications for job opportunities in Vale. This will certainly help when the underground expansion starts to take place. Mr. Speaker, the Parks Co-management Board held a conference call on December 15th. There were a number of updates regarding staffing. Gary Baikie is now acting superintendent. Martin Lougheed is the product development specialist, and Wayne Broomfield is the visitor experience co-ordinator. At this time Parks Canada staff at the Torngat Mountains National Park are all Inuit. Joey Angnatok was welcomed as the newest CMD member. The next face-to-face meeting will be held in Nain from February 15th to the 17th, 2016. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the Voisey's Bay Project was sanctioned to expand in the underground operations this summer. While the mine continues to operate as an Open Pit Mine Project, Vale's planning and preparing to extend the mine life significantly by pursuing underground operations. Not only is this an important milestone for the region, but it also required review of the permitting and plan requirements. The Non-renewable Resource Division is presently leading this review process with support from key specialists



from within our government and beyond. The review process will take place up until early March. Any major issues or concerns that our government finds within the documentation will be identified and given the opportunity to be discussed. As always, as a government, our focus is on ensuring that the mine and its future operations minimizes environmental impacts to the greatest extent possible. The Environment Division, Mr. Speaker. With sadness, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources would like to recognize the passing of Dorothy Angnatok. She will be remembered for her tireless work with the youth and contagious smile with the research division. Also, Mr. Speaker, we recognize the passing of Mr. John Lampe, who is a former employee of the research centre. Our sympathies go out to their families. Mr. Speaker, we have a negotiation team in place to attempt to negotiate a Harmonized Environmental Review associated with the proposed Strange Lake Mine Road and Port Development from Quebec Labrador border to Anaktalak Bay. The negotiations require an active partner in the province, and we are encouraging them to get a strong negotiation mandate. Our goal is to seek a single deficient and meaningful environmental assessment associated with the proposed development which has not been registered for environmental assessment. And on a related note, Quest held public meetings in Nain and Hopedale in mid-November. There has been no word when they will be getting back to the rest of the communities in Nunatsiavut, but they plan to do so. Makkovik Harbour Floating Docks and Break Water Environmental

Review. A summary environmental review has started the Makkovik harbour floating docks and break water. The registration was received in January. On February 1st, 2016 the proponent hosted public notice in Postville and Makkovik. The public review will commence immediately and end March 31st. If there is no extension to the public review period, information request or other delay, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources departmental review and report will be completed by May 2nd. And the Minister will make a decision under the *Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act* within two weeks of receipt of the report. Initial review of the registration, along with previous discussions with proponent and Makkovik Inuit Community Government, do not raise any red flags. It is likely that the review will proceed in straightforward fashion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Post-Secondary Student Support Program and Inuit Pathways. I wanted to say I'm going to announce some positive changes for our program. Effective as of January 1st, 2016, the student living allowance for students in the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, PSSSP and Inuit Pathways, shall increase by 15 percent. Many of our students have been struggling financially with our living allowance due to many increases. The Department of Education and Economic Development shall commence to develop an incentive program

to increase the number of students from Nunatsiavut communities who undertake post-secondary studies, and our first meeting is scheduled for Friday on that topic. Effective January 1st, 2016, PSSSP students who travel to St. Johns to attend post-secondary education and who cannot find placement in student or family residences provided by the educational institutions shall receive a housing subsidy of 30 percent of the rental costs up to a maximum of \$250 per month. This increase shall be in effect until a review is completed by our department. Effective January 1st, 2016 PSSSP students who travel to Happy Valley Goose Bay to attend post-secondary education and who cannot find placement in either student or family residences provided by the educational institutions shall receive a housing subsidy of 30 percent of the rental costs up to a maximum of \$500 per month. This shall be in effect until a review is completed by our department. So the Department of Education and Economic Development shall undertake a full and comprehensive review of funding options for post-secondary students which is to be completed by way of a written report to the Executive Council complete with recommendations no later than December 31st, 2018.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** So this is very good news for our students as many of them have been struggling. In late February Christie Sheppard will join our department as the Director of Economic Development. We also have changed our PSSSP policy to allow students who formerly have taken a level II program to take the NS program in Ottawa, and this was mainly due to its strong

Inuit language and cultural component and we are also planning to locate at developing a similar program for Labrador Inuit. Mr. Speaker, LATP. The LATP Program has applied for an extension for six months from April to September, 2016 for employment opportunities and further training for the Muskrat Falls Project. We are also interested with this funding to also explore the permanent positions that will be in place once the dam is completed. That's one of our goals. LATP has the proposal for Voisey's Bay Underground Mining Program ready to go. They are just waiting for the announcement for new proposals for the Strategic Partnership Fund through the Federal Government. Myself and Tim McNeil, along with the other Aboriginal groups in Labrador, the province and Vale and CONA, met with high ranking officials with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and ESDC regarding the new proposal for the Voisey's Bay Underground Mining Development. The meeting was very favourable and we are hoping the proposal will get approved before September 16th. They're going to call out for proposals, they're hoping the end of February, but they said they're hoping it'll be approved by September. And it looked really positive, and after our meeting the Executive Director of LATP was called by the Minister of ESDC to go and meet with him further. So that's very positive. Mr. Speaker, Northern Lights 2016. Six Inuit businesses, Torngat Arts & Crafts and nine of our Department of Education and Economic Development attended Northern Lights in Ottawa last week. The two business development officers facilitated a one-day session before travelling to Ottawa for businesses on

networking. This was held in Happy Valley Goose Bay, and it was held with various organizations in the community that help businesses. From all accounts that was a very positive workshop. Staff from Inuit Pathways and PSSSP attended to try to form partnership with businesses and employers to get our graduates hired in their fields of study once they graduate. And, actually, there was one Inuit *Pathways Partnership Agreement* signed while we were at Northern Lights. Also there were three workshops at the conference on the Inuit Labour Market and Economic Development that was being held in conjunction with ITK, Inuit Pathways and other Inuit regions through the Asset Agreement holders, and that was very positive and well attended. Evaluations will be completed with the business owners to see how effective the conference and trade show was. From all accounts the businesses made very good business contacts and connections. I, too, would like to pass condolences on the family of John Lampe. He was our former procurement specialist with our department. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. Mr. Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on the work of our Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Firstly, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our Assembly Members and beneficiaries, and we look forward to working together to improve the well-being of all of our communities. I'd also like to take this time, Mr.

Speaker, to wish a speedy recovery to Julius Merkuratsuk. He was a former LIA Board Member. Mr. Speaker, my department has many significant projects to report. Traditions and Transition among the Labrador Inuit is our major project in partnership with Memorial University to enhance our knowledge and capacity in advancing our cultural research. We have hired a knowledge enhancement coordinator to ensure that the many projects are communicated to all partners, and we can get participation from the Labrador Inuit community. A website will be set up as a key information vehicle. On December 2nd, as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, Traditions and Transition held a symposium in Nain. A dialogue was held on key topics of the research project. Chris Alacantara and Isabella Pain addressed leadership and the *Land Claims Agreement*. Andrea Procter, Charlotte Wolfrey and Ashley Dicker discussed women and leadership, and Alana Johns and Rita Andersen discussed language leadership. The dialogue provided an opportunity to advance each area of research on how the projects intertwine. A report on the dialogue will be made available shortly, and I would like to thank all the contributors to this very informative symposium. Our department was also able to contribute to several anniversary projects. In December a special anniversary double issue of Them Days on Nunatsiavut came off the press. A compilation of stories is a treasure, and I would like to thank Them Days, especially Amy Chalk and our own Jillian Larkham for leading the project. Also a special Nunatsiavut addition of Inuit Art Quarterly on Nunatsiavut was issued in

December and under the editorial direction of Heather Igloliorte. This publication circulates internationally in the world of Inuit art and puts our Nunatsiavut artists on a stage for a distinctive brand of Labrador Inuit art which has been little known by many buyers in cultural institutions. Mr. Speaker, that's about to change. Also we have taken steps to advance our archaeological research projects with the assistance of Traditions and Transition. A planning session has set the stage for five years of focused archaeological research with the support of experts from Memorial University, Bowdoin College and the Smithsonian. The extensive 2015 Annual Report of our archaeology office will be tabled at our next assembly. Mr. Speaker, an additional anniversary project with the National Film Board was the release of a Nunatsiavut box set of six films in *Inuttitut*, English and French. The release was done on January 29th in Ottawa with the head of the National Film Board and the President of Nunatsiavut and the Premier in attendance. Mr. Speaker, the President had given Premier Ball a copy as well. The new box set will help us ensure that these great legacy works are available for schools and will be part of our audio-visual presentations in our Illusuak Cultural Centre. Mr. Speaker, Illusuak Cultural Centre has progressed with the building erected in Nain waiting for the final Phase III construction, and the key work on exhibits, programming, operational partnerships with a café and gift shop. In tourism, Mr. Speaker, planning, our department is assisting Nunatsiavut Group of Companies in improving the marketing of the Torngat Mountains Basecamp and Research Station, Hebron and all other

tourism offerings in all our communities. Work continues on our language initiatives with the delivery of more modules and new teacher training initiatives. Our translation team is also working on a special programming with OKâlaKatiget Radio and new projects through Traditions and Transition. Ukatti. The Premier of the documentary film, "Trapped in a Human Zoo," the story of Abraham, was also released at Northern Lights to great fanfare. Mr. Speaker, we also had to put on a second show. And this was last week and will be aired nationally, and on "The Nature of Things" on February 11. I would encourage everyone to watch the program. The documentary reveals a sad time in the lives of our ancestors, but while also builds awareness of our history. Our consultation work on repatriation policy is concluding and a draft policy will be available in the next week. Nakummek Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo, the President of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Acting Minister of Department of Health and Social Development.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My report won't be as in depth as the other Ministers because I'm still getting familiar with some of the things, but just a couple of updates. Obviously, you've heard that the work has started for an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. We will be involved and the details are coming out with regards to that. We are hoping for an Inuit-specific portion of the inquiry, something that we, as not only national leaders, Inuit leaders have been pushing for, but Nunatsiavut as well. So there will be more to come on



that, for sure. And as many of you may be aware, if anyone's travelled to Goose Bay on the hospital flight lately, there is a new airline. Innu Mikun now has the contract for passenger travel for medical travel. From our discussions with LGH, nothing has changed. It's just a different airline. That's it. Everything is still whatever service the previous airline provided, the new airline is providing as well. With regards to the supportive living unit that the First Minister talked about on the physical side, Department of Health and Social Development is working with on the management side, we're really happy to get this going. This project has been two years in the making. When Nunatsiavut first began the Supportive Living in Upper Lake Melville, we said we would do it with the commitment from the Province that we would have supportive living units within Nunatsiavut as well. That's the only way we would take it over. And it's good to see that we've finally gotten to the point that we are providing supportive living units within our own land claims area. A committee is being set up to run the management of the supportive living unit and hopefully we'll be having people staying in there real soon. The department is also involved in the National Inuit Strategy on suicide prevention. I know the staff within the HSD have been involved in a lot of the discussion as well as the makeup of the whole strategy, and that's really encouraging to see that come out ' because I think we've really, not only as a region, but as Inuit, really need the strategy. On a more positive note, the NIYC held its meeting a month ago, I believe, the National Inuit Youth Council, and the commitment was made to have the National Inuit

Youth Council AGM in Nain, Nunatsiavut in 2017. So that's really encouraging. It's good. We've had a hard time getting our youth involved in that NIYC and going to the other regions. It's good to have the regions come here and so that our youth can be more involved in the NIYC and see the importance of it. So that's really, really encouraging. Finally, I just sort of want to acknowledge, Minister Shiwak mentioned it briefly, the loss of Duru in Nain. And for those that knew Duru, knew she was very involved mental health awareness, but she was also very involved in the youth, and the department knew it would have a major effect on the youth in Nain, particularly because she worked so closely with them. So the department decided that to ensure that we were going to look after these most vulnerable youth, the ones that were at high risk, that we would leave the research centre open so that they could come in and have a place to be and, you know, have the supports available. And I just want to acknowledge Minister Lyall, who, for probably about five days almost stayed there continuously with the youth, making sure they were okay, making sure there was somebody there with them, as well as another individual from Nain, Emma Rose Murphy, who works for CYFS in a different capacity, but she was amazing during that time, and I think that's what really helped the youth get through the hardest times and, again, thank you, Mr. Lyall, and thank you, Emma Rose. We've since shut down the research centre. It was opened 24 hours a day and there were youth there continuously. We've made sure that the supports were in place. The ones that were at the

most high risk that they're being followed up on and they're being taken care of because, again, for those of us that knew Duru and the impact and the effect and the relationship we had with the youth, it was pretty hard for those that she worked with and dealt with, not only the ones that were part of the program, but just the youth in general, and we knew the extra supports were needed. And, again, thanks to the department and those individuals for playing such a big part in making sure that our youth were taken care of. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Madam President. Are there any further Minister Statements today? If there are no further Minister Statements, we'll move onto item six 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:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by acknowledging the elected officials from the community of Nain, Nunatsiavut; Mr. Pamak, Mr. Dicker, Minister Lyall and President Sarah Leo. From the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and myself, we would like to send condolences to the families who have lost loved ones in the recent months. The work you all did for the families in your respective community have not gone unnoticed. Although the work you did was sometimes unbearable, you knew it had to be done. Your community has shown, not only through tragedy, but also with pride, you all came together in times of need. This is an accomplishment in itself, and the

largest populated community within Nunatsiavut take pride in what you do. Create a good day. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the Ordinary Member for Nain speak first before I do. Thank you.

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

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Ukatti. Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. As Ordinary Member for Nain, I would like to thank all those who gave support, not only those living in Nain, but all across Nunatsiavut and Canada during our times in Nain. Nakummek. It didn't go unnoticed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Ordinary Member Roy for your comments, and it certainly has been a difficult time for our community. Mr. Speaker, before I get into one of my member statements, you know, first of all I'd like to take this time to say that the community of Nain, since the last sitting of the Assembly, has lost another seven Members of our community. Mr. Speaker, since our last sitting of the Assembly in November, we lost three in a tragedy; two to suicides and two to natural deaths. Grace Flowers was taken from us at a very young on November 29th to an accidental shooting. Grace was eight years old. Condolences

going out to katak Edward Flowers, katak Rosie Jararuse, Uncle Gus and the Jararuse family. Katie Obed was also taken away from us, tragically, to homicide. Katie was the wife of Gordon Obed Jr. who passed away earlier in 2015 to TB. Katie leaves behind four orphaned children; three of which are now currently in foster homes and one with family. Katie passed away on December 23. She was 38 years old. Condolences going out to Semigak and Obed families. Thomas Semigak also passed away on December 23rd to suicide. Thomas was 37 years old. Condolences going out to the Semigak family. John Flowers. Many of us we used to call Johnny Moon. He passed away on January 4th from health complications. The Flowers, like the Obeds, have lost another member of the family. John was 49 years old. Condolences going out to the Flowers family. Rest in peace, katak. Jerry Atkinson passed away on January 11th. Jerry was not a beneficiary to our agreement but was a long standing member of our community since 1981. He married into the community and remained in Nain, calling it his home until he passed away. Jerry was a soft-spoken man with words, honing out advice and encouragement. Jerry was 74 years old. Condolences going out to the Millies and Okkuatsiak families and close friends. Dorothy Angnatok passed away on January 14, a victim to suicide. Dorothy or, Duru, as many called her, was a well-respected young lady, a role model for youth, to her peers, co-workers and anyone who came across to meet her. Many in Nunatsiavut know who I'm speaking of and knew her when I say her name. She touched so many lives from Nain right across the country

to BC and to the north of us. She lived a life that many of us yet has to live. Duru will certainly be missed. Duru was 27 years old. Condolences going out to the Angnatok and Pilgrim families. John Lampe passed away, tragically, while away in Nova Scotia attending university. John has worked in many capacities with the Labrador Inuit Association and the Nunatsiavut Government. Decided to go back to school to further his education and to come back, work for NG. John was 58 years old. Again, Mr. Speaker, sincere condolences going out to all the families that lost loved ones since our last sitting and families that continue to grieve from the loss of a loved one in 2015. Mr. Speaker, our community is grieving. In 2015 13 members of the community and another 4 since the New Year has passed away from a combination of suicide, tragedy, and natural deaths. Families in the community, as a whole, are numbed by tragedy after tragedy. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, our community is staying strong. In good times and in time of need our community has always come together to help each other out. Individuals, organizations, agencies, businesses, and the Nunatsiavut Government has stepped up to the plate for families over the past year and more so since the last sitting to assist when in need. I just want to take this time to recognize some of the agencies and organizations of the community that help keep our community healthy. First, I have to recognize the Nain Crisis Response Team; a group of individuals, many volunteers, from a number of agencies such as the RCMP, Nain Clinic, the Nain school, Pentecostal church, Mennonites, and the mental health team of the Department of

Health and Social Development are usually the first to respond when a family is hit by any sudden death or tragedy. They provide unconditional care and they're there to offer what they can to help console families and friends. I'd like to recognize Nain Care, a non-profit organization that helps out tremendously to families when in need. They provide financial assistance to families from away back home to attend funerals, assist families in funeral costs and general financial assistance when needed. Mr. Phillip Earle of Air Labrador has gone over and above in helping families in time of need, providing reduced, including free, airfares to family to get home to a funeral and providing in some cases free transportation of remains back to the community. Others in the community contribute in many ways as well. Individuals, local businesses, community churches, the Moravian Church, Pentecostal Church, and the Mennonites, all come together, in my opinion, to go over and above in helping out when needed. Their contributions don't go unrecognized, and families do appreciate all that they have done for them. Mostly I want to thank the Department of Health and Social Development and the Labrador Grenfell Health for bringing in extra resources to help with and assist our mental health team recently. Tragedy after tragedy over the past year has left our team and local resources stretched in. The extra resources was needed and certainly it helped to keep our community together and strong. Mr. Speaker, the mental health team, not only is a part of the crisis response team, but provides follow-ups to families that require or are need it after losing a

family member. The mental health team in Nain will continue to provide follow-ups to families that are still grieving. However, more aftercare services are needed to enhance services provided by the mental health team. Grieving does not stop at the end of a funeral. Follow-ups will continue. Additional services, professional services are needed, not only to families that lost loved ones, but to individuals that may be on the verge of following through the cracks. Mr. Speaker, I look to the Department of Health and Social Development, like the NEC, Executive Council and this Assembly for your support in ensuring that more resources, appropriate resources, are made available in mental health for my constituency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS FLOWERS:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today with pride, honour, gratitude and thanks to the people of Hopedale who trusted me enough to vote me in as their AngajukKâk for Hopedale Inuit Community Government. As I voiced in my campaign platform, I cannot make any promises except for one. And that is I will work hard for the people of Hopedale bringing forth issues and advocating to work towards a vibrant community in all capacities. Mr. Speaker, before I give you brief report on community activities, I want to acknowledge and congratulate ACMS Girls Volleyball Team who travelled to King's Cove Newfoundland, played like the champions they are and brought home the gold medal in the Provincial Volleyball Tournament.



**ASSEMBLY:** [APPLAUSE].

**MS FLOWERS:** This is the first time ACMS Girls has won the gold in provincial championships and we are so proud of them. I also acknowledge Angelica Vincent who was chosen as most sportsman-like player. Well done, Angelica, for your fine performance. I also congratulate the Jens Haven Nain Husky Boys Volleyball Team who travelled to Newfoundland as well and won the gold in their division.

**ASSEMBLY:** [APPLAUSE].

**MS FLOWERS:** We have fine young athletes, Mr. Speaker, in Nunatsiavut. And it goes to show their hard work paid off. In saying this I acknowledge the coaches, Nicole Daily of ACMS, and Assistant Coach Boas Mitsuk, and Jens Haven Coach Julie Dicker and Assistant Coach Sam Dicker and Christine Nolan, Teacher Chaperone for the tireless time they have put in teaching the teams the skills they need. I was elected on December 21st, 2015, and sworn in at a council meeting on December 29th, 2015. Since I have taken office I have spent a large amount of time completing administration work and reading over the files. I have also acted as an advocate for concerned clients and met with CYFS on their behalf. Minister Flowers could not attend the meeting with me as planned due to medical issues. HICG are still in a state of emergency due to ongoing water issues. There were four major projects in Hopedale in 2015. They were the chlorination room upgrade, leak detection and repair, relocation of lines in American pond, supplementary pond intakes and replenishment of water as adverse. The water pressure is holding steady

so far this winter. We're hoping that work completed by NGC in the leak detection repair this past year has helped. Additional work in 2016 is required which will be located in the older part of town near the clinic. In the relocation of lines in American and supplementary pond, the structure at the end of American pond is severely corroded and the screen is falling off. Both of these require replacement in 2016. The gravity fed line from supplementary pond to American pond is frozen just in the past couple weeks. Water and sewer staff will pump using generated pump from NGC later this month, if need be. There's also a sewer blockage about 30 feet from this Assembly building which water and sewer staff are currently working on. Another small leak in the older part of town has been detected and will be worked on when man resources are available. A big concern for HICG right now, besides the water, is land development. I look forward to receive the geotech report completed by Stantec for recommendations, especially for plots on Barry Road Subdivision. I have also received many complaints regarding the huge amount of alcohol coming into our community. I hope to work with the alcohol committee around this issue. Last, but not least, I want to address the issue of homelessness and feelings of hopelessness and despair in many of our beneficiaries. I hope we can all work together in finding a solution around these misplaced and who feel that our government is failing them. Inuit are a people who always cared and helped each other. And I feel confident if we all work together as our forefathers did we can come up with a solution. Mr. Speaker, I just want

to close by acknowledging the loved ones passed, especially today for John Lampe who has contributed so much LIA, former LIA and the Nunatsiavut Government. And his funeral service will to be today at 3:30. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I recognize the AngajukKâk of Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. I have a short report, I guess. Since the last session the Nain Inuit Community Government has moved forward on some projects. First of all, we now have new hired-in services of a new engineering company. They are Hatch Mott McDonald, and have offices based in Newfoundland and across the country. The contract for their services, Mr. Speaker, should be signed early next week. With that being said, no — we have resolved the issue of the power surges to the pump house, and after a few more tests this spring to the water system, we should be on line for the whole community for Trouser Lake. This will then allow for the development of a new subdivision after two years for 30 lots that was granted to us by the Nunatsiavut Government back in 2014. We don't expect to have on the lots for the new subdivision ready for this construction season, but I can expect at least 15 will be ready and 15 will be carried over for the 2017 season. Mr. Speaker, the Jeremias Sillitti Memorial Centre is almost ready to open to the public. Just this past weekend the phone lines, the internet lines and the fax lines have been installed. There are still a few minor issues that need to be taken care of, but that will not prevent the opening. Our opening is now

scheduled for the week of March 13th, 2016, and I'm sure that the Community of Nain is certainly looking forward to this celebration. With that being said, Mr. Speaker, Nain is moving forward to a brighter future after being hit with the onslaught of bad news at the end of last year and the beginning of this new year. We are strong and close in the community and this closeness has shone brightly with the caregiving of all those who volunteered their time. There are too many to name, but I want to acknowledge all those who have helped, to those from out of town who came to Nain to help out and be a part of the healing process. I cannot forget the Nunatsiavut Government and the staff members who have stepped up when called upon and the Department of Health and Social Development department and the staff, also, as mentioned by the President in her report, you know, who woke up each morning and looked at my email, and Minister Lyall from the resource centre saying that they're there all day and they done that for a whole week, and I thank you, sir. I'd like to thank everyone for their support to the community. That's all I have for now, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have kind of a short report this morning. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I'd like to say congratulations to AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers. We certainly look forward to working with you. Just a brief update on what's been going on in our community with our work that we had going on. We had upgrades for our pump house. They've been

completed now and everything is back on track and working quite well. Our community centre, everything is going good up there, but we do have a few problems with the internet and phone lines which is being worked on now. Just this past week we finally were able to open up our food bank, so we have a food bank that's operating out of the community centre now. It's open on Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons. We were able to buy some food with donations from the local trust fund and other donations from different companies. We have quite a few people coming on Friday afternoon and Thursday afternoon, so that was good. Also, thank you to NG for the char and salmon. That's going over really well in our community. Our fire hall is ready for commissioning and should be open on February the 16th. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, Makkovik Inuit Community Government would like to thank Terry Rice for his 16 years of service to the community of Makkovik, as chief administration officer. And we would like to congratulate him on his new position as property manager with NG. We wish him well. We'd like to thank Doreen Winters as well who will acting in his position until it is filled. Congratulations to the new AngajukKâk of Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers, on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government. We wish you well. I look forward to working with you. Congratulations to Rachel Edmunds and Perry Voisey who has just recently opened a new store in our community. We wish them every

success in their new business, and it's greatly appreciated. As for our arena, it is coming along fine. Although it's running behind schedule, it's anticipated that it will be complete by the end of May or early June of 2016. All are excited and looking forward to its grand opening and we hope to see our neighbouring communities competing and enjoying it as well as ourselves. We have been enjoying our outdoor rink there since December. Thanks to our recreation department and our local RCMP in maintaining the snow clearing and flooding. On behalf of Makkovik Radio Society, we'd like to thank Patricia's department for providing funding so our local radio system can continue its operation. Without your support, it would have closed its doors. Nakummek. Thanks to our local Makkovik Trust for providing funding so our seniors program could come to new. Our sincere condolences, last, but not least, to the families and friends of the late Duru, Dorothy Angnatok, and John Lampe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. John and Duru were both an inspiration to all, and they certainly will be missed. May they rest in peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Government Corporation Board of Directors, we'd like to offer our sincere condolences to the families that have lost loved ones in the past few months, especially the community of Nain and also the recent passing of John Lampe. I visited the funeral parlour on Sunday and spent

some time with some family members there, John Lampe. I'm sure the community of Nain has been grieving, and our thoughts and prayers are with you as you continue to try to come to grips with all that's happened. And we certainly hope that this Assembly can provide or Nunatsiavut Government or other agencies can provide necessary assistance to deal with some of things that have been going on. A brief rundown of activities that NunaKâtiget Corporation since the last Assembly in November. Our Community Freezer Program is pretty much business as usual with the Community Freezer Program. There's no new information reported except that we are presently stopped with a lot of good things and wild foods that people enjoy. We have Arctic char, frozen cod fillets, partridges, rabbits, raw cod, smelts, and we certainly thank the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the contribution of moose meat that came from the Gros Morne harvest. People appreciated that very much, getting their meat for Christmas, and we still have a bit on hand. Hopefully we'll get our own two moose in the next few weeks. There have been no new applicants for FAC courses at the college which we have been sponsoring. We offered a 10-hour basic sewing course in January, but this has now been completed. Inquiries have been ongoing from different beneficiaries for more sewing courses so we hope to offer another one in the near future. The NunaKâtiget Corporation assisted with the Nunatsiavut Government's 10th anniversary event in December which went really well, with a good turnout. As well, we assisted with the anniversary supper on December

22nd at Mud Lake where a few of us travelled over for the event. It was a wonderful get-together and got us all in the mood for Christmas. The old Christmas celebrations went well and everyone who attends the celebrations appreciates that this tradition's alive and well and going strong in the Upper Lake Melville area. We held our 2015 AGM last week. We didn't get to do it this past fall because of other commitments. We had a good turnout and generated some good discussion on various issues. I'd like to thank Ordinary Member, Roy Blake, and also Rexanne Crawford, Deputy Minister of Finance, HR and IT, for attending and adding to the discussion whereby Rexanne was able to clarify some things for Board Members. Sorry about that and slow myself down. As mentioned, I'd like to thank Rexanne for coming to the meeting and clarifying some things about our funding and programs and budget. Our budget for 2016 has been submitted to Nunatsiavut Government and has been approved by the NEC. We had requested an increase of \$4,000 in anticipation of funding other programs. However, we did receive an increase of \$2,700 which will be held for us. One thing I would like to mention to this Assembly with regard to our funding and programs is that it wasn't until our budget was sent in and approved and a letter came back from Minister Pottle informing us about the approval of our budget, that we realized that we could not spend funds on certain programs like sewing courses and FAC training. I feel that this Assembly should know that we have restrictions placed on us as a corporation as is stated in the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Under the *Constitution* under Section



11.1.2(c) it states that the purpose and function of an Inuit Community Corporation is to provide a vehicle through which Nunatsiavut Government programs and services for Labrador Inuit living outside of Nunatsiavut may be delivered to Labrador Inuit ordinarily residing in urban area for which the Inuit Community Corporation had been established, meaning looking after people outside the land claims area. From what I understand this basically means that Nunatsiavut Government has to develop programs to the corporation to implement and operate on behalf of the government. Apparently, the FAC course, firearms acquisition and sewing courses are not considered NG programs that have been evolved to the corporation. So we are told that because these programs are not part of NG's programs, we cannot use our regular operating funds from Nunatsiavut Government to sponsor these programs. The Department of Health and Social Development does offer sewing courses through the community office. However, these are not structured training sewing classes such, but rather an activity that falls within their weekly regular programs. I think this issue needs to be reviewed by Nunatsiavut Government so we can offer sewing courses and sponsor FAC training without having to look for funding from other sources. We can spend money on these courses, but it has to come from other sources, and we have received money from other sources. We have money from Ilapiset Board, which is the volunteer service centre that contributes to non-profit organizations. We feel that these two activities that beneficiaries should be given assistance with so they can

pursue their culture and traditions as sewing and hunting are fundamental things that people have done for generations and should have access to. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't take too much of your time. I'd like to, first of all, pass along condolences to the people of Nain and Hopedale on behalf of the Rigolet Inuit Community Government and the people of Rigolet. I can assure you that your loss was felt in our community, and a lot of people felt sympathy for what was going on there. Secondly, I'd like to welcome Marjorie Flowers to the Assembly and sit at the table and join us as AngajukKâk. You know in my last position as AngajukKâk, Marjorie ran in the last general election, and there were days I picked up the phone at Nunatsiavut elections, do I sound like a politician yet? Oh, Marjorie, you'll get there some day. I'd also like to welcome the two students from Northern Lights Academy as pages for this session. I don't know if I'll be able to recognize one girl there, but Michaela is the voice behind the commercial, "Make Muskrat Right." Thank you very much.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. I make my member statement today because I have been lobbied to do so, not only by constituents in Canada, but also by

constituents in the other constituencies represented by the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Ukatti, as Members of this honourable house, at this session our task with deliberations relative to choosing a moderator for the upcoming May 3rd, 2016 presidential election in *Inuttitut* only, I ask that our honourable members also ponder the implications of what I and many other beneficiaries believe to be a colonistic criteria, explicitly, the conditions set out in 3.7 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* whereby in order to qualify to be elected as President of Nunatsiavut, a candidate must speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Ukatti, I and many others believe that this colonistic standard severely erodes our government's potential to draw out those who may be best suited to lead our government forward. Ukatti, one question must be asked. How does this criteria that one must then speak *Inuttitut* in order to qualify to seek the office of President free the potential of each Inuk as set out in the perambulatory statement of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*? Further, Ukatti, the founding provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* state this document, including the preamble and schedules and every amendment to this document, the preamble or a schedule is the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Therefore, Ukatti, if so desired, the provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* are subject to amendment as set out in Part I, Section 1.2.1 , 1.2.2. and 1.2.3. If elected officials seek to amend 3.3.7(c) of the *Constitution*, Ukatti, does that mean as elected officials we are not upholding the *Constitution* as per our sworn oaths of office to do so. I

believe not, Ukatti, as this is our right to do so as per the amending formula set out in the *Constitution*. Ukatti, because of time restriction for member statements, I will not have the opportunity to say that is all that is necessary to be said, but I implore Members of this house and the beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to review the founding provisions of the *Constitution* and ask ourselves the question, is our *Constitution* discriminatory against unilingual English speakers who, through no fault of our own, cannot fully speak and understand *Inuttitut*? Ukatti, as per the founding provisions of the *Constitution*, I believe every Labrador Inuk has the right to participate across all milieus, including political. These founding provisions state that the *Constitution* and the Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions are founded on the following principles: Labrador Inuit identity, protection and advancement of *Labrador Inuit Aboriginal and Treaty rights*, human dignity and the pursuit of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms of all Labrador Inuit. The belief that each Labrador Inuk enjoys his/her individual identity and individual rights as an Inuk, including the right to seek political office, the recognition with Labrador Inuit society that every Inuk is entitled to the same rights and freedoms that all Canadians have under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the guarantee that Labrador Inuit men and women are equal in rights, freedoms and dignity, the belief that every Labrador Inuk has a responsibility to be self-determining, self-sustaining, productive and a contributing member of Labrador Inuit society in accordance with his or

her abilities, the requirement that the structures and proceedings of the Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions be accessible and open to all Labrador Inuit, the need to structure Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions so that the executive authorities do not exercise disproportionate power, the belief that Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions promote participation, consider and provide for the aspirations of all Labrador Inuit and to advance and enhance the freedoms and aspirations of all Labrador Inuit, and that Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions develop policies and laws that embrace pluralism. Ukatti, I believe that this house and this government must engage in dialogue and decision making relative to possibly changing the criteria for one to seek election to the office of President of Nunatsiavut. I believe that our *Constitution* would be deemed discriminatory if ever challenged in the court of law because the rights of Labrador Inuit, as set out in the *Constitution's* perambulatory statements and for founding provisions, as well as 1.6.1 which states that *Inuttitut* and English are the official languages of Nunatsiavut Government and the Inuit communities are so vetoed by Section 3.3.7(c). Therefore, Ukatti, I am calling upon this house to put the question to the people vis-a-vis a referendum initiated either as a government or private member's resolution to let the people decide whether or not the criteria set out in Section 3.3.7(c) violates the rights of Labrador Inuit...

**MR. LYALL:**

Point of order.

**MR. POTTLE:** ...and that criteria be changed minimally...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Member...

**MR. POTTLE:** ...until at least every Labrador Inuk...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ordinary Member, please let me entertain...

**MR. POTTLE:** ...has equal opportunity.

**MR. SPEAKER:** ...this point of order.

**MR. POTTLE:** ...to learn and speak *Inuttitut*.

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Ukatti. My point of order is we had a sitting...

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please, Member, state your applicable Standing Order first, Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:** Point of order. We have a sitting Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly calling the *Constitution* discriminatory.

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please state the applicable Standing Order prior to putting any action forward.

**MR. POTTLE:** If you give me time to go through it, I will, but in a nutshell member statements are not debatable. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Standing Order 31. Members may make any statement on any matter. Again and be reminded of Standing Order 33, as well, regarding time limitations on member statements. So at this point the Ordinary Member's statement from the Canadian Constituency is as it stands. He can no longer speak to this matter at this point in time. Now is there any other Member who has yet to speak and has not gone beyond the five-minute time limit designated for two speaking periods who would like to address the Assembly? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would just like to say that I, too, would like to send my condolences to the communities of Nain and Hopedale, and just so that the communities know that any loss in our communities is felt by all communities, and I pass along my most sincere condolences. And I would like to congratulate Marjorie and welcome her to the Assembly. I look forward to working with you. So and there's just one other thing. I would like to say congratulations to Henry Jacque, the supervisor of works for the Makkovik Inuit Community Government on receiving the Silent Hero Award. This award is granted for outstanding services that operators provide to ensure we have safe drinking and clean receiving water. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Again I'll remind the Members of Standing Order 33(b) which states that you can have two minutes but, again, 33(a) states that the time allotted for those two statements shall not exceed five minutes. Are there any Members who would like to

make a member statement this morning? Ordinary Member, if it is another statement it will not be entertained, but...

**MR. POTTLE:**

I'd just like to have, Mr. Speaker, if I may, clarification on my point of order. I did not really understand what you said. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

My ruling at that particular point in time, Ordinary Member, stated, while I reiterate that Standing Order 31 states that Members are entitled to make a statement on any matter, you, of course, made a statement on any matter, and you were subject to, or allowed to do that. But, again, my ruling on as to whether or not you can speak again can be found under 33. As I said, the time allotted for a particular member statement cannot exceed five minutes. Before we proceed onto "Returns of Oral Questions," on item seven, I'd like to call a break. We will reconvene at 11:05.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Prior to recess we left off on item six on your *Orders of the Day*. We'll now start on item seven, "Returns to Oral Questions." At the November, 2015 sitting the Chair of NunaKâtiget Corporation directed a question to the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, requesting clarification on the number of moose licences in Upper Lake Melville and Northwest River. The return was received by the clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and distributed to the Assembly Members for the record. But I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak to read his return.



**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, here is the response to the question. Five licences are available in Upper Lake Melville; one for each Inuit Community Corporation and three for a beneficiary draw in Upper Lake Melville. The Upper Lake Melville beneficiary draws conducted out of the Hillcrest Office and the licences are also issued out of the Hillcrest Office. All beneficiary names in the Upper Lake Melville area go into the one monthly draw for the three licences available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I don't believe there are any further, "Returns to Oral Questions" today, and we'll move onto item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question this morning is for Minister Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak, are there any reports regarding the migratory spring bird harvest since our last sitting in November?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. In response I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to your Ordinary Member's question, where we are at and this hopefully falls in the timeframe what I told the Member before, early in the New Year we're trying to have a decision on where we are headed as a government with regards to

migratory bird hunt in 12(e). Right now the issue is before the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for decision and direction on how to proceed. Can't say much more until I get that direction, but that's where it's at, and by the end of this month, or by the middle of this month, we will have a decision and I'll be able to relay that decision onto the Member and to the members of this Assembly as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle. In my report earlier I mentioned about our budget being approved by NEC. However, I should just clarify that. It hasn't been approved by Nunatsiavut Government and this Assembly. When it's time for the budget to be debated next month for the Nunatsiavut Government budget, will we get a chance to debate our part of the budget that the Nunatsiavut Government contributes to the NunaKâtiget Corporation? Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Ukatti, and thank you, Chair of NunaKâtiget, for your question. If I may just briefly explain the budgetary process before I get

to your question. As per the *Constitution*, both NunaKâtiget and Sivunivut preliminary budget is required to be vetted through the Executive Council for approval. That approval process simply gives the okay for your budget with some changes made by the Executive Council to become a part of the overall Budget Bill, and the same could be said for the Inuit Community Governments. We work with the Community Governments to help them prep their budget, that sort of thing, to take their community councils for approval. The same can be said for the Member Services Committee. The Member Services Committee works hard in consultation with the Office of the Speaker and Clerk to make a determination of what the overall operating budget for the Assembly should be, including such things as operation and maintenance costs, constituency allowances, etcetera. Those details are then integrated and become a part of the overall Budget Bill whereby each and every member has the right to debate that Budget Bill when it goes into first and second reading. If you believe, Chair of NunaKâtiget, that your ask should have been considered further, then I would recommend that you make some amendments during the debate. Put it to the floor so that the Assembly can debate that and see if your wishes then or your ask will be amended and you get the amount of money that you asked for. So that's simply the process and yes, you have a right to ask that during the debate on the Budget Bill. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Chairperson for a supplementary question.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My supplementary question is if we're asked to do an amendment, does that mean we have to submit something before the bill is debated, Budget Bill is debated? Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson. I again recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. Not to me, no, or my department. I would recommend that you have that discussion with the Speaker and the Clerk's Office with respect to the process for putting forward amendments and having those amendments debated during the first and second reading of the Budget Bill so you're ask don't come back to me again. You should propose those ask in the form of an amendment when we debate the Budget Bill. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. For the final supplementary question I again recognize the Chairperson NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My second question is if we've got to present or send in something to the speaker regarding an amendment, why couldn't our initial budget that we sent in be used because the amendment would just be requesting that increase that we submitted to the NEC. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson. I again recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle to respond.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. And thank you, again, for your second supplementary question, Chair of NunaKâtiget. I'm not proposing that

you send something to the Speaker and the Clerk's Office. I'm proposing that you have a detailed discussion with the Office of the Clerk and the Speaker so that you understand the amending process when we're debating the Budget Bill on first and second reading. I would recommend that you do your homework and that you be prepared to propose those amendments. You certainly don't need, and I stand to be corrected here, and that's not my responsibility, I guess, to answer that question fully, but from my understanding of the process you should consult with the Office of the Clerk and Speaker so that you understand fully the amending process, and that you come prepared with your amendments so that you can engage in debate and dialogue with the entire Assembly. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Chairperson for Sivunivut, Ms. Trudy Mesher-Barkman.

**MS MESCHER-BARKMAN:**

I'd like to address my question to the acting Minister of Health and Social Development, our President. Madam President, I would like to address the concern of our elderly population regarding shingles, and it's on the rise, and it can be very painful and it's sometimes a very long-lasting disease. There is a vaccination available for this illness, and my question is why is it not covered by NIHC? It costs \$212, it's good for four years, and it's also proven to boost the immune system which is a good thing in our elders, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson. To respond, I recognize the Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, and thank you, Chairperson. The drugs that are covered or the prescriptions, I guess, is a better way to put it that are covered by NIHB, are outlined from Health Canada. They tell us what we can and cannot cover. That being said, I'm not familiar. I know what the shingles vaccination is. I'm not familiar where it falls into those guidelines, but I will certainly follow up with our staff, and maybe it's something we can look into. I'm not sure. If it's not covered by NIHB maybe there's some other program that we may be able to look into it, but I will get back to you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Sarah Leo. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development, Patricia Kemuksigak, regarding the update on the underground mining construction of Voisey's Bay. In the meetings that you had with the officials there, I thank you for your update, but I'd like to get more detail from you, ma'am, on exactly if you could tell us when we should expect the training dollars to start flowing so that we can get the training started for our beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. In response, I recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for the question. From our discussions with the senior officials with both Indigenous Affairs and ESDC, they think the call for proposals will go out the end of February and approval should be in place by September the 1st. There's going to be a call across all the country and there's \$50 million. We're not quite sure if ours will get approved, but it looked very promising and very hopeful, and also the way the funding will be split it's \$40 million over five years, and half of it will hopefully come from the federal government; some from the Province and some in kind from the three Aboriginal groups, and the portion of funding that we have proposed for LATP this time around will be 40 percent Inuit, 40 percent Innu, 10 percent Metis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With that being said and hopefully that the dollars will come through on a timely manner. When our beneficiaries are being trained, or after the training has been completed, we have an IBA agreement that states that beneficiaries closest to the source, which being Voisey's Bay, so Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Rigolet, Makkovik, those communities within LISA will be assessed first to see if they have the qualifications and hopefully the training will do that. My question is how will your department regulate that the IBA's been following and who will be monitoring that so that, you know, it is being followed so that the

steps that are within the IBA are, I guess, followed to the letter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I again recognize the Honourable Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development for a response.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question kind of goes into my department and also Lands and Natural Resources, so I'll answer, and if there's anything to add, I'll ask Minister Shiwak to elaborate. The way this around for training is people will go through an assessment process and they will be hired while they're taking the training, and we have had a lot of discussions with Vale about following the IBA and the adjacency principle. So we're very hopeful and positive that people adjacent to Voisey's Bay will have the jobs first. So it's a bit of a different process than it was the last time there was Voisey's Bay training and also LAMP. Vale will hire them while they're in the training, and some of them will be involved in the underground development of the mine, like the digging of the mines. So they'll be involved right from the beginning, involved in the training and become employees of Vale and, I think in regard to following of the IBA I'll pass that question onto Darryl.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Go ahead.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Okay, I can answer. Okay. We have an IBA co-ordinator and also we work really closely with her from our department to ensure that IBA is followed, and we have several meetings and follow-up meetings, and



Vale is, from our meetings, are very committed to following the IBA.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Doe the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary? I recognize AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Minister, for your answer. I guess one more follow-up question regarding the IBA itself. It was mentioned by report through the Honourable Minister for Lands and Resources that the database for people who are interested should be submitted to the IBA co-ordinator. How soon can this information go out to our beneficiaries so that our beneficiaries will be passing in their resumes? And how soon will the actual jobs that are going to be available for underground so that they are, you know, get prepared for the right type of available employment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. And, in response, I once more recognize the Honourable Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

If the funding comes through, they're hoping to begin underground construction and set up in the summer of 2016. And they will, from all assurances, they will be hiring following the IBA, and in regard to the database, I will let Minister Shiwak answer that question. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

And to further add to that question, I will recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister Kemuksigak is right. The IBA co-ordinator takes care of the database and ensures that the IBA is followed with regards to Vale and Voisey's Bay. With regards to the database and getting that information out to the beneficiaries and especially those beneficiaries that were adjacent, I will have to check to see when that information is coming out and see if there is a plan in place to get that out and ensure that it's getting out in the very near future, especially given the timelines by the Minister, and I'll get that information back to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of Honourable Minister Greg Flowers for Health and Social Development, I guess, I forward my question to Acting Minister for Health and Social Development, President Leo. As mentioned in my statement earlier this morning, I spoke of the need for extra mental health services for our community. Our mental health team, as I said this morning, is exhausted, is stretched thin dealing with crisis after crisis and is unable to perform their regular duties. The mental health team will continue to do follow-ups where needed with families and our clients. However, the mental health needs of the community exceeds the services of the mental health team while the Department of Health and Social Development look at enhancing the

mental health programs in providing extra professional help in aftercare services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister for Nain. In response, I recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo, the Acting Minister of Health and Social Development.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you. And, thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. The department has actually been looking at this for a couple of weeks. We are well aware that extra mental health services are needed in Nain. Right now the director of mental health is in Nain and will be staying there for an extended period of time to access the mental health services in Nain. As well, extra resources had been brought in and, like the Ordinary Member said, they are taxed. Our whole mental health team in Nain has been very, very busy, and that's understood and it is being worked on. As for long-term care we know there's a bigger picture than that, and it's something that we have to start looking at, and we've begun by having the director of mental health services in Nain to start assessing what's happening there.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Sarah Leo. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. Last week the NG sent a large delegation to the Northern Lights conference in

Ottawa, the delegation consisting of Executive Council staff and Inuit businesses, a great opportunity for stakeholders, interested groups and other Inuit groups to talk about areas of mutual interest. Can you tell me what the benefits are for our beneficiaries of sending such a large delegation to Ottawa to attend this conference? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Postville. In response, I recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, for the question, AngajukKâk Gear. I know it was quite costly to send out a large delegation from our department, however, Economic Development and Education is really what we do, and it really fitted well with our department. So we had staff there trying to get partnerships with businesses to hire our employees once they're trained or to enter apprenticeship programs. We had one of our staff man the booth, and she was there the whole time at the booth giving out information on Inuit businesses and programs and services, and our Economic Development officers which we have two in our new-to-be director was there to form partnerships to learn to network and for the Inuit businesses to network and get other contacts and possibly maybe other contracts in the future that could help their business grow and also create more employment in our region. We also had many meetings with various groups, not just LAMP one, but I met with Judy Foot, along with the other executive members and Premier Ball, Yvonne Jones. We also had meetings with various companies, and

we had meetings with Pauktuutit on how to work together on economic development for women because they have projects funded by Status of Women Canada and we also have one. So we need to figure out how to work together, so we had meetings in that regard. So it was like a constant early morning to late night meetings, meetings, networking. So I believe it may have been expensive, but I think there's a lot of benefits to our beneficiaries and also to our economic development and education staff and, also, as I mentioned, there was three different sessions on Inuit labour force development which our Inuit Pathways staff spent a lot of time planning and implementing the workshops and they were very well received, and a lot of really good information and data was gathered. So I believe it was a worthwhile event to attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and AngajukKâk.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do you have any idea how much this might have cost the NG? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Postville. To respond to that I will recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Could I ask for clarification, Mr. Speaker? Was that for overall Nunatsiavut Government or for the Department of Education and Economic Development?

**MR. SPEAKER:** To establish more clarification on that question, I'll recognize the AngajukKâk.

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The overall.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't know the overall cost for all of Nunatsiavut Government. But I could get the overall costs from our department and the Inuit businesses. I don't have it at the moment, but I could get it in a Return to Oral Question or this hand-out. And also some of the people who went out weren't covered by Nunatsiavut. They were covered by another from the Chamber of Commerce, like the artists and the crafts people. Also, we do have funding from the Federal Government for Nunatsiavut business to attend events such as these. So but I will get it to the Assembly. Nakummek. And we'll also going to be doing a report from the findings of Northern Lights. And one of the things which I forgot to mention, but one of the things booth attendees felt they needed was to have like a pamphlet that would have highlight all the Inuit businesses that would have been, and we're going to work on that developing like a magazine that highlights all our Inuit businesses and all the programs and services they offer. And I'd like to defer the overall question to the President of Nunatsiavut, Madam President Sarah Leo. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. To speak to that supplementary question to add to further, I will recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think whenever a large conference like this comes up and NG attends there's always a lot of questions. There's a lot of comments about us being out there and just shopping and partying. And I think that's kind of where this question is going. And I want to stand up here right now and say this is far from that. The amount of meetings that were attended, the amount of networking that was done and the amount of businesses that were connected is phenomenal, and I would recommend maybe to the community governments that they consider, if they want economic development in their communities, that's a great place to start. It's a great place for the communities to get connected with businesses. There was a lot of businesses that stopped by the Nunatsiavut booth and said, hey, look at this region. We could actually expand in there. This is the service we provide. What do you have in your region that we could bring in there, and I think it's a great venue. As for the total cost of it, as Minister Kemuksigak alluded to, not everybody there was covered by NG. Mine was not covered. I was a speaker. I was always attending ITK. There were several other people there that weren't covered by NG, were covered by the Chamber of Commerce because they were speaking. So it, you know, when you look at it, it's not just a big party that NG is funding.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Madam President. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary question? I again recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think I was implying that you were out there partying and all that because my understanding is when we're on NG business we cannot drink anyways. It's just this question was coming from beneficiaries saying, okay, like, how come they go out there and spend all this money? How is it going to benefit us? I'm sorry if I come across that way, but that was not my intention.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Member...

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** ...please just state the supplementary question. It seems that there's no additional supplementary question and, with that, I'll recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question's going to be directed to the Acting Minister of Health, the Honourable Sarah Leo. Just a concern of my community regarding eye specialist. We haven't seen an eye specialist in our community for a couple years and at times there's individuals that attended to Goose Bay for that appointment. We were wondering if something could be done to bring one in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek AngajukKâk for Makkovik. To respond I recognize the Acting Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Sarah Leo.



**PRESIDENT LEO:** I haven't been to any of the communities lately, but I will certainly see. I know there's always been an issue with people who are going to see the eye doctor in Goose Bay often get bumped for whatever reason, and that's always an issue as well and people have to realize that your eye health is as important as the rest of your health, but I will certainly have a chat and see what's going on with that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Sarah Leo. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Is there any member who has yet to ask a question who would like to? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I'd like to dedicate this point to the First Minister. As I heard you alluded to this morning, and I think a lot of people were quite surprised to hear that Air Labrador had lost a contract with Grenfell Health for skedivacs and medivac. When was your office or Nunatsiavut aware of this, it sort of came as a surprise here in second hand. We have Innu Mikun now all of a sudden flying the skedivacs and medivacs.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please state your Standing Order, your point of order.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think that question can be answered by anyone around this table because that's a contract between LGH and Provincial Government and the airline.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I assume you'd be speaking to Standing Order 32.2 referring to a matter which would be currently within the knowledge. Point taken. And with

that particular question, would be out of order. Again, is there any other member who has yet to speak in the first round of questioning who would like to address the floor? I recognize Ms. Marjorie Flowers, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MS FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Kate, First Minister. We at Hopedale Inuit Community Government, you know, is really struggling with our land issue, particularly since next month or this month Torngat is allotting homes, and we still don't have our land straightened out. We are waiting on the report from Stantec, the geotech report, to see what sort of buildings are good for the land that we have. And my question is when can we expect this report? I understand that it's an NG report and we've been asked to have it released to Hopedale Inuit Community Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. In response, I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers for your question. That is something that I'll have to get a confirmed date on and find out when that report will be available. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Again, is there any member who is yet to speak in this round of questioning that would like to raise a question? If not, I'll recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. And my question's directed to Minister Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak, are there any updates concerning the George River Caribou population? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would strongly urge the Member to ask the Provincial department environment conservation for that question directly, but to shed some light on the issue, we have unconfirmed reports. We have not got confirmation, but we have unconfirmed reports that the population may be below that 10,000 caribou. We're still waiting to confirm that. We've encouraged the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Minister, to instruct his department to come into Labrador, go into Nunatsiavut communities, go into Upper Lake Melville and explain to the beneficiaries where they're at with their review, with their latest census data and where they're going with the TH. But we haven't confirmed the number. We've just heard unconfirmed reports that it's below 10,000. We haven't got confirmation of any of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary? Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. As you know, back in

2015 the government brought down a ruling that if unless you had a seal training course you couldn't get a commercial seal licence, and looking around the table you've got some manufactured nice seal skin projects, and that seems to be the upcoming thing. So people are getting onto, wanting to hold onto or renew their commercial licence, but they had to have the humane harvesting course and quality control. There are no more courses planned for Labrador, to my knowledge, and Upper Lake Melville anyway. But I understand that the Nunatsiavut Government was training their conservation officers to do these courses, and I wonder what the status is of getting this training done because spring is coming on and some people are already asking questions about getting their commercial sealing licence, and they'd like to get it done so they can get in on the seal hunt this spring. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson. In response, I recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Chairperson Mitchell is absolutely correct. Back in last fall, 2015, we had asked the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to train our conservation officers in this commercial seal training for our beneficiaries. As for when we're going to get the training done, that's something I do not know today, but I will get that answer for you, and if there's a schedule, if there's a what communities and where we're going, I will absolutely get that information back to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. You have a supplementary, Chairperson? Thank you, Chairperson. Are there any other — I recognize the AngajukKâk, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, in the absence of the Minister of Health I ask to, Madam President, at our last sitting the Minister for Health was asked a question about looking at the increase of meals and that for people who travel to their hospital appointments. It's quite concerning out there now that lots of people cannot find a place to stay because people don't want to take them because they can't afford to feed them. The Friendship Centre is always phoning Happy Valley Goose Bay. And Minister Flowers had indicated that he would look into it and give us an update at this sitting. I was wondering, Mr. Speaker, or Madam President, if you have any information to that effect. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response I recognize Acting Minister of the Department of Health, the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, and thank you, AngajukKâk. I mean, it was kind of a two-part question there. I'm not really going to talk about the change in the meal allowance because I'm not sure where he is with that, or even if he's going anywhere with that because I haven't seen anything on that. I will talk about the accommodations because that was the other part of your question. Actually, we are, in the department, as recently as — actually, while we were at Northern Lights we had a discussion with Adam Brown of NGC with regards to them finding a building, and the building they're looking at would have approximately 20 rooms. Part of the discussion is

having 5 of those rooms leased by NG or DHSD permanently so that there were 5 rooms always available providing nobody was staying with them. Part of that project, it's still in the very early preliminary stages, but a part of it is also having some sort of kitchen available there so that people then can have something to eat while they're there as well, but there is something in the works with regards. We understand that there is a need for accommodation when people go out on medical travel. It's always a big issue. We have an issue with it as well as our neighbours, the Innu. They have an issue with it as well so we're trying to get something started so that we're all benefitting and having something available.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Sarah Leo. Does AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Madam President, for that answer. At our next sitting could you inform Mr. Flowers that this question was brought up and see if he's gotten the report to the Assembly for the next sitting? Thank you. It's regarding the allowances.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I'll recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo in response.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

I will have a discussion with DHSD if they've been given any direction on checking into the meal allowance. I don't know if it would be up to the staff. Obviously, those funds come from NIHB, and it's not something we may be able to change, but I will certainly check into it.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Sarah Leo. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions, then we will break for lunch and reconvene as the Assembly at one o'clock.

Nakummek.

(Recess)

**02:27:57**

**Track 0001 ends.**

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**Track 0002 starts.**

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Prior to lunch we left off on item eight, "Oral Questions." We will resume this afternoon on item nine on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions this afternoon? If there are no written questions, we'll go onto item 10, "Returns to Written Questions," however, there are no returns to written questions today. Item 11, "Petitions." There are no petitions today. Item 12, "Responses to Petitions," there are no responses today. Item 13, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," are there any reports today? We'll move onto item 14 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. I'd like to table document 2015 Heritage Forum Report. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Minister Lyall. The document will be tabled as tabled document number 1-3(9). Thank you. Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Are there any further documents to be tabled today?

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Ukatti, and just to elaborate, that heritage forum is available in your binders. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to also table the "10th Anniversary Them Days Special Nunatsiavut Edition" and in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to table the "Inuit Art Quarterly Special Nunatsiavut Edition". Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Further, those documents will be tabled as tabled document 2-3(9) and 3-3(9), respectively. Are there any further documents to be tabled today? There are no further documents to be tabled. We'll move onto item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 [sic] that I will move, seconded by Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville area, Mr. Roy Blake, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole to consider the resumes of individuals nominated by the Speaker in order for the Assembly to appoint an *Inuttitut* moderator for the upcoming Presidential debate. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 17, "Motions."



**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I'd, again, like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016, [sic] that I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, that an individual be appointed as moderator for the *Inuttitut* Presidential debate. And, Mr. Speaker, that I'll be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 17, "Motions." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Are there any further notices of motion today? I will recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. I don't have a notice of motion. I just wanted to know, or can you give me a clarification? I believe the Ordinary Member for Nain said January 20th, 2016. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I believe there was just an issue with the dates. Member, if you'd like to clarify it, please.

**MR. PAMAK:** Yes, sorry, just reading from the various procedures here. It should read give notice that on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, for the clarification. Are there any further notices of motion today? If there are no further notices of motion, we'll move onto item 16

on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. We'll move onto item 17, "Motions." And I'd recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today as that we break into Committee of the Whole to consider the resumes of individuals nominated by the Speaker in order for the Assembly to appoint an *Inuttitut* moderator for the upcoming Presidential debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? If there are none, the Member, would you please proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake, the following motion. Be it resolved that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole to consider the resumes of the individuals nominated by the Speaker in order for the Assembly to appoint an *Inuttitut* moderator for the upcoming Presidential debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Any nays? The motion is passed. We are now in the Committee of the Whole and I again recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Pamak, to begin the conversations in the Committee of the Whole.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Member Service Committee and staff of the Speaker's Office made extensive efforts to interest *Inuttitut*-speaking individuals to apply for the moderator position with limited success. The expression of interest for this position was widely distributed and posted twice. Numerous individuals inquiring following the expression of interest, however, actually recruiting the candidates and ensuring that resumes were submitted for final consideration was a difficult task. Between expressing interest and final recruitment, some of the barriers that we met by individuals were work conflicts, time constraints, and some cited that the lack of pay for submitting their name for final consideration. As the Members are aware, the per diem for the NEO was determined at \$200 a day by the Assembly, and because of the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* states that the Clerk while this applied upon payment to the moderator. It was determined by the Speaker's Office to keep parity with the NEO salary. These salaries, however, will be examined by the Member Services Committee in the immediate future and changes will be made, if necessary. Members, with that being said, the applicants who we will consider today for this position are Katie Winters and Sarah Townley. You will find each candidate's resume in your briefing books. As to each candidate's fluency in *Inuttitut* a confirmation was made with the Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism, by the Speaker of the Assembly as required under the *Elections Act*. I would also like to remind the Assembly that whoever is appointed to this position will benefit from the assistance of the Clerk of this

Assembly who was mandated by the *Elections Act* to provide all reasonable assistance to the moderator in the performance of her functions as moderator. While we are in the Committee of the Whole, I ask you to now turn to these individuals' resumes for your consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Members, have you all located the resumes for Ms. Townley and Ms. Winters? While you are reviewing the resumes, I will also begin the process of distributing the materials for the secret ballot. After the votes are tallied, the majority vote will be brought to a resolution to be appointed as the moderator. At this point I believe that the Clerk of the Assembly is working on getting copies of the *Elections Act* related to the moderator section and will have those distributed to the Members in a few moments. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not sure if you outlined the process. Are we going directly to a vote on this, a secret vote? And who made the determination that it was going to be a secret ballot? I mean, I think we should have an opportunity to ask some questions of the selection committee and whoever made the recommendations back to the Speaker's Office on these two names. I certainly have some questions and some concerns on the two names put forward. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I should have clarified that a bit more. This is opportunity, as well, to ask questions related to the recruitment process or the individuals themselves while we are preparing the

materials. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Do you want me to stand or can we sit in this? Yeah, okay. Well, my question was right now, are we doing this right now? But I do have a question for Minister Lyall. In your determination for these candidates, was it your only duty to determine if they can speak and understand *Inuttitut*? Was that it for these candidates? Can I ask that of the Minister, or should it be this committee?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The questions are quite normally directed to the mover of the motion.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Oh, that's fine.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess if you look into the *Elections Act*, one of the requirements for the two names to be submitted to the Assembly, they must have to be forwarded to the Minister of Culture, Recreation, and I understand that he conversed and consulted with Members of his staff and they informed Mr. Lyall that the two candidates that have submitted their names for moderator do meet the criteria as outlined in the *Elections Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Are there any further comments or questions? Well, is there any Member yet who has yet to seek who would like to address the Assembly? I again recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I understand right, this is going to be secret ballot. I just wanted to know who made that determination. Was that you or was that put to the Assembly? Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** It is a determination that would be made by the Speaker, however, I'm open to asking the Assembly whether they prefer show of hands or a secret ballot in this voting process. My initial preference would have been the secret ballot, but I will ask the committee right now if they'd prefer one voting method over the other. Those that prefer voting through a show of hands, please show your hands now. And those that prefer voting through secret ballot, please show your hands. We'll be voting today through a secret ballot for the appointment of moderator. Any further questions or comments? I again recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:** I don't mean to be a stickler here, but I want to make sure that our process is being followed. I should have asked, as well, who made the determination and when your response was you made the determination. Can you tell me where you get that authority from? I don't have the *Assembly Act* in front of me. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The determination with respect to the voting process? I'm unsure as to which particular aspect of the *Assembly Act* at this moment, but, you know, if I did portray any particular aspect of the *Assembly Act* with that thinking, it wasn't certainly not my intention, and I believe at this particular moment we have asked the Assembly, you know, their voting preference after your diligent point, Member, and I assume that the

Assembly's okay with proceeding with this particular style of voting. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the question is to the committee when selecting these two candidates, and I know that you've got the clarification from the Department of Culture that they can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Now when you identify these two candidates, was there any debate or any discussion around the role that they have to play with regards to the debate and if these candidates fit into that role? Was there any discussion? If you can clarify that for me.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Rigolet. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain in response.

**MR. LYALL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there was some, you know, general discussions between Members of the Member Services Committee and the Clerk's Office around the debate but, certainly, if a potential candidate had any questions, as Members of the Services Committee, we directed all her questions to be forwarded to the Clerk for clarification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to this matter currently? I recognize Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you. I guess I'm just sort of wondering when we talked about the qualification of *Inuttitut*, that's an easy one. And, you know, we know it's going to be a debate run by a moderator. And I think I would feel better if I understood how that process was going to be, how it was going to

run. Like, who is going to make up the questions? Or is it going to be a question format? Or is the moderator just going to be there to hear the candidate speak? Or what's the format of it because that may have a bearing on who to choose for the moderator.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms. Leo. To respond to that, I recognize the Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you. If the Assembly permits, I could perhaps speak to that. Now the actual structuring of the *Inuttitut* debate itself will be through a series of five different questions asked to the Presidential candidates. Now in terms of getting those questions together, it will be a combination of efforts through the moderator themselves as well as through the Speaker's Office or the Clerk. In the *Elections Act*, particularly, 116(a), Part 8(8), "The Assembly will note that the Clerk of the Assembly shall provide the moderator with all reasonable assistance in the performance of his or her functions as a moderator." And for that purpose it continues on with subsection (a) and (b) highlighting the ways in which the Clerk can assist the moderator. But in terms of structuring the questions in the debate, that will be a combination effort between the moderator themselves and the Clerk.

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a few comments on process. I have to state, as a Member of this Assembly, I'm very uncomfortable with that. I just want to make a



statement going back to when this process unfolded. This was a long, drawn out debate that happened after the NEO produced a report on the last Presidential election. The Assembly struck a special committee to review the report in its entirety after that was asked for by a Member of the Assembly for that to happen. There was just some cherry picking, and there was only going to be a couple of sections of the NEO's report on that. There was a lot of debate on that whole issue. The legal counsel was tasked with defining what it meant to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. This whole process unfolded very quickly and, in hindsight, I think there should have been some more time to further outline or define a process. Your response to Sarah Leo's question on who was going to develop and formulate that question causes me some concern. I was under the impression that this was supposed to be an independent process. Then you come back and you respond that it's going to be a joint effort and collaboration between the moderator and the Clerk of the Assembly. I mean, I would hope that any questions that's developed would be relative to issues specific to what's happening within Nunatsiavut and what the Presidential candidates' vision was for Nunatsiavut, how they plan to get there, that sort of thing. So I'm still not very comfortable on that process outlined in that. And I guess you'll stop me if I'm making too many statements, but relative to — I'll let you answer that first and give somebody else a chance because I need to gather my thoughts with respect to the couple of other questions that I had before this goes to a vote. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

With respect to the process that we follow, that is outlined in the *Elections Act*, we went by, you know, what is written in there. We went by every Section of 116. So we followed the legislation, and simply speaking in terms of the logistics of once the moderator's actually in office, you know, it doesn't necessarily mean that the Clerk will be structuring all the questions. It's just that if the moderator, for whatever reason, needs help in that process, the assistance is there. Any further questions or commentary? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding of the moderator position is that in the debate for the Presidential candidates, it's going to be totally in *Inuttitut*. With that, I assume that all questions will be in *Inuttitut*. The answers will be in *Inuttitut*. There will be no translation in English. For those people who understand *Inuttitut*, will be able to hear their language being spoken freely. Now the concern that I have with regards to the moderator, and I'm just looking on the other side of that page there that was handed out, under 116(b), Section 3, "The moderator must disqualify a candidate who fails or refuses to participate in the debate or to respond to a question." I would like to know, in your deliberation, Members of the Service Committee, does that give the moderator the power to say in the middle of a debate because they could not respond to a question, you're no longer part of that debate? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Yes, that, perhaps, as best addressed down in Subsection 5 of 116(b) which states that, "Where the moderator disqualifies a candidate under Subsection 3, the moderator shall forthwith inform the NEO in writing and provide a copy to the candidate." I recognize Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think there needs to be some qualification, and maybe it's the wording here, but I thought the moderator couldn't disqualify a candidate. It's only the NEO that can disqualify a candidate.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I believe the way the legislation is written is the final removal of the name from the ballot, you know, is done through the NEO but, obviously, the moderator has the potential to disqualify an individual from the debate. That name is then forwarded onto the NEO, from my understanding.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So then can the moderator disqualify a candidate because it says right here in the *Act*, "The moderator can disqualify a candidate." So are we giving the moderator that authority? I know we've already approved this legislation, but now that I'm reading it, I was under the impression that the moderator pass the name onto the NEO that the person didn't participate in the debate and must be disqualified.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That would be the correct interpretation, yes. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:** Yes, I do believe the previous question is answered in Section 6. "When the NEO receives written notice of disqualification of a candidate from the moderator under Subsection 5, the NEO shall forthwith proceed in

accordance with Section 36 to ensure the disqualified candidate is not included on the ballot or, if included, that the voters are informed of the disqualification."

**MR. SPEAKER:** I recognize Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So, basically, that's saying the moderator, not the NEO, can disqualify a candidate.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Yes, the NEO, I suppose, has the responsibility to uphold the decision that is made by the moderator. So I'm not, you know, this discussion at this point is particularly...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Unfortunately, I understand we've already passed, like I said, we've passed the *Elections Act* with this wording in there, and I don't know about anybody else, but I was under the impression the moderator could not disqualify and it was up to the NEO, and the moderator just told the NEO that that person didn't partake in the thing. I'm just a little — obviously, this is going to be important legislation. Is it going to be the moderator that disqualifies a candidate, or is it the NEO? Our *Act* says the moderator can, but I was under the impression the NEO is the only person that can say somebody is qualified or disqualified as a candidate.

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

**MR. LYALL:** Just for clarification, this is not going to be legislation. This is legislation.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The reason that we are here today and in the Committee of the Whole is to discuss the potentials for the moderator position and not the process of the legislation itself or the merits of the legislation, but merely

ensuring that we have a moderator in place. So, you know, I would like for the discussion to be kept to that as much as possible, again, whether or not it's to the qualifications of the candidate or the recruitment process that was followed by the Speaker's Office. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Mr. Chair, I understand the purpose of what we're supposed to do to select the moderator, but if we have conflicting portions of our legislation, then that will cause confusion for the person that's selected for moderator and their roles won't be clear. So I think we really need to have that portion clarified before we proceed.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Perhaps just add another avenue of conversation to just quell any, perhaps, additional anxieties with this I'd like to seek the consent of the Assembly to welcome Mr. Mark Gillette to the table as a witness to perhaps speak a little bit to the legalities of the legislation itself. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:**

Aye.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Gillette, you are welcome to the table as a witness. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Looking at this I understand totally what the moderator's functions are. The moderator is going to be nominated and we are going to vote on that moderator. I've got no problems with that. They're already qualified to be able to speak and understand *Inuttitut* and such is that. But what I'm reading here, and I guess the question that I had, I won't get back to that

and other ones. I understand that the moderator is going to be hosting the debate, and that the moderator has the power to disqualify the candidate if they fail to respond or participate or refuses to participate or fails to participate. Then the moderator, if that happens, brings forth a recommendation to the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer who, in turn, informs the public or by letter from the moderator to disqualify that candidate. Then it's the NEO's job to remove that candidate from the ballot before the election takes place. Simple as that, and that's what I understand. The only thing that I'm concerned about, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that before we get to disqualification, why there was no screening process of the candidate before they get to that point where they could not respond to a questioning and save that candidate the embarrassment? Other than that, I'm fine with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as an Assembly Member.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Before we perhaps entertain any more questions, I'm not sure if Mr. Gillette would like to have something to add to the conversation at this particular point, from what you've heard.

**MR. GILLETTE:**

Good afternoon. No, I think Mr. Dicker's interpretation is correct as to how the process is supposed to work.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just have a question for Mr. Gillette. In your legal opinion, does this process with respect to the moderator's functions and

powers conflict with the overall *Elections Act* whereby we believe that the NEO is the only person who has the authority to disqualify a candidate? I think this needs to be clarified before we move on any further. If there's conflicting legislation then that needs to be dealt with, and I'm not comfortable making a decision on who the moderator is going to be until that's fully fleshed out. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize Mr. Gillette.

**MR. GILLETTE:** With leave of the Speaker, I think it's going to be very beneficial to me if I could perhaps take a moment to review the specific provisions that you're speaking about and we could move forward from there.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That's reasonable. We'll go through this round of question. Perhaps call for a very brief recess, and then we'll reconvene after Gillette has had his consultation. So I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me. I think on the title it says appointment of moderator for *Inuttitut* debate. For *Inuttitut* debate, you've got the moderator. For the Presidential election, you have Nunatsiavut Elections Officer. So I think people are misunderstanding the difference between the *Inuttitut* debate and the moderator's role and the NEO's role in the Presidential Election. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the problems I have with looking at all this is once a candidate files a nomination paper with the NEO, the NEO accepts it if, you know, they meet all the qualifications. And I'm kind of

thinking along the lines that if the NEO accepts the application as is seven days before the moderator does his part, there seems to be something wrong that the NEO can accept the candidate and the moderator can get rid of them, you know, after the fact. Because once that candidate files his nomination, he pays a \$200 fee or she pays a \$200 fee. Once they pay that \$200 fee, the NEO accepts it, the nomination paper. That \$200 is non-refundable. So, you know, if it changes, there had to be a change there. But, you know, I sort of don't get the part where the NEO accepts it and somebody else can disqualify it. Thank you.

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

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek. In Section 4 I don't know if it's mentioned already, but it reads that the moderator has the power and authority to. I don't see where the moderator has the power and authority to act on his own to disqualify the candidate.

**MR. POTTLE:** Can I ask a question?

**MR. SPEAKER:** We'll go onto the next individual, and then perhaps once we reconvene after a short break we'll do another round of questioning then. I recognize Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** It was in response to Mr. Lyall's comment about this is only talking about the moderator, the appointment of the moderator for the debate. It may. And it may be it's understood, but the fact of the matter is Section 116(b)(3) states specifically the moderator must disqualify a candidate



who fails or refuses to participate in the debate or respond to a question. It doesn't say the moderator must disqualify the candidate from the debate. It just says it must disqualify a candidate. That's it. That's my concern. That's the only concern I have because we understand what the intent of this was. We understood it was the moderator would go to the NEO and say this person did not participate in the debate, and it would be up — I'm sorry, I keep referring to you. I just look at you as the NEO, I'm sorry. But it's the NEO has the authority to disqualify a candidate.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I'll acknowledge Sean Lyall for a quick response and then we'll move onto Patricia, and then we will have a quick recess. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Chair. As everyone can very clearly see, appointment of moderator for *Inuttitut* debate, not election, title, very clearly. So all this listed in here pertains to debate, not election, not anything else.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. I recognize Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** I think I understand a little bit clearly the moderator can disqualify someone who doesn't take part in debate. But if all of them took part in the debate and one wasn't quite as good as the others, I mean, it really would be the NEO who would disqualify them, or would everyone not be disqualified because they took part in the debate? It's a little bit grey. A little bit not clear to me.

**MR. SPEAKER:** What we'll do at this point in time is have a very quick recess, 10, 15 minutes, and we will reconvene after that in Committee of the Whole to

discuss the appointment of moderator for the *Inuttitut* debate.

Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Welcome back to the Committee of the Whole and the Assembly. Have all Members at this point had the opportunity to review the resumes of the candidates under consideration? At this point I will be closing discussion related to the *Elections Act* and the moderator process itself. As I've mentioned earlier, the purpose of the Committee of the Whole was here for one single reason and that was to examine the qualifications of the candidates put forward and to ensure that we have a name ready for the moderator and the *Inuttitut* debate. So at this point we'll begin the voting process for secret ballot. Members, the letter that you've just received has been directed to the Minister of Human Resources and, of course, the Minister will respond at the appropriate time. However, you have this letter for your records. This is on a separate matter. That was just for information purposes. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

I'm confused where we are in the process. Are we still in the Committee of the Whole, or are we gone back in the Assembly?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We're still in the Committee of the Whole, Member.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Okay. And there's no further opportunity, Mr. Chair, to ask further questions on the nomination process itself before we go to a vote?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

At this point the discussion is closed and we are in the voting process.

**MR. POTTLE:**

We never and, again, excuse me, and I may be out of order here, but we asked Mr. Gillette a very specific question and there was a break in the proceedings for Mr. Gillette to ponder in consultation with yourself and the Clerk of the Assembly on the question, and we never even got a response on what that was other than your stopping the debate and going on. I'd like to know why the debate was stopped because there was some very specific questions relative to whether or not the legislation or the parts of the legislation in the whole *Inuttitut* debate relative to the moderator was conflicting with other provisions of the *Elections Act*. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Thank you. Yes, there was consultation to determine whether or not there was a contravention between the duties of the moderator and the NEO, but it was determined that there was none, and that was the decision that was made at that time. And, as I said, the decision to cease discussion was made because I've iterated again. I mentioned earlier that the discussions were related only to the appointment of the moderator and the qualifications of the candidates. Any discussion beyond that was not the purpose why we entered into the Committee of the Whole today as per the resolution that was presented to the Assembly earlier in the day. I'll recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Chair. Under the Standing Orders, Order decorum obligation of Members, Section 11(2). "In deciding points of privilege, order or practice, the Speaker shall state the applicable Standing Order or other

authority. The Speaker's decision shall not be subject to debate or appeal."

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Finally, perhaps to just cap this off, I will recognize Ms. Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I understand why we're here. We're asked to make a decision on a moderator. But I am still not clear. I understand what the Chair had said that legal had said that there was no conflict between what's in here, but before I vote on somebody that's taken a position that, you know, that before I put somebody's name down to go into a position, I still want to be clear on the exact duties of that position and maybe legal can provide us as to why, just so I understand, why he doesn't see that there's a conflict here.

**MR. SPEAKER:** To end this conversation and that question, and before the collection of votes, I'll recognize Mr. Mark Gillette.

**MR. GILLETTE:** The amendments to the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* with regards to the moderator was, of course, government bill and brought and was fully, my words are failing me at the moment. Fully determined by legal counsel that prepared it in the preparation for the Assembly that the two functions of the moderator and the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer in this regard do not conflict. What the amendments to the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* did, essentially, was to flesh out with greater detail the requirements and the standards to which the candidates present would be deemed to be able to speak and understand *Inuttitut*. Therefore, the

amendment was ratified by this Honourable house, that a moderator was to be appointed to oversee the debate who was qualified to determine whether or not someone can speak and understand *Inuttitut*. The moderator, therefore, does have a function of being the person responsible under the *Elections Act* to determine whether or not a person can speak and understand *Inuttitut*, which is one of the requirements.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Gillette. At that point I will not entertain any further questions or comments on the subject. Have all members received their ballot and cast their vote? Is there anyone who has yet to cast their vote regarding the matter? At this point everyone who would have liked to have voted, have you casted your ballot? At this point we will begin the tallying process. Before we tally the votes, we'd like to thank Mr. Gillette for joining us in the Committee of the Whole and thank you for your participation. At this point the Clerk and the Assistant to the Clerk will tally the votes. The results of the voting process have 13 votes for Ms. Sarah Townley and 1 vote for Ms. Katie Winters and one vote was an abstain. And I now recognize Mr. Richard Pamak to proceed to put forward the resolution regarding the appointment of the moderator for the *Inuttitut* debates. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today that Sarah Townley be appointed as moderator for the *Inuttitut* Presidential debate.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the motion today. Are there any nays? Since there is not unanimous consent to proceed — at this point we will call another brief recess before we proceed any further. We'll reconvene in 10 minutes. Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Welcome back to the Assembly and in the Committee of the Whole. Prior to that very brief recess we did not receive unanimous consent to proceed with the motion today that Sarah Townley be appointed as the moderator for the *Inuttitut* debate, and because we were unable to reach unanimous consent we will be unable to deal with that motion today and, as such, this will be addressed under the next day under item 16, "Motions." At this point we will end the Committee of the Whole and we will go back into the Assembly. I'll move onto item 18 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Nineteen, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Twenty, there are no "Dissent to Bills" today. Onto 21, "Adjournment." The Assembly is now adjourned until February 3rd, tomorrow. It's 9:00 a.m. The funeral of the late John Lampe will be taking place at 3:30 this afternoon. Assembly Members may pay their respects to him and their family if they so wish. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Good morning, Members. I'd like to call the Assembly to order, and we will start the business for the day with item one, "Prayer," and I'd like to ask Wilson Jararuse to say the opening prayer.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Wilson. We'll move onto item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." Is there any Member wishing to recognize the visitors in the gallery today? We'll move onto item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements today? I recognize the Minister of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll continue with the minister statement, the Environment Division. Hopedale Trout Ponds, your Subdivision Environmental Review. In spring 2015 the Environment Division provided advice to the Lands Division that the proposed subdivision would likely have to go through environmental review as it partially on Labrador Inuit Lands. The Minister's decision on whether it will go through summary review, detailed review, or be exempted from review can only be made after the project registration is received. At this point nothing had been received, but the correspondence was forwarded to AngajukKâk Flowers in December, 2015. Environmental Protection Waste Management. The Regional Waste Management Committee had not met in several months. We need a meeting to approve or make comments on the draft RFP from the Province for a consultant on research and write a sustainable waste management plan for the north

coast. Since the resignation of Mr. Jim Tuttau, the committee does not have a Chair. There are also other changes in the make-up of the committee. The intention was to hold a meeting in early February, but no date has been set. The Regional Waste Management Committee needs to get back on track, and we'll do our best to support them in order to do so, as we are continually told that waste management and landfill issues are a challenge in all of our communities. Finally, the End of Life Vehicle Appliance Recycling Program in Nain and Hopedale was completed in the fall of 2015. Final reports are being submitted within the next two months. Planning for an End of Life Vehicle and Appliance Recycling Program for Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet is in progress. Funding applications are in draft and initial contact with industry and partners have been made. Lands, Mr. Speaker. The GIS specialist attended the annual E3 user conference in St. John's. We are conducting research to gather information from other Inuit regions regarding land access fees for Labrador Inuit Lands. We're providing mapping assistance to the Canadian Rangers for an upcoming exercise in Northern Labrador and to Cain's Quest organizers. There was a total of 37 land use applications submitted in 2015. With 24 of the applications approved, while some continued to be worked on. Thirty of the applications were for cabins, 22 for new cabins and 8 for existing cabins. The remainder of applications range from mineral exploration to archaeology. To date there are 791 applications in the application registrar database beginning with the traditional 10-year process in 2008. Of the 791 applications, 581



are for cabins with 522 of the cabin applications approved. Mr. Speaker, J and F Fur Farms Ltd. requested to amend their lease to include a fox farm. In accordance with the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, this proposed change requires clearance from relevant NG departments, including in relation to environmental protection. We've been able to determine that the proposed amendment requires a summary review as per Chapter 11 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and the *Environmental Protection Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Two Nunatsiavut beneficiaries graduated from the Licenced Practical Nursing Program in Happy Valley Goose Bay in December, 2015. I want to wish Rosalie Michelin and Kara Montague all the best in their nursing field of studies. Rosalie also had the highest marks in the program. Parental Tool Kit. Brenda Jararuse is working on the activity development now that will be included in the tool kit. She will have templates for invitations, form letters, permission slips, as well as checklists, supplies needed, local resources, etcetera. She will be finished by the first week in February and after translation and printing we will have an official launch from the staff of Amaujaq Centre in Ottawa in attendance. Once launched in Nain we will be proceeding to making the tool kit available in all schools in Nunatsiavut. We will draft a budget to be attached to the monthly activities and then add this to the annual school board budget so that each school will have the funds to

run these parental activities. Oceans Learning Partnership. Provided that we get the funding from the Province to deliver the program and funding from the Federal Government to hire student workers, we will be running a summer marine science camp in each Nunatsiavut community this summer. We are hoping to hire current students to develop and run the camp for one week in each community. Arctic Alive Map. This map is an oversized map of the Arctic Region which will take up much of the floor of a standard gymnasium. The map will travel with a trunk containing different activities for different grade levels. All activities are linked to the Department of Education's curriculum outcomes and are ready to go. The map will stay in each community for one full week starting from Nain on February 1st to the 5th and ending in Rigolet February 29th to March the 4th. Students on Ice. We are aiming to support two students again this summer on the Students on Ice Arctic Expedition. Jody will be working with the Students on Ice to review applications and select students that we will fund. Inuit Society and Culture Course. A contest was held to find the name for the course book and the winner was Danika Mitchell of Makkovik. Her entry was Inovut PiusituKavullu, which means "Our people and our culture." Jody will be now working with the Department of Education to deem this course a Canadian studies credit course rather than a local credit course so that our students won't have to choose it over other local credits such as Illusuak and *Inuttitut*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. (*Ullâkut Illonasi*). First of all, this morning I'd like to congratulate AngajukKâk Flowers on her new position. I really look forward to working with you, which we've already talked yesterday. I'm sure it's going to be eventful. I would like to send condolences to the following families and extended family members on the passing of the following: Helden Goudie, Max Michelin, Lilly Myrtle White. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take the time to wish Happy Anniversary to the following beneficiaries who have reached an amazing milestone. Mike and Roxanne Mitsuk, 25 years. Victor and Irene Ryan, 50 years. Frank and Diana Hope, 60 years. I wish you all many more years to come. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of planning and prepare for our 10th year anniversary celebration, December 1, 2015. What an amazing accomplishment to our government. The celebration in Happy Valley Goose Bay was attended by approximately 325 to 350 people. There was a feast, entertainment, Inuit games and draws. The staff, entertainers and volunteers deserve a round of applause for their contribution to make this a successful event. Mr. Speaker, the event in Northwest River was also a huge success. The community hall was steady full with people coming and going throughout the evening. There were also a feast, entertainment, draws, and Inuit games. Many thanks also to the staff,

entertainers and volunteers. Mr. Speaker, last, but certainly not least, the community of Mud Lake. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the event did not go ahead on December 1 due to the ice conditions. This event was held December 22nd at the community hall. The community was grateful for the feast, entertainment and prize draws. There were 60 people in attendance for this celebration. Also at this time I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Gwen Chalk who celebrated her 80th birthday at this event. I wish you many more, Mrs. Chalk. I continue to visit beneficiaries in the hospital in the long-term care facility, Mr. Speaker. I enjoy their stories and spending time with beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, I recently met with Yvonne Jones and Perry Trimper, Minister Trimper, concerning the migratory spring bird harvest. I'm happy to report they drafted a letter of support to the Federal Minister of the Environment, and they made it quite clear that we had their 100 percent support in this issue. Create a good day. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I had a statement prepared this morning, but in reading some of the content, I think I'm just going to speak on what I had written and not read what I had written because I find some of the lines may be taken out of context or somewhat negative or over-critical, and I don't want to have that in this house or. I'd like to take the opportunity this morning to speak on an issue that's been on my mind for some time, and that's the issue of communication. It seems that among

us we don't communicate as enough among ourselves as Members of the Assembly with each other. I find there's not enough dialogue with each other to talk about current activities and I find there's not enough information coming outside of NEC to the other Members before the sitting of the Assembly. We only sit here every two or three months, and some of us don't get to talk to each other until that time, and it's just in passing that we say a nice greeting, but we need more dialogue among us as Members of the Assembly to be up to date on what's happening with our government. I'm constantly asking Goose Bay and Upper Lake Melville area what news have you got from the Government? Sometimes I have to say I don't know and I honestly don't know. You know, I could pick up the phone and start making some phone calls. I think we need more dialogue coming out of our office, of our administrative office. We need to be more connected. I think one way we can do it as maybe improve our newsletters. We get newsletters every three months, but by the time we get that some of it is history more so than news. And we have communications people that I'm sure could help us to get the information out to us through our offices and through our communities. Another way we can improve communication, I think is when Ministers or the President visit Upper Lake Melville come into the offices, speak with the staff, speak to the staff and speak to the elected members and just have a chat. I think this is what's lacking that we're not seeing enough of our Ministers to have an interaction, have a chat, have some dialogue, and I think that's needed. Yesterday statements brought out some very

interesting things from our Ministers on what's happening, and it's very enlightening to see some of the activities and projects that the government has put in place and going to be putting in place. The only thing is, like, we're a little bit behind on finding out some of these things and understand some things had to be kept until the right time to bring them out, but there's been times there's been news broadcasts coming out that we've only learned in the news rather than coming to our desk or on our computers in front of us. Another issue and I know this has been beat to death, the lack of information from NGC. We're constantly being told that NGC is not part of us, but NGC is part of us. I feel it is. Otherwise we wouldn't have NGC coming into our Assembly at special times here asking questions and do their presentations. So we are connected, so I think there should be more dialogue, more information coming out of what NGC is doing in their communities, what their projects are. How can we benefit? How can our beneficiaries benefit from NGC activities and projects? And in closing I'd like to just say that we need to improve communications, information flow so we're up to date because beneficiaries are asking us what's happening. We'd like to tell them what's happening, and I hope we can all work together to have more dialogue, more communication flow among us as Assembly Members and as Members of the Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office, and the constituents in the Constituency of Canada, I would like to send our sincere condolences to the many family members and friends of the late John Lampe and Duru Angnatok. Ukatti. I remember John as a kind and gentle father and friend. And I cherish our friendship which began during both our times spent in the dorm in Northwest River. Many times John welcomed me into his home which often became my home away from home when I had to travel to Nain to work during my tenure with LIA as implementation planner/negotiator. Ukatti, I also remember Duru as a vibrant and energetic youth who always greeted you with the biggest smile and open arms. She never thought twice about helping you in any way that she could, no matter how big or small. I had the honour, Mr. Speaker, to share the stage with Duru and other members of our team in December, 2013 when our team was presented with the Arctic Inspiration prize. She was elated and rightfully so. Ukatti, to the family and friends of both John and Duru. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories and hold them in your hearts and they will never leave you. Let's all do our best to honour Duru's sentiment to create a good day. One quick announcement, Mr. Speaker. Because of some financial limitations with our constituency budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, the Canadian Constituency Office has given Tama Ball, our constituency officer, a temporary lay-off with a recall notice of April 1st, 2016. Ukatti, we miss Tama already and we're looking forward to her return to the CCO on April 1st. We thank

Tama for her understanding and acceptance of this temporary lay-off.

Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Are there any further member statements this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. As Ordinary Member for Nain it's very encouraging from yesterday's announcement for the National Inuit Youth Council to be holding their general meeting in Nain in 2017. This event is very beneficial to not only Labrador Inuit, but Inuit governments as a whole. In passing I attended these events at the very beginning, and now looking back I see many of those same people that were at those events, Inuit government leaders, high ranking officials and corporations. So the benefit is unlimited. I'd also like to thank the pages for attending. It's very encouraging to see Inuit interested in Inuit government and policy. I'd like to take this time also to tell you a story about a group of renegades, a group of rebels from a little known part of Canada that fought very hard and sacrificed to get a lot of what beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* enjoy today. The Labrador Inuit Association was formed on Monday, October 1st, 1973. The second Regional Inuit Association in Canada was established in Nain, Labrador at a meeting of Inuit leaders held October 1st and 2nd, 1973.

Representatives from the communities of Happy Valley Goose Bay, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain elected nine members to serve as the Board of Directors for the Labrador Inuit Association. Some of these names I'm about to read are surrounding us in these halls today. Sam



Anderson, President of Nain, William Edmunds, Bill Edmunds, Vice President from Makkovik, Gustave Boase, Second Vice President, Hopedale, Mary Anderson, Secretary, Nain, George Ford, Treasurer, Happy Valley, Abraham Kojak, Director, Nain, Edward Flowers, Director, Nain, Phillip Hunter, Director, from Hopedale. Boas Jararuse, Director, Makkovik. In addition to electing a Board of Directors the delegates established a 7-point document outlining the aims and objectives of the organization. The criteria for membership in the organization were that a person must be 18 years of age, be a permanent resident of Labrador, and speak the *Inuttitut* language fluently. Those who did not meet those criteria were eligible for associate membership without voting privileges.

Labrador Inuit Association. Second Regional Inuit Association in Canada incorporated March 26th, 1975. Aims and Objectives. To promote Inuit aspirations and involvement through the democratic system with regard to all matters affecting Inuit of Labrador. To promote equal access by Inuit of Labrador to all democratic, social, economic, recreational, legal and human rights of the citizens of Newfoundland and Canada. To promote and preserve Inuit culture and language and develop dignity and pride in the Inuit heritage among Inuit of Labrador and to promote respect for Inuit culture and language by citizens of Newfoundland and Canada. To promote and protect traditional hunting, traditional fishing, Aboriginal and *Constitutional rights* of Inuit of Labrador. To promote effective communications among Inuit of Labrador through all available sources. To provide access to and to interpret government policies

affecting Inuit of Labrador. To promote public awareness of Inuit aspirations for Inuit of Labrador. To promote and advance the general welfare, well-being, health, and education of Labrador. To respect the rights of Kablunangajuit and all the objects and undertakings of the corporation and to share equally with them all the benefits of the corporation might obtain for its members to advance and to negotiate the settlement of the Land Claims of the Inuit of Labrador. To do all such things that are incidental and conducive to the attainment of the above objects. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since being elected I've sat on a board that we tried to deal with alcohol and drug abuse in our communities. And I have to say it's quite a struggle as we look at all the communities, what's going on, and try to find solutions to which I think, as of to date, we found very few. But over the last few years, I didn't really notice, but I think some of the answers lie within our own communities. Not long ago I just happened to be looking on Facebook one night and I came across this status of a young lady who said in 2013, January 13th, she made the most important decision of her life. On that date she became alcohol- and smoke-free. The improvements that happened in her life, she said, is amazing. She has become closer with her family. She understands her family. They were able to deal with the passing of her son's father and

continue on with their lives. Since that time she's taken her brother in. Her brother's been with her for six to eight months. In that time he has become alcohol- and smoke-free. So she's showing leadership. And I think that's what we're looking for within this Alcohol and Drug Committee, somebody with leadership who could show others a way that they can beat the system. In close, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Assembly to join me in congratulating Cora Pottle and wish her continued success with her leadership in showing others that there's a better way. That is why, within the alcohol and drug committee, we have role models every year. And that is why for the year 2015 Cora Pottle was nominated as a role model of the year for the community of Rigolet. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. Are there any further member statements this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, yesterday I touched on, you know, all the tragedies that we've had since our last sitting, and I just want to kind of take today to share some of the positive things that happen in our community too, as well. You know, sometimes the tragedies overshadow the many good things that happen in our community. Yes, our community is still strong, but there's still a lot of positive things that happen in our community. I only have a few of them here today, and Sean touched on some and I hope Joe can probably come forward and

share some of his events, positive events, that happened since our last sitting. First, you know, Nain Jens Moravian Memorial Huskies took home Double A, Triple A boys provincial volleyball championship in December. Huskies played hard, extra hard in the division class above them to help bring home gold. A school rally was held to welcome them home and two players from the team presented their medals to both Edward and Rosie for their daughter, Grace. Grace gave them that extra drive, that determination to take that home, take back gold home. The Nain Huskies boys and girls mixed table tennis, they won regional championship recently and will be heading later this month, in February, to play in the Provincial championships. Again, like other communities, our community and sports events are far exceeding, you know, competitively in Labrador and the rest of Newfoundland and Labrador. On January 25th 10 young boys celebrated Young Men's Day or Boys Day, as we call it. They, where boys become young men and begin to take their own paths in life. Over the past weekend the annual Bernard and Jeff Web Memorial Hockey Tournament was held with teams from the RCMP, Natuashish and Nain participate. An event that always brings out crowds. It gathers our communities to celebrate in some way, and it's good to see that. Congratulations to Team Harris for winning the gold of this annual tournament. I believe this tournament is 15 years running. Again, Mr. Speaker, these are only a few things that I've gathered here today and certainly more, and I'm sure there's more and more that's happening within our communities that are very positive. Mr. Speaker,

we heard some great updates provided by the Honourable Ministers around the table yesterday and some today. First Minister Mitchell's commitments to continue to lobby other governments on moving forward in housing and transportation. It's encouraging to know that housing is high on the priority list of the Nunatsiavut Government. Mr. Speaker, housing will always be a high priority for me, and I will continue to advocate for my constituency and will be for others after me until those housing needs are met. In 2012 a Housing Needs Assessment was conducted to show that overcrowding, mould and among other factors were the main reason that put our communities in a housing crisis. Today our housing needs is much more than that, much more than that. Overcrowding is still high, and homes continue to deteriorate. The lack of housing and infrastructure is affecting our community in many other ways. Mr. Speaker, today we had nearly 20 seniors of our community and homecare in the seniors' facility outside of Nunatsiavut. We have 40-plus children in foster homes outside of Nunatsiavut. It limits the relocation of key positions of NG employed outside of Nunatsiavut back into Nunatsiavut. We have people and families moving away from our community in search of better lifestyles because of the lack of housing. I've dealt with that. I continue to see many couch surf from house to house, family to family, community to community and outside of the community too because of lack of housing. Lack of housing and infrastructure is keeping our seniors away from home when infrastructure can bring them back and to keep our aging seniors home.

It prevents us and acts as a funding to keep our children, and this is provincial funding, foster funding, which was announced just at the last Assembly to keep our children in our community, and it's holding us back on employment and economic development opportunities. Mr. Speaker, the lack of housing is creating hardships on families and the community as a whole feels it. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I do recognize the efforts of this government over the past two years on housing and to see that commitments are being made. However, we are only starting to get into housing as a government. This government must find the financial resources from within our own and other governments and also to begin to build capacity to take on that challenge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to send condolences to family and friends of Max Michelin, Lilly Myrtle White and Helden Goudie. I would also like to send condolences to the families in Nain and Hopedale who lost loved ones, and I had the privilege of meeting and knowing Duru and also John Lampe. They were very dedicated people and very warm and kind and, to me, Duru was a spark of sunshine. This is a personal topic for me, but I took an oath to uphold the *Constitution* when I became Ordinary Member, and that included the language requirement, and I feel that's very important and still something to remember, so I just wanted to pass that on. As Roy mentioned, Roy and I held meetings with Yvonne Jones and Minister and MHA Perry Trimper on the 12E migratory

spring harvest for Upper Lake Melville, and they are committed to work on it. We still experience housing shortages for affordable housing in Happy Valley Goose Bay, and it is a major concern, and this is mostly due to Muskrat Falls development and also as Ordinary Member Pamak stated a lot of people leave Nain and Hopedale, in particular, because of the housing shortage there, and then they come to Goose Bay and there's a housing shortage there as well. So it's still a constant thing and we deal with that on a daily basis and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. For the information of the Assembly the AngajukKâk for Hopedale has had to respond to an emergency and has been excused until further notice. Are there any other member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements, then we will move onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions," and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, to respond to a question related to the seal harvesting that the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget put forward yesterday.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell, asked on the status of the commercial seal harvesters training that was given to the conservation officers. The conservation officers received the training last fall but currently are awaiting certification from the Canadian Sealer's Association before being able to offer that training within the communities or to beneficiaries. So once they receive that certification, then we will begin setting up a

schedule on where and when that would happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? As per the Standing Orders under questions and returns to written questions, the Ministers will provide a response to the questions within 10 calendar days or within a reasonable timeframe, and some Members can expect to find those questions forwarded to them at the earliest convenience. We'll move onto item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister, responsible for Human Resources and Information Technology. In my member statement I've talked about extra financial resources and capacity in order to move forward on the housing initiatives for Nunatsiavut. Can you tell me — knowing that the budget season is fast approaching, and I'm sure that the budgets are fully under review and maybe even approved by NEC — can you tell me if there's any new funding initiatives within those budgets for the next current year to be allowed to housing for Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. In response I'll recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.



**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Ukatti. Nakummek (*speaks in Inuttitut*). The budget is currently still being developed. It has not been presented to the Executive Council at this point in time. We're doing a final review of that budget. We were waiting for some consultations to be finished with the Department of Education, Economic Development and Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. That was late last week. Because of travel commitments for both myself and the Deputy Minister of Finance, we have not had time to sit down to review those final components of the budget. So at this point in time, without the budget being vetted through the Executive Council, I cannot release any information relative to the budget until that's finalized by the Executive Council for presentation to the Assembly for consideration of the Budget Bill in March of 2016. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? Nakummek, Member. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question's directed to the Minister Shiwak. Sir, it is my understanding that a beneficiary who wants to apply for a polar bear licence, you must travel to the community that you are connected to and fill out the application. Sir, my question is can the criteria be changed so that a beneficiary can fill out the application in his or her own community than fax or mail the application to the community that you are connected to? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response, I'll recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville is absolutely correct. That is the criteria. You must travel to the community that you are connected to to apply for a polar bear licence, or to be put into the draw. Currently in this year there are no plans to change that for this year. It can be changed, but that would be at a request, but it will not be changed for this year, but it can be changed at a request because it is ad ministerial directive that sets the criteria for the polar bear licence. Having said that it's not being changed for this year, but it can be changed or can be reviewed for the following years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. BLAKE:** Yes, sir. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Minister Shiwak, just for verification, who would have to make this request? Would it come from the beneficiary who's applying for this application? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. To respond to the supplementary, I'll recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, any beneficiary can make a request, review or change, any of our management practises. For example, when we went into the communities and given that we haven't gone to Nain and Upper Lake Melville yet, when we've gone to the communities, we have

listened and taken what they've said to us and try to implement those changes, and those come from beneficiaries. So beneficiaries have that right to ask for those changes and it's up to us as a department to review that, and if those changes are necessary then we will make them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary question? Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any other oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again with the absence of the Minister of Health, I'll direct my question to the Honourable Sarah Leo. At the last Makkovik Inuit Community Government meeting one of the councillors asked me to bring this concern forward. When an elderly patient who needs a translator leaves the community or goes outside of Nunatsiavut for medical purposes, they should be able to have an escort plus take their spouse because it's hard on the elders at times. The councillor asked is this possible? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response, I recognize the Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, right now there's only allocation for one escort and, unfortunately, it's up to the patient to decide who they want to take as an escort. With regards to

translating services, there are services available if they need it. I know in St. John's there are translators available as well as in Happy Valley Goose Bay. I'm not really sure if there is in St. Anthony or not, but I know there are translators available. But as it stands now the policy states that it is up to the individual to decide whom they want for an escort.

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

**MR. JACQUE:** Yes, thank you. Could you find out if there's a translator in St. Anthony, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response, I recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will do that and I'll get back to you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary?  
Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Further oral questions? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is directed to Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development. You mentioned in your statement yesterday that should the Voisey's Bay underground project go ahead people will be trained when they get hired. I'd just like to know how this is going to work because if you're applying for training dollars does that mean the training dollars does that mean the training dollars is going to be given to Vale to

train the people? Can people train before they get a chance to be hired?  
I'm just wondering how this is going to work. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. From my understanding, they will still receive a training allowance even though they're hired by Vale until the time they're actually being employed. Like, say, if they — I'm just using this for an example — they're hired as an underground mining trainee, they'll get so much training. Then they'll take part in digging the underground mine. Then they will become employees, not of Vale, but of a contractor that's been being employed to make the tunnels for the mining equipment. It's going to take several years to dig the tunnels. They won't actually become Vale employees until the mine is in operation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize to Chairperson for a supplementary question.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I have a supplementary question, yes. In the meantime can people train for these jobs to get themselves in a better position for getting hired from Vale? Like, they can they put that time in the training if they know what jobs are coming up? It gives them a better chance to get hired for the training session with the mining company. You know what I mean? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chairperson. In response, I recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. We're trying to work with Vale to get a comprehensive list of all the positions they'll need in Vale going underground because the portion that's being covered by, hopefully, by LATP is for underground mining development, but they'll still be a lot of other jobs that will be needed when Vale goes underground. There's going to be a major expansion to over double the workforce. So what we're hoping to do, or what we're wanting to do, we're going to work with them and try to identify all the positions and then we'll be letting our students know. You know, they're going to need some electrical engineers. They're going to need cooking. They're going to need various positions, not just the underground mining, and also one of the things that I neglected in my update is that we're planning to go to Voisey's Bay to have more detail discussions on the underground mining development, our economic development and education department to have more updates, to have a further detail update on what's happening, how it's going to happen, possible employment opportunities, possible contracts and also a very detailed HR, we're going to talk to HR of a detailed of what the positions will be. So not just for LATP, but also for Inuit Pathways and Post-Secondary Student Support, we can start saying these are positions that would be needed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Since the creation of the Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve, you know, it seems to be pretty quiet. We did hear that the Innu and NunatuKavut has been involved in negotiations or has an MOU. Where is Nunatsiavut with regard to NIBA with the Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. In response, I'll recognize the Honourable Minister Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently where we're at with it, we're still in negotiations for the IBA for Mealy Mountain Park. States our land claim that this park cannot be finalized until we have an IBA. We're hoping to have that done in the very near future with over the next few months, but we are still currently negotiating that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just further questions to the Minister of Economic Development and Education, Patricia Kemuksigak, with regards to what Gary was asking. When you go into Voisey's Bay and talk to Vale with your officials, is it possible that the AngajukKâk from the each community government could be invited? Because we have to answer to our councillors. They have questions and I would like to be able to be like first hands on in the meetings and then report back to the community

government, and that way we can further the information onto our beneficiaries in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. In response, I'll recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain for the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into your request and talk some more and see if it will be possible with Vale, and if they can accommodate because we're trying to see how many they can accommodate, but I will take your question into consultation and talk to Vale. And if not possible for even all of us to go, I commit that I will pass all the information to all the Assembly Members in Nunatsiavut, but I will get back to you. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Is the question itself taken under notice, or just the consultation process, if the Minister could clarify?

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Sorry, Mr. Speaker. I didn't understand the question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Is the question that the AngajukKâk asked taken under notice, or just the actual consultation process which he asked about.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Our department will communicate with Vale about the possibility of AngajukKaat going to the site when we do as well, or even a different time period. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk, you have a supplementary?



**MR. DICKER:** Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. Ms. Kemuksigak, I said yesterday in my statement that, you know, I would want the IBA to be followed to the letter. With regards to once the training dollars and that go on, I would like to hear that the commitment is there for the training dollars to go to the people closest to the resource or how the wording of the IBA states adjacent to the resource first. Can I get that commitment from you today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** AngajukKâk, this question, I believe was addressed yesterday and, according to Standing Order 19(1)(c) a matter that is already decided in the current sitting shall not be spoken to again. I will give you the opportunity for an additional supplementary question.

**MR. DICKER:** I have no further supplementary questions, thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? For the second round of questioning I will begin with the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and my question is going to be directed to the Minister of Economic Development, Patricia Kemuksigak. You mentioned yesterday in your statement that in regards to assessments for employment or employment opportunities at Vale. Who and when will come to our community to check out those individuals to see or do the assessments on the training they already have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response, I'll recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. From my understanding L ATP staff will be going to each community to talk with people, meet with people if they are interested in job training, and we have committed funds because through L ATP there's only one Inuit employment co-ordinator, but we've always put a partial funding into have two. So there's one in Nain and one in Happy Valley Goose Bay, but they will be meeting with going into each community and talking to people about training, and if they're interested in training then there's this process that, from my understanding, will involve Vale as well for a selection of students/possible employees. And also I neglected to mention yesterday when I gave an update that Vale and our IBA co-ordinator will be going into each Nunatsiavut community updating the communities on the underground mining and employment and various other things in the near future. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize for the second round of questioning the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. A few years back a strategic plan was created and developed and proved by Nunatsiavut Government. So where do we stand with that strategic plan that was put in place a few years back because we haven't had any updates on it lately, to my knowledge. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. I recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo in response to that.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the reason I'm responding is because the Secretariat is responsible for planning and policy within the government. We are in the process of developing a new strategic plan. We have had most of the discussions now and the outline drafted for the plan. Obviously, you just can't come up with a plan with any dollar amounts. So it takes quite a bit of discussion and organization in getting a strategic plan ready. The current plan ended in 2015. We are committed to having a new strategic plan coming out this year. Right now our director of planning and policies is on maternity leave, but she's still doing some contract work for us and we hope to get it out soon.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Madam President. Thank you, Chairperson. The Chairperson does not have a supplementary question. Are there any further oral questions? I'll recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Human Resources and Information Technology, and I guess it's more of a follow-up question that I had in the last Assembly and looking for more of an update, I guess, on the relocation of key positions back into Nunatsiavut. I understand in the old plan, 2011-2015 a plan was to be in place by 2013. And can you give us a little bit of update to where you are in terms of relocating those key positions back into Nunatsiavut.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response I'll recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. Again, my response is the same as it was the last time that you asked a question. The transition plan is still under development. The first draft came to Nunatsiavut Executive Council approximately a year and a half ago. We did give our feedback to the transition working committee on that, and we're still waiting for the transition committee working group to come to Nunatsiavut Executive Council with respect to where they're to on that plan and for some further input from Executive Council on the development and finalization of the plan. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? I recognize the Ordinary Member.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much for that update, Minister Pottle. I understand that you do have a relocation committee formed to review the whole process of relocating positions back into Nunatsiavut. Can you tell me who sits on that committee?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. And again Nakummek Ordinary Member for your question. Just to correct your verbiage, I guess, is not a relocation committee. It's a working group looking at transitioning of programs and services into Nunatsiavut. Off the top of my head right now Rexanne

Crawford sits on that committee as does Isabella Pain. I certainly will get the other names of those committee members for you before we leave Hopedale today. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member, final supplementary.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again thank you very much, and certainly it'd be interesting to see who sits on that committee. Can you tell me, Minister Pottle, when was the last time that this committee met to discuss the relocation of these positions back into Nunatsiavut? And how often do they meet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. A response to that final supplementary, I'll recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. And again, Nakummek, Ordinary Member for your question. I can't give you at this point in time but, again, I can get that information for you when they last met. From my understanding the deputy ministers meet on a, on a monthly basis and on the agenda are certain items which would be, for example, the transition plan itself and with respect to that if they need to meet outside when they had their weekly or monthly consultations from the deputy minister's perspective they do that as well. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Can I say something?

**MR. POTTLE:** Sure. The President would like to add further to what I've said. Ukatti, if she may.

**MR. SPEAKER:** To further add...

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** ...I'll recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, again, the reason I'm speaking is because the Secretariat is responsible for planning and policy. I know the Deputy Ministers, they do actually meet weekly, and I know there is ongoing work despite the community may or may not be meeting. I'm not sure. I'm not privy to when they meet, but I do know there were ongoing discussions within the government with regards to the transition plan. It's a lot more complex than saying we're going to move certain divisions or certain positions to a community within Nunatsiavut. You have to ensure you have the proper infrastructure. You have to have the proper housing, and you have to have the resources to support those positions within our community. We all understand the need to have the core of our governance within Nunatsiavut, and I believe it is at this point. There are some positions that right now are outside of the land claims area, but for the most part a lot of the new hires are coming into Nunatsiavut where we can fit them. And, again, we talked about housing this morning. There is a housing shortage for the average person in our community. But to add more stress to that by bringing in our employees or new employees at this point is a challenge, and it's something that's all part of the transition plan that we're trying to work through.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms. Sarah Leo, Honourable President. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no more oral questions then we will move onto item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions this morning? If there are no written questions we'll move onto item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions," which I don't believe there are any returns today. Item nine, "Petitions." Are there any petitions today? We'll move on to item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 11, "Reports to Standing and Special Committees." Are there any reports today? If not, we'll proceed onto item 12, "Tabling of Documents." Is there anyone that would wish to table a document today? Onto item 13, "Notices of Motion." Are there any notices today? Onto item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills," I do not believe there are any further notices. Before we move onto item 15, "Motions," I'd like to call a brief recess and we will reconvene at 10:35.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Prior to recess we left off on item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." We will not enter onto item 15, "Motions," on your *Orders of the Day*. Yesterday, the Assembly broke into the Committee of the Whole to discuss the appointments of the moderator for the Presidential *Inuttitut* debate. When we came to the voting process, it was decided by the Assembly to conduct a vote through a secret ballot. As the Members are aware, there was one abstain during the voting process. The

Member who has abstained from voting has requested that their abstain become public knowledge and entered into the Hansard. The abstained vote comes from the Member of the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle. With that, we will now consider the motion which was voted upon by the Assembly yesterday in the Committee of the Whole. Now I recognize the mover of the motion, the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. My motion is as follows:

Whereas the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* requires the Nunatsiavut Assembly no later than the 1st day of March in each year in which a Presidential election is held appoint a person who speaks and understands *Inuttitut* to moderate the debate. And whereas the Speaker, as further recorded by *Nunatsiavut Elections Act*, has obtained advice from the Minister responsible for culture that the individuals nominated can speak and understand *Inuttitut* are qualified to carry out the functions of the moderator. And whereas the Assembly is satisfied that the nominee to moderate the debate speaks and understands *Inuttitut* is qualified to carry out the functions of moderator. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, that Sarah Townley be appointed as moderator for the *Inuttitut* Presidential debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The motion is in order. Member, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. PAMAK:**

No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? If no other Members, I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain and Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Ukatti. I'd just like to reiterate, I support the motion.  
Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Does any other member wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I guess I'm kind of uncomfortable asking this because we're talking about personalities and personnel, but my question is I understand Sarah Townley quite effectively has the qualifications to fulfill the language capability of the moderator, but I'm wondering about the qualifications as a moderator because looking through her resume I'm wondering what, as a moderator, how her qualifications fit into that. And, again, like I said, I feel uncomfortable asking it, but this is the forum we have to ask, but it is important. There are two major qualifications for that position. One is to speak and understand. We know she does that quite well, but it's the moderator, qualified as a moderator because it's a little more complex than that when you're talking about being a moderator.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms. Leo. Does anyone else at this point wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ukatti. I reiterate the same concerns that President Leo has iterated. I did not have an opportunity yesterday to fully finish off some

of the questions that I had with respect to the qualifications of the individual. I know Ms. Townley speaks and understands *Inuttitut*. *Inuttitut* is her first language but, again, I have some problems looking at the resume and the fact that neither of the two names that were put forward had any experience moderating a debate. So that caused me some concern, Mr. Speaker, and that was the reason why I abstained from voting. And at this point in time, without knowing that, and what the experience is and the qualifications of the individual is with respect to moderation, I can't support the motion. Nakummek, Ukatti.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Would any other Member like to make a comment with regards to the motion? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, know the candidate, Sarah Townley, and I've looked at her qualifications and even though she do not have a moderator experience, I feel that she is quite capable of following through on her duties as moderator. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Any further comments at this period? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Like my colleagues around the table I am fully aware of Sarah's capabilities as the Speaker and the advocate for the language. I have no problems with that. And I have no problems with her, I guess, as a moderator even though there's no experience there. She has a master's education. She's taught for years. I believe that, you know, with that

experience she is able to moderate any situation, I believe, that comes across to her because, you know, when you are teaching students you're moderating them at the same time because you're making sure that, you know, they understand what's going on and, if they're out of line, you make that correction. So I have no problem supporting Sarah Townley in her experience or her inexperience, but I feel that she's experienced to be a moderator. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek AngajukKâk. Any further comments? If there are no further comments, would the Member like to make a final comment and close debate?

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I do not want to make any closing comments and I wish to close debate. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Thank you. All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. SPEAKER:** That concludes motions for today. We now move onto item 16 — my apologies. Prior to proceeding to item 16, I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move, seconded by Roy Blake, that the ballots for selection of the moderator be destroyed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Member, would you like to speak to the motion? Nakummek. Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? Does the Member wish to make final comments and close debate on the motion?

**MS FORD:** I'd like to close debate, Your Honour.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Now that concludes motions for today. We'll move onto 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 are no second reading of bills today. Item 18, "Assent to Bills." There is no assent to bills today. We'll move onto item 19, "Adjournment." Thank you to the Ministers and Members for your continued work and contributions to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And, again, I give special mention to the interpreters and translators, Wilson Jararuse and William Barber. Nakummek. Thank you to the pages, Jessica Mae Williams and Michaela Palliser and the continued work of Tabea Onalik in guiding our youth through this experience. Robert Ford, thank you for co-ordinating the IT work for this Assembly. And, again, I recognize the work of the OKâlaKatiget Society, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. The Assembly is now adjourned. The next session is scheduled for the week of March 7th through the 11th, 2016.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**01:24:13** **Track 0003 ends.**