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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

February 7, 2018

In Attendance:

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Canada, Honorable Edward Blake-Rudkowski**

**Acting Minister of Department of Health and Social Development, Nunatsiavut Treasurer, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

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

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

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

**Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers**

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

**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**

**Director of Legal Services, Mark Gillette**

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

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

**Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Belinda Webb**

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

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**Assembly commenced at 10:30AM February 7, 2018.**

**SPEAKER:** *Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* I'd like to call to order the spring session of the 17th session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask the Chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell, to say the opening prayer.

**MR. MITCHELL:** (Recites Prayer).

**SPEAKER:** Thank you Mr. Mitchell. I'd like to recognize the Honorable Johannes Lampe, the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, to do his opening statement.

**PRESIDENT JOHANNES LAMPE:** Mr. Speaker, as Members of this Honourable Assembly are well aware, the future of our caribou is very much uncertain. In October, I joined Indigenous leaders at the UPCART to sign an agreement to preserve and manage caribou in the Ungava Peninsula. The agreement was between the seven Indigenous groups who traditionally share this important food and cultural resource. The strategy was in response to the critical population declines in both the George River and Leaf River Caribou. At

the time, all Indigenous leaders heralded this agreement as a historic one as it was the culmination of four years of hard work and often intense meetings. We felt we were heading in the right direction, Mr. Speaker, that we had made significant progress in finally having a direct say in the future management and sustainability of this very important resource. Letters were sent to both provincial governments of Newfoundland and Quebec as well as the Federal Environment Minister requesting a meeting in February to discuss this strategy. Subsequently we, the Nunatsiavut Government, along with the Innu Nation received requests from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to discuss, among other things, the possibility of a limited harvest of George River Caribou this year. Minister Shiwak and the staff held a teleconference with provincial officials and all indications were that the province was open to allow a 1 percent harvest for 90 animals provided there was a sharing agreement between the UPCART members. Minister Shiwak was also informed that the Innu Nation made it known that 1 percent would not be enough for their people. UPCART held a technical committee call prior to Christmas and we proposed a sharing arrangement for the 90 animals; 35 for Labrador Inuit, 35 for the Innu Nation and 20 for NunatKavut Community Council. The Innu Nation would not agree to this arrangement. As you know, Mr. Speaker, a lot has changed since October. The Innu Nation has since left UPCART and has decided to take matters into its hands by implementing its own harvesting strategy. We have been told by Grand Chief Rich that the Innu had harvested at least

50 animals, although previous to that we were told 60, and later 55. So we're not really sure how many have been taken. Mr. Speaker, by taking matters into their own hands the Innu nation leaders have turned their backs on the other Indigenous leaders and nations that make up UPCART. And by their actions, they have all but taken any chance away for a 1 percent harvest, a chance for our people, the Labrador Inuit, to have a taste of caribou this year. We raised the issue with Premier Dwight Ball while attending the Northern Lights conference last week and questioned why the current ban on harvesting George River Caribou is not being strictly enforced. The Premier said the issue was very sensitive and that enforcement efforts, based on legal advice, could make matters worse and create an even more volatile situation. We informed the Premier that access to our Leaf River Herd would be a big help in ensuring the future recovery of the George River Herd. The Premier noted that he would be prepared to approach Quebec on the matter. As noted, the Nunatsiavut Government participated in Northern Lights in Ottawa last week. Minister Edmunds and I, along with the staff, had the opportunity to meet with several federal cabinet ministers while at Northern Lights, including Infrastructure and Communities Minister Armjeet Sohi, our Regional Minister Seamus O'Regan and Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philipott, and Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna. Member of Parliament, Yvonne Jones, also took part in a couple of the meetings. We discussed a number of key issues including the Nain airstrip, housing, the Youth Program and sustainable funding for

the Torngat Mountains Base camp, funding for Imuktivut and Children in Care, to name a few. We still have some follow-up to do, Mr. Speaker, but I was very pleased with all meetings, and I am confident we have made some progress on advancing these important issues. Hopefully we will hear some positive news on some of these soon. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. We'll now go onto item three on the daily orders, the "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." When I look around, I only see our own in-house legal counsel. Thank you for your presence. Is there anybody else who wishes to recognize any visitors today? Hearing none. Please be advised that the Ordinary Member for Canada, and the Deputy Speaker, Mrs. Patricia Ford, continue to be properly excused with cause from this sitting of the Assembly. Since we've last met in September, we've had a couple of departures, as I'm sure you're all aware, and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, and also Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mrs. Patricia Kemuksigak, have both resigned. I'm sure I share all of your sentiments when we thank them both for their service, and the chamber is a little more empty and hollow without their presence. So I thank them again for their service. For the information of the Assembly, the pages from this sitting are from Upper Lake Melville and I'd like to acknowledge Nora McNaught and Madison Elson. It should be noted that both Nora and Madison, as the rest of us have, made multiple attempts to attend the sitting of the Assembly, and their patience and their understanding should be acknowledged by the Assembly Members. Thank you for making the

effort to come here. I know it was a bit of a trial and tribulation, but we got you here and we genuinely thank you for your presence. Tabea Onalik is here to assist should anybody have any logistical issues and will also provide support to our pages staff. The interpreters and translators today are Gus Semigak. Well, I can't see Gus in there, and Boas Kairtok. Ches Evans is our IT person for today. Thank you, Chess, for coming. And from the OK Society we have Simone Kolmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. Thank you for everybody. If anybody has any questions throughout the day, feel free to address them to myself or to Tabea Onalik. Since we last met the membership of the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs has had some change in its composition. The previous membership of that committee was accepted by the Assembly in September of 2013 and was comprised of Michelle Kenney, Joe Dicker, Gregory Flowers, Tyler Edmunds and Jack Shiwak. In October of 2017 the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, resigned from the committee. As for the Standing Orders, the Rules and Procedures Committee held a brief meeting and agreed to fill that vacancy created by Mr. Edmund's resignation by recommending Mrs. Marjorie Flowers, the AngajukKâk from Hopedale, as his replacement. I'm seeking your consent to that change in our membership of that committee. Seeing lots of nods and not hearing any nays, congratulations, AngajukKâk Flowers, welcome to the committee. On behalf of the Assembly, I'd also like to thank Minister Edmunds for the service on that committee and, again, congratulations to AngajukKâk Flowers. As the Speaker I want to recommend that the

Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs meet to select its Chair. That Chair position was previously filled by Minister Edmunds and that committee now does not have a Chair so I would recommend that you meet to address that deficiency. As you're aware, the membership of the committee will be reconsidered at the First Assembly following the general election so that makeup will be comprised from now till May. Onto item four, "Ministers Statements," are there any statements from Ministers today? The Chair recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

**FIRST MINISTER MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to submit to the Assembly a brief update on the activities of my department since the last Assembly sitting in September. The Implementation Committee met in Goose Bay the week of November the 6th. The Implementation Committee reviewed with the Board Chairs and Executive Director of the Secretariat the first draft of the board's 2018-2019 Budget and Work Plans. Included on the agenda was an update from Canada on the Nunatsiavut Government request to amend the *Land Claims Agreement* to allow beneficiaries resident in Upper Lake Melville to harvest migratory birds within the Schedule 12 E area. Internal discussions are still ongoing on this issue, and preliminary talks between parties are ongoing. The enrollment of beneficiaries process is ongoing, and all vacancies on the Membership Committees have been filled. The Registrar, Sheila Angnatok now has two vacant staff positions filled, Pauline Angnatok is the new Membership Clerk and Christa Angnatok is the new Membership Filing



Clerk. A membership workshop was held in Goose Bay the week of November the 27th. This workshop was a success and was facilitated by Veryan Haysom, Loretta Michelin and Mark Gillette and attended by the Registrar's Office staff, membership committees, Membership Appeal Board and the CLO's. A workshop report with recommendations has been prepared and it was submitted to our department, Nunatsiavut Affairs. Mr. Speaker, regarding public property, Staff Housing. The mini home at 23 Sand Banks Road has been replaced with a new three-bedroom, energy efficient mini home. We have completed some annual maintenance work required on some of our mini homes in Nain and Makkovik, and regarding the DHSD building in Hopedale. Neil Parrott had completed the survey of the new site for the proposed DHSD building in Hopedale. Nunatsiavut Construction has completed cleanup of the site, and has removed all the old buildings, the old tanks, vehicles, scrap metal and other debris. In addition, we have Stantec doing an environmental contamination assessment of the soil on the site. Results of the testing show that contamination is minimal and a small amount of soil should be removed, but the majority of soil on the site has no contamination issues. Therefore it can be used for site work. A contract for the building design, construction tendering and project management has been awarded to Atsanik Consulting, who have met with the DHSD staff to discuss requirements for the building and the proposed building design. Based on these meetings, Atsanik Consulting has completed the conceptual drawing and floorplan for the building design and expect the service,

Newfoundland and Labrador, and tendering process will be completed by May, 2018 and a construction contract awarded in order that the contractor can have material onsite when navigation opens in June of 2018. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to Illusuak, the contractor, Bird Nillik, the consultant, Stantec, and the NG representatives were in Nain the week of December the 10th for the commissioning/inspections of the building. This inspection process identified a number of minor deficiencies, therefore, a substantive completion certificate could not be issued until these deficiencies are crafted and inspected. The contractor is completing these deficiencies, and we expect that a substantive completion certificate can be issued by the end of January which would allow the Nunatsiavut Government to take possession of the building. And, by the way, that's still ongoing. I think they had plans to be in Nain this week. The prototype six-plex in Nain. Budgell's Equipment has completed the work on the prototype, and have been waiting since mid-December for a line to install the phone lines to allow activation of the operation of the stair lift and fire alarm system. Commissioning and final inspections resulting in a substantive completion certificate being issued is not possible until the stair lift and fire alarm systems are functioning. When the lines are installed, a technician from the company must come to Nain to activate the stair lift operation. Bert Phillips, who is the consultant recommended by CMHC to complete the blower door testing and other monitoring tests on the building during construction, has completed his testing and installation of monitor and equipment. The

building is expected to be inspected and ready for occupancy later this month. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding the multiplexes in Nain and Hopedale, the Nunatsiavut Government is constructing two seven-unit complexes for supportive living; one to be constructed in Hopedale and one in Nain. The contract for the six plex in Hopedale has been awarded to BERA Construction, and the contract for the same model complex in Nain was awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction. Unfortunately, the site for the complex in Nain was not recommended by the civil engineer we contracted to assess the property, so the site had to be abandoned. We are still continuing to consult with interested property owners to purchase property which is large enough to accommodate the seven-unit complex and which has acceptable soil conditions for the building. The building in Hopedale is covered and heat is installed. The interior work is continuing throughout the winter, and the contractor expects the building may be ready for occupancy by June. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to housing, I guess is no surprise, housing continues to take the majority of the time within my Department. I continue to be involved in Aboriginal housing issues at the regional and national level and to promote adequate housing funding for Nunatsiavut. I attended and presented at another National Housing Workshop held in Quebec City December 11th to the 15th, 2017. The Nunatsiavut Government is continuing to lobby Canada for adequate housing funding and, given the response to date, we expect that the Nunatsiavut Government will receive additional funding in the 2018-2019 federal budget. And, Mr.

Speaker, regarding our Housing Repair Program, after consultation with Torngat Regional Housing Association, a decision was made that the Nunatsiavut Government would complete repairs in 2017-2018 to 42 homes in Nunatsiavut as follows: Nain, 7 homes, Hopedale, 14, Makkovik, 8, Postville, 2, Rigolet, 12 homes. As a result of the tender process, the contract for all the 42 homes was awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction. There was, however, a problem for shipping and materials were late in arriving. Work has commenced and is progressing in all five communities. The work in Postville was completed by the end of November. Work in Hopedale, Nain and Rigolet is now completed. However, work has just commenced in Makkovik. Some window and exterior doors arrived on the last trip of the Astron. So installation of these will have to wait until the spring of 2018. My department is concerned about the late start of home repairs in 2016 and 2017 and will develop a future plan to work with finance to attempt to get all the funds committed early and design work and construction contracts for infrastructure and home repairs awarded before the shipping season starts. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding our Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy, the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy was tabled and discussed by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council during their meeting in October. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council gave unanimous support to the *Draft Strategy and Housing Act*. And directed that it be sent to all Deputy Ministers for a final review and a redraft submitted to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for consideration. The *Act* is now ready for

consideration by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and, if it approved, I intend to table to the *Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy and Housing Act* with the Assembly in March of 2018. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding Marine Transportation, I intend to meet with the Minister of Transportation and Works within the next few months to discuss the plans for the Marine Service to Nunatsiavut for the 2018-2019 season as well as the proposal for infrastructure in the communities and the new vessel. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Nain Airstrip, we are still lobbying Canada and the Province for funding to construct a proposed new airstrip in Nain. Canada still maintains that this is a priority, however, they require a proposal from Newfoundland and Labrador for a cost sharing funding arrangement. Newfoundland and Labrador states that although they consider the new proposed airstrip a priority, the province has no funds to contribute towards this proposed project. We are continuing discussions with both Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador to determine if the funds could be made available for the 2018-2019 budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. The Speaker/Chair now recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to table the quota report to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, Fisheries. The Inshore Shrimp Fishery in SFA 4 and 5 ended on November 5th, with the last offload from an NG designate. A total of 3,354 tonnes were landed inshore leaving 227 tonne to be transferred offshore in accordance with the Commercial

Fishery Designation Policy. The Department participated in annual fisheries workshop hosted by the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board during November 7th and 8th in Goose Bay. President Lampe also attended a two-day workshop and was the key note speaker. The workshop went well, and the President's attendance was well appreciated. The NAFO Scientific Consulate has approved an 11 percent increase to Canadian TAC for the green and halibut in 2018. We expect this will result in Nunatsiavut communal allocation increasing to approximately 202 tonne this season. The Department, along with representatives from the Economic Development Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans held a public meeting in Nain on January 16th to discuss concerns we were hearing about the health of the char stocks in the Nain Bay area. It was a very good turnout from the community to the meeting and, by the end of the meeting, opinions were mixed on whether or not there are other measures that need to be taken. We are exploring options to get further input on this issue. It is very clear that further char research is needed to better inform the decision-making moving forward. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The moose hunting season for the 2017-2018 season opened on September 15th and will be in effect till March 31st. To date, 23 of the 39 licences available have been harvested. Mr. Speaker, during October 24th to 27th, 2017, 40 moose were harvested in Gros Morne for the Community Freezer programs. This is an ongoing initiative of the Nunatsiavut Government to provide an ultimate source of country food

since the moratorium on George River Caribou was enacted in 2013. We would like to thank Parks Canada for their ongoing support from this program as well as Ulapitsaijet Committee. The meat has already been distributed to the communities in the Inuit Community Corporations. The first year of the two-year aerial survey of the Davis Strait Polar Bear subpopulation is now complete. Our wildlife manager, Jim Goudie, flew in the portion between base camp and George River. In that area 189 polar bears were sighted, and 181 samples were obtained. A total of 26 days were spent in the field by the field crew. The complete year 1 of the survey was finished on October 26th. Planning is already underway with all involved partners for next year's field season. Mr. Speaker, the 2018 hunting season for polar bear opened on February 2nd and applications are now available in the communities. *Impacts and Benefits Agreements*, Mr. Speaker. With regards to Voisey's Bay Sheila Freake, NG beneficiary, has been hired as a new Aboriginal Affairs superintendent. With the shipping meetings took place in Hopedale and Nain January 8th and 9th. The Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board has not had a meeting since August, and there have been no outstanding issues. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled to be held in Kuujuaq in mid-March. Mr. Speaker, as for the Mealy Mountains National Park Co-management Board, a chairperson has not been appointed yet. A meeting with the six CMV appointees was held on January 10th to discuss roles and responsibilities of the CMV. There will be further meetings sometime in February to discuss a chairperson. Carmen Hancock is now

Acting Superintendent for the Mealy Mountain National Park. There will be a job ad for that position in the near future. Non-renewable Resource Division, Mr. Speaker. Since the last meeting of the Assembly, the Division has been involved in the number of files involving mineral exploration, oil and gas, and marine planning. Mr. Speaker, on the exploration front, Maximus Metals completed a Phase 1 Drill Program on December 3rd. Their property is located on LISA near Strange Lake, about 145 kilometres west of Nain. They were drill testing for potential nickel mineralization and planning on drilling seven holes on three drill sites. Work restrictions were applied to the drill program where they were exploring on critical caribou habitat. On January 9th our Division received wildlife observation reports. No wildlife concerns were observed at the camp or drill sites during their exploration program. However, on December 1st three caribou were spotted by a fixed wing 25 kilometres southwest of the drill site travelling south. There was only one other wildlife sighting during their program and that was an Arctic kiss. Anticipation of the Phase 2 program is to follow pending drill results. Mr. Speaker, on January 9th our Division was informed by email that there is no change to the Vale Expansion Project. The project is still on hold. The detailed engineering work continues with the project team and procurement continues to be on hold. Vale had no estimated time on resumption at that point. Mr. Speaker, the final community consultation on the quarry standards on Labrador Inuit Lands was concluded as of November 15th. The Postville Inuit Community Government had until



the end of 2017 to review and make suggestions and comments. The response is still pending. Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Construction Incorporated has started the reclamation of the former Postmill Lumber site near Postville. The reclamation is scheduled to be completed over multiple seasons with the anticipation of completion in 2019. This past summer, fall, NCI removed the barge load of scrap metal and equipment from site, and had it shipped out for disposal. Also NCI had a Postville Inuit Community Government complete landscaping and resloping of the quarries on the Salmon Pine Road. They are also planning to start the 10 Mile Bay reclamation after the former Postmill Lumber site is completed in 2019. Once we receive reclamation plans, we will consult with the appropriate stakeholders. Mr. Speaker, on November 10th, the Canadian Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board, CNLOPD, advertised a request for proposals for the preparation of an update of the 2008 Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Labrador Shelf Offshore Area. On December 12th the working group received three proposals in response to the request requests for proposals. Review of technical proposals and the evaluations are currently ongoing. Mr. Speaker, the Non-Renewable Resources Division has made an attempt to fill the Mining Analyst position, but due to the housing shortage in Nunatsiavut, the successful applicant had to decline the offer. The Division, Human Resources are exploring other options to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

Environment Division, Mr. Speaker. We are excited to announce we have filled two vacant positions; the Research Manager and the Environmental

Protection Analyst by Mary Denniston. Mary's returning from education leave at the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University, and was formerly in the Northern Contaminant Researcher role. This added capacity within the Division will help many files move forward more efficiently, including our newly and our Imappivut initiative. The Environment Division continues to move forward on climate change file through input in the finalization of the National Inuit Climate Change Strategy. The development of a Nunatsiavut Climate Change Strategy and the expansion of the local and community-based monitoring initiatives to better understand climate change impacts in Nunatsiavut. Additionally, we will be hiring a community climate change liaison position to work with communities to ensure climate change programs are addressing community concerns. Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division continues to move forward on the Imappivut Initiative Community Information sessions to all the communities were completed during December. Now community engagement and knowledge sessions are to begin in February, and we are aiming to have all sessions completed by the end of March. Each session will be approximately a week long to ensure we have enough time for all necessary conversations and knowledge documentation. These sessions will take place in all five of our communities, as well as Upper Lake Melville. The information and knowledge collected during those sessions will be used to inform the development of the Marine Management Plan of Imappivut. All Divisions of Lands and Natural Resources had a successful in-person meeting with

the Canadian Coast Guard in Nain on January 17th. Many areas were discussed from search and rescue to environmental response. We learned that there are potential opportunities that could benefit Nunatsiavut in our communities. Through those discussions it became apparent that the Inuit Community Government's community search and rescue groups would benefit from a similar meeting with the Canadian Coast guard to explore potential opportunities to further enhance such search and rescue operations and spill response support in Nunatsiavut. My staff will reach out to see if such a meeting can be organized. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, the Lands Division, with two attempts, have been unable to successfully recruit a new GIS Specialist. In order to meet the GIS services required by the Division, a standing offer contract is finalized with Bird's Eye Inc., the Inuit business, to provide GIS services to the Division until the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, finally, Director of Lands, with the Manager of Lands, Environmental Assessment Manager and the Hopedale Conservation Officer conducted fish camp inspection program in LIL in August. The Division plans to make this an annual program to ensure land lease requirements are being followed.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. The Speaker now recognizes the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MINISTER FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Apologies for the oversight.

**MINISTER FLOWERS:**

In January I attended a TB engagement session which representatives from my Department, Lab-Grenfell Health, and the Province, also ITK, and the Federal Government to look at developing a TB Strategy for Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, as you know, TB is still an ongoing issue in Nunatsiavut, and we plan, with the people at the table, to eliminate TB in Nunatsiavut. So there is a Draft Strategy Plan which will be out for mid-March. Also, Mr. Speaker, food security, as we all know, is still an issue in Nunatsiavut. The Food Security Co-ordinator, under the direction of Health Services in the HSD, has been working on the development of a Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy that will be using our communities and engagement that will be ongoing to seek input from the communities to, you know, look at food security, and there will be a meeting held in March. Some of the pilot programs that are underway on the ground in Nain includes a healthy lunch program, and we are looking at acquiring space to expand the program in Hopedale in the coming months and weeks. And I think that there also will be a meeting held in Hopedale with the communities here to use their, I guess, input and IDS to help put food security in a better perspective, Mr. Speaker, because right now we all know that food security is a real issue in Nunatsiavut. We are also continuing to work at the policy level to have input into improving the Nutrition North Canada Subsidized Program, the National Food Policy, as well as the National Poverty Reduction Strategy, as well as other provincial and federal food security related policy areas. Also, Mr. Speaker, in Nain our mental health staff has been taking a lead to

implement a brown bag lunch program in the school in Nain with a lot of support from the food security co-ordinator and her intern. Working with her, as well as other DHSD staff, this is a pilot program for the cold months, but since it's been going so well in Nain, we have extended it till the school year ends, Mr. Speaker. Funding has been approved to continue the Community Shed Program in Nain which is good news for Nain again, with expansions into Hopedale and Rigolet in the coming year. We are working to look at using the school, workshop for both these communities and also when the boats, as long as we were looking for a place to hold these programs, I guess we'll be seeking information from the AngajukKâk for the community in Hopedale, first, if they have any space available and also in Rigolet. Mr. Speaker, it's a great success in Nain and we would certainly like to have this program be a success in the other community. In Nain ages 10 and up; male and female come to this program, work with different projects and proud to bring what they build and achieve back home. So I'm really looking forward to this becoming into the other communities, and if other communities will testify, I can't see why we can't have this program through all of Nunatsiavut. We have completed a survey in Postville. Postville asks for mental health services for their community. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that we will be moving forward and putting a mental health service program in Postville in this coming year. So that's great news for Postville. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Youth Symposium will be occurring in Makkovik this year, March the 1st to the 5th. We are working with the

youth in planning of the event to ensure that it is what the youth are interested in learning and seeking, and what they want to do. We are working to develop a youth strategy which we hope to be able to bring in an early draft form to the symposium for the input of the youth. We aim to get the direct input from youth on what their priorities are and what they would like to see come out of this workshop and what they would like to see us do for them. Mr. Speaker, another great event that will be held, and hopefully we have a lot of input, and the youth is our future, Mr. Speaker. Also, Mr. Speaker, we have a new Sexual Violence Provincial Co-ordinator position located here in Hopedale. She's new to the community but, from all responses that I hear, it's going well, and she's also travelling to other communities in Nunatsiavut. She's helping develop information pamphlets for victims of sexual violence so that they know their rights and their options, and develop training to individuals who may be working with sexual offenders themselves. Mr. Speaker, we are moving, I think, in the right direction getting help for people who need it. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Youth Centre in Nain continues to be a huge success with around 30 to 40 youth, ages from 13 to 30, stopping by between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m., and around 4 to 8 youth, ages 16 to 30, again, who also sleep there when they need to. We are constantly hearing positive comments from the youth around this program.

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry is in the final stages of confirming a public community session in the province in the coming months. The outreach team will be travelling to the region to

assist people through the registration process. The Nunatsiavut Government has been collaborating with the inquiry staff to ensure individual families and communities are informed of the inquiry so that they can make decisions about whether they wish to participate. They are interested in hearing stories from many different individuals including family, friends or women who were or know of murdered or and missing women. So, Mr. Speaker, it's moving forward and hopefully people get to hear their stories. The emergency shelter in Happy Valley Goose Bay has been operating this year, Mr. Speaker, above capabilities or over. It was meant to accommodate 8 individuals, Mr. Speaker, and up to 17 individuals seek refuge in that emergency shelter during these cold months. So, Mr. Speaker, we certainly can see that there is a big need for emergency shelter, and most of these individuals, Mr. Speaker, are beneficiaries of the *Nunatsiavut Land Claim Agreement*. So we are certainly going above and beyond to try to accommodate these people. Also, Mr. Speaker, we are partnering with the Child and Youth Advocate Office to complete a full review of the Inuit children in Inuit Children Welfare. The terms of reference has been accepted, and a consultant has been interviewed. As soon as the Province, Provincial Government approves the budget, this process will begin. The review will include file reviews, interviewing with the biological families, foster families, children in care and a review of best practices and inputs from other Indigenous communities.

**SPEAKER:**

Minister Flowers, if you may pardon the interruption. Under Standing Order 29(2), we have now reached our 35-minute time limit for Ministers statements, however, recognize it's been quite a period elapsed since September till now and we still have yet to hear from two Ministers and, of course, to allow Minister Flowers to complete his statement. So under Standing Order 16(1) I'll be seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 29(2) and allow to extend the time allotted for Ministers statements. Do I have unanimous consent of the Assembly to extend the time limit? Any nays? You may proceed, Minister Flowers.

**MINISTER FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I knew the Minister of Lands and Resources was taking up too much time. But, anyway, Mr. Speaker, I'm almost concluded. I've got a few more, you you know, despite the reason, I think that the people would be certainly interested in them. Our Department, in consultation with the NG Department, is working on criteria and application forms for the prototype in Nain. Three of these apartments will be for seniors and three will be for youth. The application process should be finalized in the next couple of weeks, Mr. Speaker. Then, Mr. Speaker, one, that the Ordinary Member from Nain has been on my case quite a bit about and deservedly so, Mr. Speaker, the seniors survey has been completed in Nain and Hopedale. It's about time, Mr. Speaker but, anyway, we had a lot of things that led to why it wasn't done. But we have trained two youths to enter the data information, and the information and the results from the survey will be available for us, like I



said, in the next couple of weeks, Mr. Speaker. But we haven't forgot about it. We've just taken a much longer than, you know, normally, but it's finally done and we can move forward, Mr. Speaker. Over the months of October and extending into November and December, the Status of Women Office held a "Because of Her" contest. This was to commemorate women's history month and to honour Labrador Inuit women. Beneficiaries were encouraged to submit entries about inspirational women in their lives by chance of winning prizes. Winners of the contest were Roxanne Andersen of Nain, Ches Evans of Makkovik and Ellen Adams of Rigolet. So congratulations to these three individuals. Because of her, we wouldn't be here, Mr. Speaker. The Status of Women Office received funding to host a International Women's Day luncheon in each of the Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville. A tentative date for this, Mr. Speaker, is March the 8th, 2018. The theme is celebrating women with a focus on the upcoming Nunatsiavut election. They hope to encourage women to get involved in the election. So, Mr. Speaker, with that, I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for letting me go over the timeline and reading my notes here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Your thanks for the initial time goes to the Assembly and not to myself as they granted unanimous consent. Anyway, *Nakummek*, Minister Flowers, Minister of Department of Health and Social Development. With that, the Chair or the Speaker would like to recognize the Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MINISTER LYALL:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* It's great to be back in Hopedale again. It seems like forever since I've been back here. I'm on just a couple of sessions.

Before I get into my report I would be remiss if, at first, I didn't give a big thanks of gratitude to all my staff who, on a daily basis, are carrying out the directions of my Department, the directions of the NAC and the Assembly. They may be behind the scenes, but they are the people that are making things happen. They prepare reports, briefing notes, budgets, set up meetings, schedules, attend meetings, travel, contact beneficiaries, work with their departments in NG, other governments, other agencies, *et cetera, et cetera*. Without them my Department wouldn't be anywhere. A big shout out to my Deputy Minister, Belinda Webb, the Director of Tourism, Jillian Larkham, Experience Development Officer Jenna Anderson, Director of Culture, Brenda Jararuse, Arts Program Co-ordinator Chantelle Anderson, Language Program Co-ordinator, Silpa Saurak, Interpreter/Translators Louisa Kojak, William Barbour, Gordon Obed. Archaeologist Jamie Brake, Archaeologist Assistant Michelle Davies, Heritage Program Co-ordinator Kyle Crotty and to those staff that are non-contract, Selma Jararuse, Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program Instructor, Sarah Townley, Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program Development Officer and Proof reader Matt Barbour. I would once again like to thank them all for their hard work and their dedication.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I will update on the various files in my Department. In the area of culture we have been working continual work in the following areas. Illusuak. We are nearing the completion of the long-anticipated

Illusuak Cultural Centre. Everything is on track and things are looking good. The designs of the exhibitions are near finalization and the building itself is nearly complete. Discussions and planning's around the grand opening of Illusuak are beginning. Language Programming. Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. Things are back on track with the LITP program. Selma Jararuse is back and still with us instructing. Sarah Townley is developing the modules. There are six modules left to develop. The Master Apprentice Program. The program is a little over halfway completed. The program in Hopedale and Postville are running very smoothly. The apprentices are picking up a lot of *Inuttitut* since they started. Unfortunately, there are some issues that have service in Nain, Makkovik and Rigolet. Nain's master can no longer take part in the program so Nain went approximately a month and a half without a master. In the beginning of January the Division of Culture was able to hire a new master, Silpa Obed, for Nain, so they are now continuing on with the language learning. In Makkovik, the master and apprentice also could no longer take part in the program and, unfortunately, there has not been a replacement for these positions yet. Efforts are being made to replace both of these positions. The reason for this is the amount of time needed for the program and full-time work was found for the apprentice so she could not keep up with the schedule. In Rigolet there were troubles with the apprentice so the apprentice could no longer take part in a program. But shortly after Rachel Palliser began, so the program is back on schedule there as well. Each community is working Monday to

Friday, two to three hours per night, on their *Inutittut* language learning and their skills. IlinniaKatigennik. Regular weekly radio shows with the OK Society air on Tuesdays. The program is doing very well. We have just started a new program for this year. Language Resources for Children. Through working with the Language Nests, we are printing children's books that were made by the late Doris Flowers of Hopedale. Copies of the books will be going into the Language Nests, daycares, Illusuak, and also offered as prizes. Sakkijajuk. The Sakkijajuk Translation Project is complete. All the documents have gone through translations and have now been handed back. The Northern Lights French Trade Show. This year was another great year at the Northern Lights event in Ottawa. There were six artists attending the event in Ottawa. Peggy Anderson from Torngat Arts and Crafts, Jermaine Manning, Makkovik Craft Centre, Heather Angnatok, Nain Skincare Products. Ruth Flowers, Hopedale, Crafter and Seal Skin Worker. Derek Pottle, Rigolet carver. In the area of tourism we have been continuing our work in the following areas. The Inuit and the Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy. The 2017 mid-point review and tactical update of the Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy was approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council in October. A tourism session was held in Hopedale, January 15th to 17th of this year where community stakeholders, ACOA, CONA, and other organizations came together to prioritize 7 of our 14 short-term tactics. This will help our Division move forward ensuring that we are putting most of our time and efforts throughout our community needs. We are waiting on our

facilitator's report on the ranked priorities and will give another update at the next Assembly. Development of an Experienced Providers Network. We have been doing more background work and looking at similar types of models who helped shape the network and will provide an update once we had more progress done. At this time we are still working on the EPN and too far ahead with it, but we're hoping to make some progress over the next three months. A new visitor's guide will be available within the next few months. The Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. An RFP for an operator for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station has been released with the deadline of February 12th, 2018. The Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, as well as the Tourism Café, our consultants for the strategy, have sent along to their contacts to spread the word. To date, we have four to five parties that are relating to us is in putting in an RFP. We continue to reach out and work with stakeholders within Nunatsiavut and other organizations such as Department of Tourism, Culture Industry and Innovation, Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as others. In the area of archaeology heritage, we've been continuing our work in the following. Nanilavut Project. The Nanilavut Project has been ongoing for several years and involves collaboration between each of the Inuit Regions of Canada and the federal government in working towards finding information on Inuit who travel south for medical treatment, particularly for TB between the 1940's and 1960's and who never returned to their homelands. Research on this issue have been

completed in each region, and a database containing relevant information has been created. An *Information Sharing Agreement* to allow for appropriate and effective use of this information to help family members find out what happened was signed by me on behalf of the NG in November. NG Archaeologist, Jamie Brake, travelled to Ottawa in December to meet working group members and to participate in training sessions on how to use Nanilavut database. The federal government's also providing funding to help a certain number of family members visit burial sites of lost loved ones as well as for burial monuments. Public announcements are being planned to correspond with the federal apology about what happened to many Inuit who weren't sent south for treatment between the 1940's and the 1960's, which is expected to take place in the winter or spring of this year. Labrador Kayak Revival Program. The Labrador Kayak Revival Program began in October and is being run by Noah Nochasak, a highly qualified kayaking instructor who has just returned to Nain after completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Thompson River University in British Columbia. The program involves training local community members to kayak and certify them in accordance with Paddle Canada Standards. It also involves working with interested local people to begin building Labrador-style kayaks for the first time on this coast for nearly 50 years. The program has already seen enormous success. Close to 20 people participated in open water training and guided excursions in the limited amount of time that was available before freeze-up, and five students have already received

Paddle Canada level 1 certification through the program. Incredibly, one student has even received Paddle Canada level 2 certification.

Construction has been underway since winter temperatures set in and five kayaks are now nearly complete. These kayaks are the direct result of the efforts of the community members. Nearly 50 people have participated or assisted in some way with various aspects of construction so far. And interest is increasing and throughout the region with each passing day. We would like to begin running this program year around in 2018, with kayak construction taking place during the cold months of the year in kayak use and training taking place during the open water season. Community members have been excited to see their government support this type of programming which involves the revival of an important Inuit cultural tradition. Kayaking is a healthy activity, like some of the other sports that are supported by the NG. But the revival of kayaking in Labrador can do much more. We feel that it connects to notions like cultural healing, and that in the future it can help support tourism and economic development plans by training and encouraging local entrepreneurs who might like to start their own kayaking companies. NG support for this program helps ensure that the single most-qualified Labrador Inuit kayak instructor can provide instructions to local people without cost to the participants. I'm really sure the government sources such as archaeological, ethnographic and archival records are directly accessible as possible. At this stage the program is about cultural revival rather than revenue generation, and the current arrangement is an

attempt at creating a supportive environment rather than a competitive business scenario. Labrador's first snowmobile. The fully restored Model T Ford truck and associated snowmobile kit were picked up from Port au Choix and delivered to Lewisport to be shipped back to Nain on October of 2017. The machine which is now in running condition arrived back in Nain in late November. This unique piece of Labrador history can be used year round to generate interest in the history of the Region. It can be used for cultural activities and potentially as a significant attraction for tourism. Between late November and late December the machine was set up for winter use where skis and traction styled by staff and local people in Nain. Numerous transmissions adjustments were made to allow for use of low gear, reverse and brakes, and numerous other mechanical adjustments were made. This allowed us to test drive the snowmobile for the first time almost 90 years from the day it was first driven in Nain in 1927, just before New Year celebrations. Our first drive took place on the 2nd of January, 2018. We did not publicize this beforehand because we needed to make sure that the Model T is working properly and that we know how to operate it well before we drive it. There are large numbers of people. But despite this, the test generated enormous amount of interest and excitement. It was covered by the OK Society, the CBC, the OCM, Cottage Life the Telegram, and other media across Canada. One video hosted by CBC on Facebook consisting of a compilation of video on still photos of the snowmobile have been viewed more than a hundred and twenty thousand times, which is a clear



demonstration of the significance of this particular machine. Hopedale Archive Inventory. The Heritage Program Co-ordinator Kyle Crotty began an inventory of the archival materials that are being housed in the Hopedale Museum in October. It is expected that this work will require multiple visits to the community to complete. The second visit took place in conjunction with the launch of Hopedale's Community Media Office. Records housed at this location are extremely valuable for the region and beyond. Some of the records kept there do not exist anywhere else in the world. Throughout the fall and early winter the archaeology office has been creating, receiving and managing archaeological records from sites that were visited or found during the 2017 field season. These original documents are maintained, and the basic information contained within them is also included in the archaeological sites database that is managed by the office. Work on site and updating the database will likely be ongoing until March or April. Staff have also just completed drafting reports on field work that was done during the 2017 field season.

Archaeology presentation to high school students. In mid-November NG Archaeologist Jamie Brake presented the high school students at Jens Haven Memorial School about a career in archaeology. Many of the grade 10, 11 and 12 students were highly engaged, and at least one grade 12 student is currently planning to pursue a career in this important and exciting field. Another presentation about the Tunit was also delivered by Brake to high school students in December. He has been asked to come back in January to talk about the Inuksuit in Labrador. Selection of

the Hebron archaeology project as a case study for evaluation by ITK under the Tradition and Transition Project. ITK is conducting an arm's length assessment of the Tradition and Transition partnership from an informed Inuit perspective. The Hebron Family Archaeology Project was among those that the Project Management Committee has recommended as a case study for detailed review. A series of interviews will be conducted to discuss community engagements, research collaborations, methodology, research support, as well as achieved or anticipated outcomes. This review of the project will evaluate the degree to which the project has inherent Inuit values and knowledge or exchange, community engagement and responsible sharing of outcomes. A budget is currently being developed for the third year of the Hebron Family Archaeology Project, which will be submitted to the Traditions and Transitions Project Management Committee on February the 9th. Should the budget be approved for the third year, Archaeology Assistant Michelle Davies will begin consultations in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and the Goose Bay in the spring of 2018. Digital Outreach and Oral History. The Heritage Program Co-ordinator has received quotes from two web design companies and is ready to launch a web site for this project. The next step is to build the content for this through interviews. We have identified some initial stories to follow coinciding with the ongoing project such as kayak revitalization and Model T restoration, *et cetera*, along with any other stories people of Nunatsiavut are willing to share. Travel to communities within

Nunatsiavut and sharing sessions will commence in the next few weeks. In December the NAO was contacted by the manager of Canada tentative list for world heritage sites, and the Vice President of Parks Canada, about our application to have Hopedale included on Canada's tentative list. We learned at that time that our application has a unique status. Although Hopedale has not yet been included on the tentative list, because most of the archaeological site of Avertok has been destroyed by development over the years. The federal government is encouraging us to make adjustments to the application and to include other still intact Inuit sites that have outstanding universal value. We are the only applicants where the opportunity to work towards inclusion on Canada's tentative list without a call for applications, which might not happen again for many years. A teleconference to discuss next steps with the manager of Canada's tentative for road heritage sites and the manager of Canada's World Heritage Program took place in late January, and there will be further discussions over the next two weeks. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Lyle. The Speaker now recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister for Human Resources, Finance and Information Technology.

**MINISTER EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I will speak to a few of the updates from the Department of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology. Mr. Speaker the Nunatsiavut Government has been actively negotiating the renewal of the *Own Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* which

expired March 31st, 2017. The first proposal was rejected by the Government of Canada and we are still waiting for a response on this proposal from the Governments of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Canada and Provincial Government have negotiated and agreed to amend the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, Mr. Speaker, on two items. First is to allow an Inuit settlement to invest in limited partnerships subject to the same conditions set forth in paragraphs 253.1(2) (a) through (c) of the *Income Tax Act* and, secondly, to remove the geographic restriction under Part 4 of the GST refunds which will expand the circumstances in which a claimant under the *Tax Treatment Agreement* would qualify for the GST refund. It would also simplify the eligibility requirements for the refund. Mr. Speaker, our government, Government of Canada and Provincial Government are reviewing the proposals submitted by the Torngat Secretariat for the Implementation Plan Renewal, and negotiations are to begin shortly in this New Year. Our government, federal government, are in the process of renewing the FFA with proposals submitted for help funding and proposals under meaning funding submitted early 2018. In terms of personal income taxes, Mr. Speaker, our Division has been working closely with the Department of Finance for the federal government in regards to reporting requirements for residency as it relates to personal income taxes. As you are aware, our government receives 95 percent of the income taxes received from residents living within Nunatsiavut. However, there are still significant number of

beneficiaries who are inaccurately stating their residency. To put this in monetary terms, in 2014 the initial assessment indicated that the personal income taxes due to our government was \$9.7 million with 2100 tax filers ticking the box that they live within one of our Nunatsiavut communities on Labrador Inuit Lands. The results changed dramatically after CRA completed their audit for the 2014 tax year with only 5 million of personal income tax from 984 tax filers being remitted to our government. It is extremely important that if you live in one our Inuit communities that you tick the box for the residency requirement. The initial review of the residency has been completed by CRA for the 2015 tax year. Letters were sent to those who had been affected. It must be understood that there will be no change to the result of the tax owing or tax paid to the individual, but it will only ensure that our government receives the correct tax revenue in accordance with our *Personal Income Tax Administration Agreement* in place with the federal government. In terms of information technology, Mr. Speaker, there will be a second phase added to the Labrador North Digital Microwave Overbuild Project. The plan is under Phase 2 to further enhance the overall bandwidth by increasing the channels between Nain and Double Mere and replacing existing radios in Makkovik and Rigolet, as well as adding capacity in Postville. There will be an expansion of the fibre rollout that began under Phase 1 to include nursing stations, schools and government offices, provincial and federal. It must be noted that the rollout of fibre to the government agencies and departments will not allow fibre op speeds as

we're still limited by the microwave radios and the backbone, but it will permit those offices and institutions to have reliable two-way high speed communications for Tele Health and enhanced distance education. Mr. Speaker, if I can move onto the updates under Department of Education and Economic Development.

**SPEAKER:**

It was my oversight. It should be noted that Minister Edmunds is also the interim Minister of Health, Education and Economic Development. That was my oversight and I apologize for that, Minister Edmunds.

**MINISTER EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Under the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, Mr. Speaker, the 2017 and 2018 academic year had started with a hundred and forty full-time and 40 part-time students. There were significant changes over the fall term as there's continuing to be students registering for our upcoming winter term. So right now there's a hundred and seventeen full-time and 44 part-time students. Since the beginning of September there's been 21 students who have discontinued their studies. Reasons for discontinuation included personal reasons. Students have cited stress, academic performance issues associated with that, and some medical issues arose for some students, and some have simply changed their plans. An update on the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program, Mr. Speaker. We have lost two of our students within that program. One was removed from the institution for academic reasons, and the second has not identified a reason for discontinuation. There are now 11 students in the program. The education portion of the program has run smoothly since it started, but there's been some challenges with

the delivery of the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program, and we are working to try to resolve those issues for those students as we move forward. The Ontario strike, Mr. Speaker, the strike in Ontario colleges lasted for nearly six weeks as a lot of you may be aware, and that did have impact on students within our studies. There were six who were affected by that. The strike ended just before Christmas, but a number of initiatives have been implemented to ensure that the students do not lose their semester of study. Schedules have been changed to allow students to finish up fall semester work in January with the winter semester beginning at the end of this month. Study break for the winter has been cancelled and a later end date implemented. We did have one student who discontinued as she felt she needed a full semester of classes to get the greatest benefit from her program. We don't know the results of how the other students did as exams have not yet been held.

In terms of research on business education, Mr. Speaker, the Department had hired researcher John Graham to complete a study on the need for business training within Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. The final report was completed at the start of this month. This report will be reviewed and discussed by the Department Division head staff in January with recommendations being prepared and presented to the Executive Council for consideration. The Department of Education and Economic Development is in the process of hiring a research assistant to conduct an evaluation of the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program Pilot, program offered through the IBED Program, and this research will be part of a

bigger evaluation on language to come at a later point. The evaluation will help document the rollout of the LITP Program and document what had worked and what potential needs some improvement as this goes forward. We'll look at how the students adapted to learning the language, the instruction model that was used, materials and so on. The valuation will be a very important tool in improving the program delivery and content for future deliveries. The Post-Secondary Students Support staff, Mr. Speaker, is compiling information on graduates over the past 10 years as it's working towards the third 10-year graduate book, and we hope to start issuing notices to graduates by the end of this month. Mr. Speaker, in terms of the St. John's Office, the PSSSP Office was slated to move to a smaller space in December, but there was a renegotiation of the lease agreement for the current space and there was a two-year extension given to that lease. An update on some other files within the Department of Education, Mr. Speaker, there was a Inuit Education Forum that took place this past fall. There was a report that was released, and I believe that's being tabled here today. Mr. Speaker, we continue work with the Inuk Book, which is, of course a partnership with the Tradition and Transitions Project. The first book is essentially ready to be published, and we had intended to have that ready before Christmas, but hopefully that can be ready sooner than later. There was a needs base study that was put forward, as some members may recall, for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program where Stantec was commissioned to travel to some of the communities. The final report has



been received from Stantec, but is being edited with some comments from our Department and should be available soon. In terms of the Inuvut PiusituKavullu, the Inuit and Society culture book, the final chapters are being reviewed and the student resources and textbook should be going to print within the next month, and this book should be available to be launched in the early months of this year. The final report was received from the literacy camps in Nain and Hopedale, again those camps were a tremendous success, and we may be trying to look at rolling that out to some other communities, if that's an option as well. The Parent/Teacher Toolkit, the Parental Engagement Project, is still in print and we're waiting to receive that back from Nunatsiavut Visual Design. Mr. Speaker, the National Committee on Inuit Education did have a national forum that took place mid-November, 2017, in Rankin Inlet, and there were four themes that were highlighted, and representatives from each region were invited to present. That included the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Dr. Jennifer Henderson who spoke to culturally relevant assessment tools. Dean Coombs had presented around the theme of attendance. Rutie Lampe had attended speaking to the idea of resiliency in the school and to have trauma informed schools. Joan Dicker had participated as an elder, and Janet Wiseman was there as an observer, and she was sponsored by the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. Mr. Speaker, moving onto the Business Division, in terms of business development, the Division had approved one Inuit business to be added to the registry; two additional application requests

are pending with just waiting on some new information. We have assisted 14 entities or individuals with business start-up inquiries.

Between September and early November there were no underground packages received for Vale, but 6 regular site operation packages were received and 22 Inuit businesses were notified. Moving onto business supports, Mr. Speaker, the Department has been making concerted attempts to try to get better outreach to our business community, and the Division is revamping how we interact with the public around information sharing. One of the ways to do that is that the Department has been working on the Economic Development section within our Nunatsiavut Government website that's been undergoing a full overhaul, and we're hoping to launch that and make that available soon. The revisions will encourage business ownership on the site with some back end access. It will promote procurement and contract opportunities. It will inform businesses of training and networking opportunities. It will also highlight new business support programs offered by the Division, and it will assist with business reporting and evaluation of economic impact and compliance of Inuit businesses. Additionally, the Department will formally launch a Business Toolkit for women and entrepreneurs, both in hard copy and online and digitally. The toolkit was developed after researching Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut and focuses on answering questions and providing tools to those considering starting up a new business. It's the first of its kind and this resource will be important as it has a Nunatsiavut Inuit-specific lens. Accompanying this

shift in information sharing and educating our business community, we are also releasing completed research on the supply chain analysis of Voisey's Bay Underground which will highlight partnership and Inuit business opportunities within this resource sector. Mr. Speaker, in terms of community development, there was a partnership with the Department of Health and Social Development and Lands and Natural Resources with the Gordon Foundation Hackathon and Food Security that took place during late October. The resulting policy recommendation identified additional research requirements and suggestions to be presented to federal departments. In terms of the Mealy Mountains National Park reserve, Mr. Speaker, there's continued work on the IBA preparation with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Culture, Recreation and Tourism to identify economic development needs for business benefits associated with the park. We recently welcomed Georgina Allan to our team as our Mealy Mountains Business Development Officer. She's based in Rigolet, and Georgina will focus on mobilizing the business community of Rigolet to maximize the benefits of the neighbouring Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve. And those are the updates that I have for you this morning, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. That concludes item four on the *Orders of the Day*, so we move onto item five, which is "Member Statements." Are there any Members who wish to make a statement today? The Chair recognizes the first hand in the air, which I believe was the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* The following summary report which has taken place since our last sitting in September of 2017. In September or late September, in early October, my community hosted two major conferences held by the Inuit Circumpolar Conference Executive Council and the Inuit Tapirisat Kanatami AGM. They both were quite well attended. The NICG attended the Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador Convention in Corner brook this fall, along with other Nunatsiavut communities and the just highlight of that, I guess, was that a couple of our councillors from Nunatsiavut were recognized for their services. Counsellor George Lyall of the Nain Inuit Community Government, he was recognized for 16 plus years of service and is going to be presented with a certificate by our community government at our next sitting. And AngajukKâk Herb Jacque from Makkovik, he was also recognized for 22 plus years of service for his community. Congratulations to them both. I'm happy to report that the Charles Lake Water Project is now commissioned. The contract for the pressure reducing valve chambers was completed by the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and we are now linked to one water supply. The contract for the new subdivision in Nain has been awarded to Bera, formerly known as Budgell's. It was too late in the season to start the construction, but Bera will be ready to start as soon as the conditions allow in the spring of 2018. We are sure that equipment is at Nain so they can get an early start. Mr. Speaker, the Labrador of Distinction Award ceremonies took place in Nain on November 16th, and congratulations go out to the

recipients, Christine Baikie, Gilbert Haye, Isabella Pain, Gary Baikie and Rita Andersen. We have been told this is going to become an annual ceremony. And I'd like to shout out congratulations to the Jens Haven Memorial Huskies boy's volleyball team. They won the regionals, but came second in the provincials. That last sitting of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker, I reported that the Nain Husky Centre arena was closed maybe for the season. The Nain Inuit Community Government worked hard and tirelessly and applied to all levels of government for funding to the necessary repairs to keep the renewal. I am proud and pleased to report that Nunatsiavut Government came to the assistance of the community and funded \$264,550 to help with the repairs. This funding came from the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, and the Nain Inuit Community Government would like to thank and recognize the Nunatsiavut Government for that. Thank you very much. Funding from the federal government looks promising for longer term solution in the next couple of years. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, the Nain Inuit Community Government would like to thank the Hopedale community for hosting the *Inutittut* Speak-Off this year, all the speakers for young students from Nunatsiavut, and I would like to recognize the effort put in by the students and, of course, to the teachers who are keeping the language alive through these speak-offs. And this is a short summary of my report for what's happened since last September, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalatik.* Mr. Speaker, this morning, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I'd like to extend my sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. They have lost loved ones since our last sitting. As I've said before, our towns are small and when we lose even one person many stories and histories go with them. I would like to acknowledge an elder from our town who we lost suddenly in late November. The man's name is Renatus Onalik. Renatus was a strong advocate for the local alcohol committee and his wish was to see a healthier community and for us to have more control of the alcohol and drugs coming into our town, and especially into the hands of bootleggers. Our people are strong, resilient people, Mr. Speaker. And in the face of death the community pulls together to help each other out. For that, I'm grateful. I'd also like to wish our condolences to the family and the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay in the passing of Mayor John Hickey. This morning I would also like to congratulate the ACMS girls' volleyball team on winning gold in the provincial volleyball tournament at King's Point, Newfoundland. Thank you to all the coaches and chaperones who gave of their time for these memorable events. I'm also happy to report that after months without the radio station we now have the antenna moved and also the radio announcer was re-hired. We have a happy town with our radio station back up and running. We still continue to work with our auditors to catch up on our audits. It certainly has been proven to be a challenging and time consuming task. The Town Manager position is still not filled. That

has left a huge void in running our office, and I want to thank our staff for stepping up to the plate and getting the task done in the timeliest fashion as possible. I'm also pleased to announce that our wooden project will be starting hopefully this week which will be a huge benefit for our seniors, single mothers, and low income families, and I would also like to thank the Kamatsiatet Committee and the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* from where we have our funding from for this valuable project. There is many more things that I could say today, but given the amount of time and the short timeframe we have for this meeting, I'll close up there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may, just one more thing. The awards. I'm pleased to say that Martha Winters Abel won and I won one. And I just wanted to acknowledge my husband, Brian Flowers. When anyone volunteers in our community, it takes a lot of time and effort and much time away from our families. And those are the people who suffer, I believe, most when you're giving back to your community. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. I'm glad you brought up the issue of the lack of a Town Manager here in the community of Hopedale because I think it's important that this Assembly recognized that you've taken on the responsibility, almost solely, since September, I believe. And the weight that has been placed upon shoulders has been great, and I want to extend my thanks on behalf of this Assembly for the Herculean efforts you have made to keep your community intact while you try to fill that position. Thank you. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, we'd like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and prosperous New Year to yourselves for all your hard work and dedication and to your communities. Thanks to the provincial government for providing funding for our CEEP program, which Community Employment Enhancement Program. We have five individuals hired on providing assistance to our seniors in snow clearing, wood splitting, *et cetera*, and two ladies doing crafts, beautiful crafts for our craft shop. One individual is now eligible for EI benefits. Actually, I've changed my report a couple times, so I think it's four now. It's ongoing and two others were hired, and the program is expected to be done by March the 9th, 2018. Our Recreation Department are running another winter schedule for our arena which is going well. We wish them all the best, and thanks to the volunteer committee for all their hard work and dedication, commitment and fundraising. Hats off to them all. Thank you to our First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, and her Department for providing funding for wood for our seniors in need in our community again this year, and also for the Christmas hampers. We'd like to acknowledge and congratulate the fund, the results from our Town in receiving the distinction awards in November, two of which are deceased. William Andersen Sr. and Bert Winters. Congratulations also to Toby Andersen and Barry Andersen in receiving the same award. They're looking forward to the upcoming Kings Trust and Youth Symposium arriving in Makkovik. Congratulations to the following, as



well, in receiving the Canada 150-pin certificate which was Junior Andersen, Annie Evans, Liz Evans Mitchell and Linda Pottle. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication. We'd also like to recognize Gary Mitchell, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk and Chair of the Upper Lake Melville, former Members of our community, in receiving that award as well. Also to AngajukKâk Joe Dicker for his 150 for getting 150-pin and certificate. Congratulations to all of you. Our groomer crew are now making trails and doing ice checks with our new groomer. This groomer will be on the trails and across the country. We are looking forward to – oh, I mentioned things. I would like to say good luck to all seeking election for the Ordinary Members in Nain, and thanks for the services provided and those who may not be seeking re-election, thank you as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. The Chair now recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a very busy, but very rewarding, winter for the community of Northwest River and the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation. I am pleased to say that our pilot project for snow clearing for seniors and people with disabilities in our Town has gone over very well and is serving our community, and I would like to thank those who have participated in the removing of the snow, Craig Montague, who has been using his mini loader to efficiently remove snow out of driveways. And we also have four young people ranging

from teenagers to young adults who manually shovel wheelchair ramps, walkways, and patios for areas that the small tractor cannot get into, and I would like to thank all of them for their hard, especially the teenagers who are willing to go out after school in the cold and shovel the properties of seniors who are very much in need, and pretty much everybody gets done within a 24-hour period. During the last snowfall, approximately 48 driveways were cleared during the last storm. Due to the unanticipated amount of snow in Central Labrador, we are now looking to secure extra funding on that because we were not anticipating 300 centimetres plus at this time in February. But we are confident that we have that security. And I would like to also thank everybody who has participated in our Arts & Crafts Program. Traditional crafts are becoming very popular again in Northwest River. Sealskin making. We had a program for sealskin vests that has gone over very well and had, I believe, six participants, and I'd like to thank Tommy Blake for being the instructor for that, and people all got their vests done before Christmas to use as gifts for themselves, if they chose. And I would also like to thank the Town of Northwest River for the first time in several years for flooding the outdoor rink. Having that back on the go, there are young people from Sheshatshiu and Northwest River who are helping clear the outdoor rink and, of course, gain and play hockey on it, and it is very good to see that back. And even in minus 30-degree weather to see kids out playing hockey outside again, it makes a lot of us, our hearts swell. And one thing that I would like to say, congratulations and thank you for

all of you who were on the Alcohol and Drugs Committee. That's something that I think is very important to somebody who has gone to rehab myself. I would just also like to say that I hope that gambling is something that's discussed in that committee. I can tell you from personal experience the threat from gambling, especially. I had a discussion the other day about VLT's. These are things to keep on the forefront of our minds when we would talk about addictions cause quite often people talk about alcohol and drugs, but please don't forget that gambling can also destroy homes and lives as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Chairman Montague. The Speaker now recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* Before I begin my statement, I'd just like to mention the absence of our Ordinary Members that are not here. It's not hard to miss a few Members around the table when they're not here. And I'd especially like to acknowledge two of our former Members from Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake and Patricia Kemuksigak. They were two very dedicated Members of our Assembly and of the constituency of Upper Lake Melville, Mud Lake and Happy Valley Goose Bay. They played a very big role in the community and had a good working relationship with the beneficiaries in that area and were hardworking and very committed to providing a service for the people, and we certainly missed them in the work that they did, and we wish them all the best in the future and

hopefully the Members that are going to be coming on now in April, in the May election, will continue the work that Roy and Patricia did in the area and provide a good working relationship with the beneficiaries. My statement today is the report on the NunaKâtiget Corporation activities since the last Assembly in September. As previously mentioned we met in partnership again with Nature's Best Farm belonging to Desmond Sellers and had a good deal of crops for the beneficiaries who use the Community Freezer. We distributed fish produce from September right up to January and we still have some potatoes on hand, and the people were so grateful for receiving this fresh produce. Along with the monthly allotments of pickup food pickups, we also distributed a Christmas package to each of the seniors' households whereby we give them a bag of potatoes, carrots, turnip, cabbage and ham. At the present time we are well stocked in our inventory with cod fillets, partridges, rabbits and moose as well as red berries, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, frozen corn and, as I mentioned, potatoes. As in previous years we were fortunate enough to obtain two moose licenses for this season; one from the province and one from Nunatsiavut Government. One moose was already harvested recently in the Double Mere area, and we thank Joseph Townley for harvesting that moose for us. We have warranted the bid to the second moose licence, and this one will be for the Grand Lake zone, and the hunters, I think, is going out tomorrow so we'll have moose for a while yet longer for the winter. We want to thank the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Lands and Natural Resources for their

contribution of 480 pound of moose and 80 pounds of sausages from the Grose Morne harvest. It was much appreciated and just in time to enjoy some meat for the Christmas season. At this time I'd also like to thank the Nunatsiavut Department of Lands and Natural Resources Economic Development for the contribution of five cases of char for the Community Freezer. Char is a very popular and sought after food item in the Upper Lake Melville area and we were very pleased that we could offer them as part of traditional foods that they receive with their monthly pickups from the freezer. Unfortunately, the inventory of char didn't last long, and char was in short supply again this year due to the sudden cut-off of catches in the Nain area where the char was processed at the plant there. This is the second year in a row that char has been in short supply as the inventory of Torngat Co-op was reduced last year due to a malfunction with the refeers and there was some spoilage of fresh char. Hopefully next year we can avail of a larger amount for the Community Freezer to last longer into the winter months. We are presently planning some craft training courses for the coming winter, and I've already organized the snowshoe making course that started last night. We are in the process of starting an embroidery course and I'm ready to go with a drum dancing course this Thursday. We are planning a net mending course later towards spring. NunaKâtiget Corporation held its AGM on October 3rd and we had a good turnout with some good discussion from the people who attended. In recognition of a 10th year anniversary of our Community Freezer, and wanted to do something special to

commemorate it. We decided to acknowledge the work that the First Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Corporation, Max Winters, put into it, and with the support of his family and the beneficiaries who attend our AGM, we have now named our Community Freezer, the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer. We also acknowledge the work of the board members who served on the corporation who has served in the past. We had an election at the AGM for one vacant seat that we had on the board and Barb Crawford was the newest board member. Our Community Freezer Co-ordinator is now on a part-time position again for the winter months as we are only open in the afternoons for the rest of the winter months for the freezer part. The funds that we are saving by going from full-time to part-time is used to purchase food supplies for the Community Freezer Program or craft instructional training. Deloitte has completed our audit for 2016, and everything was in order for that month. Following the Christmas season I travelled over to Mud Lake with the DHSD Community's office staff for a Christmas meal with the resident of Mud Lake which DHSD provided. I took along the guitar and provided some entertainment. We had a few prize draws, and NunaKâtiget provided two hams for prizes, and we certainly had a fun evening at Mud Lake. *Nakummek, Uhalati.*

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. My apologies but, for some reason, I glossed our AngajukKâk for Postville. So the Chair would like to recognize AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear, and my apologies for that, Diane.

**MS. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know I'm small, but I didn't think I was that small. I want to say a few thank yous, just some things that's been going on in my community. First of all, I'd like to say thank you to Inuit Pathways for providing us with funding to hire a fitness assistant to work with the Recreation Director in Postville. We also received funding from the CEED Program to hire a few people to help the qualify for EI. This program will be finished on March 9th. We also received funding from New Horizons for seniors to hire five instructors and one co-ordinator to teach the youth how to do knitting. This project is going over very well with senior ladies teaching youth and younger women how to knit and crotchet. It also gives seniors and the youth time to mingle and for the seniors to pass along skills and stories that seem to be disappearing. The title of the project is "Stories, Sex and seniors." We also applied for and received funding last fall to do a upgrade to our playground. We did install some new playground equipment, and we will be finishing the rest this coming summer. Short update on the winter trails. We have the winter trail marked from Postville to Little Neck. That's the trail going to Makkovik. The trail going to Separation Lake will be marked this week and will be groomed when there's enough ice to get the groomer across the bay. As most of you know, the groomer needs 22 inches of solid ice, and right now we have ice and then we have water and ice again which is not safe enough for the groomer. Safety of our workers are foremost at this time. But we will keep the public informed as to when we start grooming the trail to Separation Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek* AngajukKâk Gear. The Chair would like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak. Anthony.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I've got to say I'm not used to getting up at 4:30 in the morning anymore, so if I fall down, I just fell asleep. First of all, I'd like to pass on condolences to the families that have lost loved ones from between our last sitting and this one, and I'd like to extend that on behalf of the Inuit Community Government of Rigolet and the Town of Rigolet. Today I had three or four things that I wanted to say, but I've narrowed it down to one, and I guess you might say, more and more I begin to wonder where are we going as a people within our communities. I'm not sure if this happened in all communities, but our traditions we practiced are slowly fading away. Not long ago the community asked to have the local rink cleaned. And I said to counsel, we're going to do this differently this year. I'm going to take time off to volunteer my time to clean the community rinks. I said put out a notice, see how many people will come and help. So they did. Because I remember as a boy growing up and as a young man, I'm not that old yet, but as a young man, if we had a snow storm, and I think some of our AngajukKâks or Members might remember this in Northwest River, if there was a snow storm, one person went out there to shovel and within 10 minutes you had 15 or 20 people, everybody came out. But in my case in Rigolet, I had two people show up for two days. I had two more show up for an hour each. And I kept thinking back that if this had happened 20 years ago, 30 years ago, this place would have been full,



shovels going, snow going everywhere. But what we have become is volunteerism has been placed with a dollar sign. If you ask somebody to do something, there has to be a dollar value attached to it, and I'm not sure if this is happening everywhere, but I know I see more and more of it all the time. It kind of reminds me of Uncle George. Uncle George walked down the road one Sunday morning and he met the local clergy. The clergy says, "Good morning, Uncle George." Uncle George, "Good morning." "Uncle George," he said, "You wasn't in church this morning, were you?" Uncle George says, "No, was you?" The clergy just got up and he said, "Yes, you know I was in church. I had to be there." Uncle George says, "I'd be there too if I got paid for it." But that's how our people becoming. Everything we ask them to do, they have to be paid for it. And I kept thinking the very thread that kept us together and identified us as a people, the helping, the caring, the sharing, what was traditional to us, we're losing all that. These are the very threads that held us together, and if we don't know where we came from, how do we know where we want to go in the future? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I'd like to take this time, like many others here to offer, on behalf of my constituency, sincere and heartfelt condolences to families that have passed on since our last sitting. And more in particular to our community to the Ittulak and extending family

of Verona Ittulak. Verona was a well-respected elder who passed away on January 3rd in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Verona was an elder that was admitted into a senior's facility in Goose Bay in March, and she passed away after taking ill while home to spend time with her family for Christmas. Verona was 83 years old. Mr. Speaker, I just want to add that in the past four years attending the sittings of this Assembly that I get to send condolences to a single family. 2000, again, as other years, was a tough year for the community with losses of many loved ones, but I do have to say that when things are tough, at times our community do come together and keep strong. Mr. Speaker, I just to bring forward some community events that have occurred, or are ongoing since the last sitting, and sometime to inform you of events that are upcoming over the next couple months. I want to thank AngajukKâk Joe Dicker for sharing some of the events that occurred and the accomplishments of some of our constituencies since then. Mr. Speaker, it may seem that I'm presenting a Minister Statement for Department of Health and Social Development, but I just want to take this time to share and add to what Honourable Greg Flowers already shared in his statement. The Nain Community Shed was opened in February 2017, a pilot project which is in partnership with Department of Health and Social Development, Department of Education and Economic Development, the Nain Inuit Community Government and some other industry partners. The doors are open between 1:00 and 6:00 every day for 10 years and up. We get about 10 people a day who work on projects, share ideas and help

others. Workshops are held to build specific items such as home furniture, Kamutiik Ulu, bow and arrow and including the traditional kayak as Minister Lyall has presented in his statement. The shed not only brings in the youth, the adults, but seniors and elders that work on projects, which is a great opportunity to share traditional knowledge and skills. And, as a woodworker, myself, I could see the joy, the pride and sense of accomplishment on the faces of those that use the shed. The Nain Youth Centre opened its doors in May, 2017 and continues to be another huge success for our community. With around, as Minister Flowers has mentioned, about 30 to 40 youth, are stopping by between the hours of 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. and five to eight youth aged 16 to 30 who are there throughout the entire night. The Youth Centre provides a safe and a supported place seven nights a week so that youth have somewhere that they are welcome, are supported and safe from harm. Many nights' youth come together, cook and bake together, and simple snacks are always available. Should the youth need to spend the night, you know, there are sleeping mats available and designated quiet times. I do hear from the youth, and which who tell us that, the Youth Centre provides a positive difference that it makes in their lives. Again another project through Department of Health and Social Development, the Food Security Committee in Nain launched a pilot called "Healthy Lunch To Go," a program for school-aged children in the community. Three interns who are working under the Food Security Co-ordinator in Nain have taken initiative to keep this pilot program running smoothly by making

sandwiches, packing them along with healthy snacks into brown bags and delivering them to both schools. Sean Semigak, Nina Saksagiak, and Caroline Nochasak, along with some of our DHSD staff are doing this work to make sure that everyone has a healthy lunch to eat in the cold winter months. And just to add that the program is open to all students, and they're receiving very positive feedback from the community. Although it's just a pilot project, DHSD hopes to keep this program running at the end of the school year. The annual Heritage Adoptee Race will be held in Nain on March 17th with teams registered from Rigolet, Makkovik, Hopedale, Happy Valley Goose Bay and host Nain. This is an annual dog team race that is held every year and alternates from community to community. This event always generates a large crowd, and more so an event to retain a bit of Inuit culture and traditions. Nain is in preparation now to host the event. Mr. Speaker, the Nain Recreation Department of the Nain Inuit Community Government and the Webb family will be hosting the 17th Annual Bernard and Jeff Webb Memorial Hockey Tournament again from February 16th to the 19th. Teams from Natuashish, Goose Bay, Nain, have all participated in this event, and I'm sure that this will once again be a jam-packed and another successful event for the community. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, are you aware Cain's Quest, the longest snowmobile race in the world will start on March 2nd. A five-member committee co-ordinated by Kristie Howell is working hard to ensure that the Nain venue is ready to accept the racers. Much planning and organizing is needed to ensure safety of the racers.

And the community is priority, making sure that they are welcome with a hot cup of coffee and a hot bowl of soup. Nain will be the first stopover for the racers, and I am confident that the committee and the volunteers will once again make their stay in Nain a memorable one. I just want to add, Mr. Speaker, as well, that there are 41 teams registered in this year's Cain's Quest. And one team is from Nain. Team Aivek, team number 94, who are Conrad and Donovan and I just want to wish them all the best in the new adventure, I guess, if you want to call it, and Nain certainly will be supporting them when they arrive in Nain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. Now as everyone in this Assembly is aware, we are short one Member from the Constituency of Canada. For the past, since June of 2017 I've been the sole representative in this Assembly for that constituency, which represents approximately one-third of our beneficiary population. In recognition of that, I will be asking the Assembly to invoke Standing Order 16(1) which will allow me to make a short statement on behalf of the Canadian Constituency. So what I need from the Assembly is unanimous consent for that to happen. Are there any nays? Hearing no nays, I will ask Mr. Richard Pamak to temporarily assume the Speaker's position.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Rudkowski, to provide his member statement.  
SPEAKER, go ahead.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As I have mentioned, it's been some time since we've made a statement, and the Constituency of Canada has been very

active since we met last in September. Just to give the Assembly a quick outline of some of the things that's been happening. I conducted a road trip throughout the eastern part of our country in September of 2017 where I held constituency meetings in Cartwright, St. Anthony, Halifax, Ottawa and Toronto. Also in December of 2017 we held a Nunatsiavut Day celebration in St. John's. I can say that in general our meetings have been extremely well-attended, and I should make particular note of the fact that we had a very high turnout in Cartwright. What many people may not realize is that we have quite a high beneficiary population in Cartwright, somewhere between 80 and 100 beneficiaries residing in Paradise River, Cartwright area. Of that 80 to 100 we had approximately 45 to 50 of those people turn up for our meeting which was very well attended, and people had significant issues to discuss, concerns and the like. I also had a meeting in Labrador City which escaped my mind. But overall, my experience has been is that there's a tremendous hunger to reconnect with roots. People who have lived in my constituency, by and large, many of those people have been away for quite some time, as I have, for that matter. In spite of the distance and despite the time that has elapsed since leaving their homeland, their want or their desire or their hunger to connect with their culture has not diminished. There is no thinning of blood lines when people leave Nunatsiavut. Those bloodlines stay intact, and many people are looking for assistance with language training. Many people are looking for assistance with outreach, and they genuinely just want to hear someone who can relate to their

experiences and talk the language and talk in a manner which they are accustomed to. So it's been a very rewarding past six months from that perspective. My intention is, I would hope, and it was to get into a western part of our country. That has not yet happened because of time restrictions, but the outreach has been fantastic, and it's been a real eye opener for me, and as I get to know many of our beneficiaries and their families. I'd like to take the opportunity to read a short statement on the passing of Mr. Sidney Stevenson. I did not know Mr. Stevenson personally, but, by all accounts, he was a tremendous individual, and I'm happy to read this statement on behalf of his family. "It is with great sadness that we, the family of Donald Sydney Stevenson, announce his passing on January 26th, 2018 at the Palliative Care Unit of the Miller Centre in St. John's. Don was born July 21st, 1938 in Hopedale, Labrador and 1 of 10 children of Robert L. Stevenson, a wireless operator, from Harbour Grace and Justina Boas of Okak. His family moved from Hopedale pre-Confederation to Harbour Grace and onto South River, Newfoundland. From there as a young adult he joined the Canadian Forces in Petawawa becoming a guardsman. Upon discharge in 1960 his career took him into the field of metal work and welding, and that became his lifelong career focus. But Don's life and leisure were never very far from the out of doors. His Labrador heritage fostered a lifelong love of the natural environment. He was a skilled hunter, a boats man with exceptional powers of patience and observation. He was both physically and intellectually strong, could improvise at a moment's notice,

and often got himself out of a jam by just quick thinking. He approached obstacles as they presented themselves with a defiant challenge and most often succeeded. Don was a husband and a father. His skills were never lost on any of his family. This quote by the philosopher and poet, Henry David Thoreau may, in part, reflect the life of Donald Stevenson. The quote reads, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately to front only the essential facts of life and to see if I can learn what it had to teach." Don leaves to mourn, his wife, Cynthia, daughter, Donna, son, Roger, sisters Joan, Ethel, Joyce, Millie and Jeannette, brothers, Fred and Gary. He is predeceased by his, brother, William and sister, May. And, again, I didn't know Mr. Stevenson but, by all accounts, he was a heck of a guy. One thing I will mention in a quick close is the amount that we see, the amount of engagement in our urban Inuit population. For example, four years ago, we had our first Inuit Christmas feast at the Native Cain Centre in Toronto. We had 15 people. We had the similar feast two months ago and we had a hundred and ten. I also attended a Christmas feast in Ottawa put on by Tungasuvvingat Inuit and they had over 600 Inuit show up to that event in Ottawa. So our population is out there. Hopefully as we progress and, hopefully, as we make ourselves better known, we will continue to attract people to our resources. So it just proves the old adage is correct. "If you build it, they will come." And "If you find them, they will come to meet you." Thank you.



**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski.  
You may now resume the Chair.

**SPEAKER:** Before we break for lunch, I want to commend Mr. Pamak on the fine job he did. That being said, we are in a time crunch today, as everyone is well aware. We'll break for lunch and I would like to reconvene at one o'clock. That gives us about 33 minutes for lunch. One o'clock sharp will be a great accomplishment just because we don't have a lot of time today. Something you want to say, AngajukKâk Dicker?

**MR. DICKER:** No, sir.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, yes, I'm sorry, yes. Lunch is catered here, yes, that's correct. Lunch is catered here. We'll be available here on site. We don't have time to go back and forth to the hotel today, and I thank everyone for their accommodation. Thank you. We'll see you back at one o'clock.

(Recess)

**SPEAKER:** Order. Now we're back from our lunch break. We'll continue on with the *Orders of the Day*. Item number six, "Returns to Oral Questions." At the September, 2007 [sic] sitting, the Chair, as the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell, said that the Nunatsiavut Government worked hard to ensure the establishment of the Torngat National Park. It is a historic landmark which beneficiaries probably could not afford to see. Mr. Mitchell wanted to know if NG had any discussion with companies or any other groups to determine if cost effective transportation services could be provided so that beneficiaries could

have the opportunity to visit the Torngat National Park, with possible tour drop-ins along the way. In the absence of the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall, President Johannes Lampe said that he would bring this matter to the attention for response. Minister Lyall, would you please read your response.

**MINISTER LYALL:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik. (Speaks in Inuttitut)* There have been no specific discussion with any companies or other groups. In the past elders and youth have been to the Torngat Mountain National Park to programs that were offered by the NG and Parks Canada. NG will continue to work on various avenues through getting beneficiaries to the park, however, it is important that the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station be sustainable in order to do this. *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek, Minister Lyall.* There were four questions directed to the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell. Although she was absent with reason at the last sitting, I would like to recognize her to summarize the questions and responses.

**FIRST MINISTER MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The AngajukKâk from Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers, stated that the Department of Transportation, Provincial Government, would be conducting a full-scale assessment of the condition of the docks and its related infrastructure. She asked me if there was anyone in the Nunatsiavut Government who will act on our behalf to ask why no one has been in our communities yet. As the construction season that's coming to an end with the cold weather, my response is as follows. Thank you very much, AngajukKâk Flowers, for

your question. My Deputy Minister has been in continual contact with Mr. John Baker, ADM Marine Services for Transportation and Works. The divers and engineers were currently in Makkovik. The divers have already visited Nain and Hopedale. The engineer and divers will be proceeding to Nain when they complete their work in Makkovik and after Nain will be proceeding to Hopedale, Postville and Rigolet. The plan is to complete the assessment in all of the five communities this fall. And the next question was from the AngajukKâk from Rigolet and Mr. Jack Shiwak. Thank you, AngajukKâk, for your question. Mr. Jack Shiwak asked the President, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, if there was any consideration as in the *Nunatsiavut Constitution* for the President to appoint an Inuit court judge as this would increase the cultural sensitivities of the provincial court to Inuit beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut. The President suggested that this question could best be directed to the First Minister, but that NG had discussed the need with the Premier of the province to have Inuit cultural training for Inuit judges who practice in Nunatsiavut. Thank you for your question. My response is the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* contains provisions to allow Nunatsiavut to establish an Inuit court system. Inuit judges would be appointed to such an Inuit court if it was established. This is what the provisions of Chapter 9 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* refer to. The *Labrador Inuit Constitution* does not give the President of Nunatsiavut the ability to appoint judges to the provincial court. This is the responsibility of the province or Supreme Court. These are appointed by

the Government of Canada. Generally, an Inuit court would have jurisdiction of matters of Inuit law, customary law and community by-laws. It would not have jurisdiction over matters that are within the jurisdiction of other courts such as criminal law, child protection, adoptions, *et cetera*. The prospect of establishing a new Inuit court system is a huge undertaking which would require significant additional resources and capacity to achieve and maintain. It would include development offence legislation creating enforcement officers or agencies, arranging for prosecutions, *et cetera*. Nunatsiavut is still very young. To date the Nunatsiavut Government has prioritized the provision of other programs and services to beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut. And the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, stated that the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* gave us the ability to create legislation to take down services and programs from other governments. He asked if there are any internal discussions within the Nunatsiavut Executive Council on where the Nunatsiavut Government is looking to see what services the Nunatsiavut Government can take down for delivery for our beneficiaries. Thank you for your question, Mr. Pamak. My response is as follows. I would remind the Member that internal discussions of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council are privileged, and therefore I am unable to respond on that aspect of the question. However, in general, the taking down of services and programs by the Nunatsiavut Government is one that priority concerns capacity and resources. The Nunatsiavut Government cannot simply decide that it will take down jurisdiction in a

certain area without first assessing the requirements of such an undertaking and planning with how to deal with the resource and capacity challenges associated with it. The AngajukKâk for Postville, Mrs. Diane Gear, as to what criteria was used for housing repairs, why the 2015 income was required, and asked if this criteria was applicable to all housing repair applicants. Thank you for your question, AngajukKâk from Postville. My response is as follows. Very basic criteria were used for the 2017 program. Applicants were required to be beneficiaries. A household income limit of \$70,000 was used in screening applications. This was used with the objective of ensuring and promoting that households who have financial means to undertake repairs on their own take that responsibility personally. Due to the timing of the application process, 2016 income tax assessments were not available for most individuals as the deadline for filing taxes had not yet passed. Therefore the 2015 data was used. The other criteria that were applied was that the applicants must have consented to an assessment of their home and that the household was not otherwise receiving repairs from another source such as the Torngat Regional Housing Association's Repair Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Honourable First Minister Mitchell. Finally, I would like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the last sitting the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque, asked if there were any additional core fisher licenses

available and what were the steps that applied. In response, there are a hundred and fifty core licences provided by DFO. We are currently at capacity, but the list DFO has on file is under review to ensure that these fishers are active. Beneficiaries wanting to acquire a Northern Core Status must submit a letter to DFO. The letter must contain the fisher's name, date of birth, place of residency, length of residency and a detailed fishing history. DFO reviews these requests and notifies the applicant.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister Shiwak. There are no more returns to oral questions today. We now go onto item seven on our *Orders of the Day*. Item number seven is "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. I guess my question's going to be directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources with regards to renewable resources. That was reported this morning. There was a public meeting in Nain which was very well attended as was reported. And even this morning before we got on the plane discussion about that meeting was still on the minds of some people at the airport, which is the char fishery in a certain specific area just north of Nain or out of the two bays, Nain Bay and Tikkoatokak. At this meeting, Mr. Speaker and Honourable Minister Shiwak, I asked a question if there was going to be any scientific studies done to ensure that the figures were there to possibly put a quota on the bays of Tikkoatokak and Nain Bay because the information that was brought to the table or to the public meeting, the earliest that

you could get records of was 1977. So, before any decisions are made, I believe that the Nunatsiavut Government, along with the provincial and federal fisheries department, should now start a thing and my question is....

**SPEAKER:** Pardon the interruption, AngajukKâk Dicker, but this has to be formed in the form of a question.

**MR. DICKER:** Okay. My question is to Minister Shiwak. Will now the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Lands and Natural Resources start conversation or dialogue with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Provincial Fisheries and Oceans to get those studies done to ensure that the char fishing in those bays are maintained? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question, AngajukKâk Dicker. As I said in my Ministers statement this morning, what the report I got out of that meeting there were very mixed reviews or mixed reactions to this issue and mixed reactions that we received, and it's obvious that more research would be required. I think that's why you were referring to a more scientific research. What has to happen right now we're actually in the midst of finalizing the minutes and the recordings from that public meeting. Once that's done, as you requested, or as you asked, we will be setting up a meeting with the Department of

Fisheries and Oceans with Torngat Fisheries, the Secretariat, to see what is the next step, so what research needs to be done as you are saying to ensure that, would there be a quota required for that area and, if there is, what would we need to do to determine what that quota would be? But that is the next steps. We are going to set up those meetings to say what's the next steps, but we're finalizing those minutes. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. My supplementary question, I guess, then is to Minister Shiwak is that once these dialogues start – there was a commitment made by the Director of Renewable Resources, Todd Broomfield, that they would return. When will they return, Minister, to update the Nain Community as to what's going on? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Minister Shiwak.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to say the next step is to hold those meetings as soon as we know what direction this fishery needs to go in. We will let the Inuit Community of Nain know. Whether that's through public meetings, whether that's through correspondence first to yourself, we'll determine when we know what that direction is. Right now I don't know what that direction is, but once we know, you will know, and we'll



make sure that the Inuit Community of Nain knows. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, you're entitled to one more supplementary question. Do you wish to exercise the right to?

**MR. DICKER:** No.

**SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question's for Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. When the caribou issue was mentioned about being endangered, there was some talk, I think, some response from the Nunatsiavut Government was that the Land Use Plan still had not been accepted by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. What's the hang-up with the Land Use Plan not being accepted by Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government?

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and you're absolutely correct. This is one of the most important tools that we have. You've identified a calving within the Land Use Plan. We presented that to the provincial government. The last indication that we have from the provincial government where that decision-making is with regards to our direction of the Land Use Plan, where they are at with it. We understand that it's somewhere in line

heading to cabinet. I don't think it's at cabinet yet. But it's within the decision-making process. Like I say, I don't think it's at cabinet yet, but that's where we are told it's at. They have to make that decision whether to agree with us on that Land Use Plan or not agree with us, I guess, but we haven't heard since. I believe that last week when the President met with the Premier and, as well, when I went and met with Minister Byrne we brought up those issues again. Last week President Lampe brought it up to the Premier and he was going to look into it. But that's where we understand it's at. It's in their system. They have to make a decision, and it's a very important decision cause, like I say, it impacts caribou greatly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:** No, thank you.

**SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health, Honourable Greg Flowers. In your statement this morning, you stated that there was a survey conducted in Nain and Hopedale regarding a senior's home. Will the same survey or questionnaire be conducted in the other three communities? If so, when, if not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. The Chair recognizes the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MINISTER FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk. Yes, there was a survey done. It took, like I mentioned in my statement, it's been a nice while to get this all done, and finally we accomplished that, and we are going to put a date now in the next upcoming weeks, and those results will be then known. To answer your question, I think we're going to look at doing all of Nunatsiavut. We've done Hopedale and Nain first. That's where the most need was to, and the timeline, I haven't got that timeline yet but, most certainly, you know, we will be looking at doing all of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Flowers. AngajukKâk Jacque, do you have any supplementary questions?

**MR. JACQUE:** No.

**SPEAKER:** The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask a clarification question before I go? You've got to forgive me. I'm still new to all this.

**SPEAKER:** Go ahead.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** If I have a question about something that's in one of the documents that's going to be tabled later at the Assembly, can I wait to ask a question after it's been tabled, or do I have to use that question now?

**SPEAKER:** That question would have to occur right now.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Okay. So I would direct my question the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, if it's about one of the trust funds?

**SPEAKER:** As long as he has the ability to reasonably expect to answer it, of course.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Yes. Well, going through one of the trust funds of proposals funded in 2016, Honourable MINISTER EDMUNDS, it says that there was \$37,243 funded to Heather Igloliorte, and it doesn't really say what the money was used for. Can you please clarify what that line item is, please?

**SPEAKER:** Thank you, Chairperson Montague. Honourable Minister Edmunds, are you able to respond to that question today? The Chair recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MINISTER EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I can't speak to it, exactly. I'm sure that what I suspect is it's related to SakKijajuk Project as she was the lead there. I will get clarification on that and report back to the Chairperson if that's satisfactory to the Speaker. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Chairperson Montague, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions?  
Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, I guess, is a follow-up question for the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell. In respect to the report on the dock assessment that you've alluded to is supposed to be out by this fall, the fall has passed, my question is, is this report available to this Assembly now? And if it is, is the deplorable state of our dock and the freight office included in that report? Thank you.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

**FIRST MINISTER MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers, for your question. Though we do not have that report yet, but we keep in contact with the Minister of Transportation and Works, and we're hoping to have a meeting within the next couple of months. And I know that there was a follow-up as well that with the one there in Ottawa for Northern Lights. So as soon as we get any of that information, we'll be sure that you're made aware of it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. Dealing with the housing program, that repair program, there was some repairs done in Rigolet. I had a few people who came to me. One fellow came to me and he said, I went to work, I come home and I've got a crowd of people on my roof tearing my shingles off. Those shingles are four years old. And knowing what I do know about carpentry, shingles have a lifetime of at least 20 to 25 years, and there was five or six houses done like that, and I'm thinking, you know, couldn't this money be put into making somebody's house warmer than just doing because they want to do it? That's all I could see. So I'd just like to know and clarify, if you know why they were doing this, or, well, you know, what's the program all about? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Shiwak. Honourable Minister Mitchell. If it's within your construction at all just to answer that question, I'll let you proceed.

**FIRST MINISTER MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, very much, AngajukKâk Shiwak, for your question. Well, actually, we did hear about that house and the nice surprise that this person had when he came home and found that they were re-shingling his house. Now I'm not sure. There were two construction companies that were doing work, and we contacted Torngat Housing and, you know, we had it all established beforehand. Like if they were doing repairs on one home, you know, then under the program which I think was, and I think the contract was awarded to NGC, and then, you know, it was supposed to be a clear, you know, which homes each construction company was doing, but ,to our understanding, and we were notified after that somebody made a mistake, and to who owned the home, and they went in and put shingles on somebody else's home but, to my understanding, they did take care of that themselves. It was not our program, as such, it was a mix-up with the contractors. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Shiwak, do you have any supplementary questions?

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** No, I don't.

**SPEAKER:** The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward my question to Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. During the March session in 2016 I submitted a written question regarding the Hebron and Nutak plaques to commemorate the families that were relocating. More particular names of families that were not placed or recognized on this plaques. A response was provided on March 21st, 2016 by then Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism stating that "Actions will be taken in 2016 to ensure that the plaques in both Hebron and Nutak accurately lists the relocatees as approved by the residents themselves through the Relocation Committee." I ask Minister Lyall what actions have been taken to ensure that all families relocated from Hebron and Nutak are placed on their respective plaques. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Just give me one second. I'm looking to see if that question's admissible. Seeing no prohibition, immediately, I'll let the question proceed. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall.

**MINISTER LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and thank the Ordinary Member from Nain for the question. I have not been made aware of the problem at all. It's the first I've heard of it. If there's something that needs to be done and there's promises made by the Department, I will certainly look into it and get back to you, and I'll have an answer for you as soon as it becomes available to me. Thank you.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Minister Lyall. Just for clarification, there are some prohibitions in the Standing Orders about answering questions which

have been addressed previously. I was unable to find the Standing Order which dealt with that expressly in a time-efficient fashion, which is why I let the question proceed. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have any supplementary questions? Are there any other oral questions for today's session? Hearing none, we'll proceed. Has everybody had the opportunity to ask an oral question in the first round? Have I missed anybody? Hearing none, the Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of Suvivunut Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to President Lampe. A lot of people in my constituency area is very concerned about the George River Caribou Herd. And I was wondering if ever since the press release about UPCART and the Innu Nation has been released, has there been any further discussions with the Innu Nation in terms of possible reconciliation or coming back to the table? That's my question, President Lampe. Thank you.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. The Speaker recognizes President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti. Nakummek*, Chairperson Sivunivut, for the question. Yes, we are since the UPCART begin that we have working with the Labrador Innu Nation, and we have tried different ways of working with the Labrador Innu, and I had met with the Grand Chief, Gregory Rich, on a number of occasions to reconcile, but the Grand Chief and the Labrador Innu Nation have been quite challenging to work with and so right now after they have left UPCART, it is quite difficult to be in discussions with



them right now but, as I've said before, we are open to the Labrador Innu Nation coming back to Nunatsiavut Government to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to have discussions, but I've told them that they have to be very serious about talking about the George River Caribou Herd or any other caribou herd within Nunatsiavut or Labrador. And we'll continue to try to work with the Labrador Innu but, again, as I have said, we are trying our best to get them back to the UPCART Table.

*Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Chairperson Montague, do you have a supplementary question for the President?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the initial response, President Lampe. I guess my supplementary question, you mentioned in your opening statement that you talked with Premier Ball about the province's plan and he talked about it being a sensitive issue and potentially a legal issue in terms of the province's responsibility. I was hoping, President Lampe, could you please elaborate, if possible, on how the provinces feel that this issue is "too sensitive or might have legal ramifications"? Thank you.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. The Speaker recognizes President Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, Uhalatik.* And, thank you, Chairperson for Sivunivut. Yes, the Premier did say that the meetings that they have had with the Labrador Innu Nation was to talk about how the Labrador Innu Nation

present themselves to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the provincial government. And he said that the issue on the George River Caribou Herd is very sensitive to the province and that there would be, like you say, legal ramifications, but I know that the enforcement that the province has been providing to Labrador Inuit or Labrador Innu or Labrador people in general has not come, and so we do not see the province coming up with an enforcement or have not seen the provincial government come up with an enforcement of the caribou herds in Nunatsiavut or the Innu lands. And so right now we are still waiting on the province to give us more reasons on why the issue is sensitive and why there might be legal ramifications on the issue the George River Caribou Herd or the other herds in Labrador. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Chairperson Montague, do you wish to have your second and final supplementary question?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, thank you, once again, President Lampe, for the very informative answer, and I apologize in advance. This might be a bit of a difficult question and it might be a bit broad, but given your first two questions about the Innu Nation currently not at the UPCART Table and Dwight Ball's response to your enforcement questions, what is the Nunatsiavut Government's best plan moving forward when it comes to protecting the herd under these current circumstances? Thank you.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. The Speaker recognizes President Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti*, and thank you, Chairperson for Sivuvinut and yes, our position is that we will continue to stay with the UPCART strategy, and I believe that the strategy is very important where last October seven nations, including the Labrador Innu, signed to work with and, but they recently left the table and, but we, as Nunatsiavut Government, will be continuing to work with UPCART to, if we can, to keep the George River Caribou sustainable and, most certainly, to make sure that the future generations will have caribou meat to taste or to eat. And yes, we're told by the province that there was a possibility of a 1 percent harvest from the George River Caribou Herd, as I mentioned earlier. And so we had hoped that, but the Innu Nation jumped the gun and they took that 1 percent possibility to be shared among the Nunatsiavut Government and the Nunatukavut Community Council and, but right now, as I said, we are still in discussions with the province to see what could come up to have Labrador Inuit get the taste of caribou meat for Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville and others under the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. *Nakummek, Uhatti*.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation , Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question again is directed to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Keeping him busy today. With the upcoming decisions going to be made on allocating quotas for vessel owners coming up, I think, I understand in March, and you had to be a vessel owner to get

into the larger quota, would a vessel owner living outside of the Land Claims Area have the same entitlement to getting a part of that quota than a boat owner in the Land Claims Area? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we allocate quota for our commercial fishing, I assume you're talking about our crab, shrimp and turbot fishery, there is an application process and, as you say, it ends the end of March. When those applications come in, we have a commercial fishery policy that we apply to each one of those applications. Within that policy there is a very strict criteria for allocating and what different fishers have, they'll score higher on the chart and the very top thing they could have is to be a vessel owner. And vessel owners are given a higher quota because they have invested in the fishery and have proven that they want to maintain the fishery and make successful fishery, but they also have a lot of higher bills. To get to your question, there is right now within the policy, there's no distinction between a beneficiary fisher boat owner *applying* for quota than living in Nunatsiavut versus living outside. So there's no distinction. They would score on the same level within the policy right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Honourable Shiwak for your answer. I just have another question. So if there's two vessel owners that have access to this quota, one's inside the Land Claims Area, one's outside, are there any other priorities that would benefit one over the other in getting a part of that quota? As you mentioned, they both have the same entitlement, but is there any other conditions that would give the boat owner the quota over the other boat owner? I'm not sure if you know what I mean. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes Darryl Shiwak.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have that in front of me right now, but there are besides that scoring of being a vessel owner versus leasing your vessel versus just having a quota and going to someone who has a vessel, there are other criteria within our policy such as the number of the beneficiary employees you have on the boat. And, again, I don't have that in front of me so I can't list them off right now. I can provide that to you. I can provide you with the policy so you can see how that scoring actually works, but there are other things that come into play. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Chairperson recognizes Jack Shiwak? No? Sorry. Are there any other oral questions for today? Chairperson recognizes Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward my question to Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. I guess we

kind of touched a bit on it this morning already regarding the caribou, but certainly, you know, we understand that over the last five years the Nunatsiavut Government has been in discussions and consultation with other Aboriginal groups within Labrador and the Province of Quebec regarding the George River Caribou Herd through Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Roundtable UPCART. In late October, UPCART signed a historical agreement among the seven Indigenous nations on the preservation and management of the Ungava Peninsula Caribou. Ask Honourable Darryl Shiwak, are you able to provide a copy of this historical agreement which outlines those recommendations for preservation and management of the George River Caribou Herd? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. Of course, we will provide each Member of this Assembly with the 100 year UPCART Management Strategy so that you can see within that strategy the different timeframes and, most importantly, it'll show where the George River Caribou sits within that strategy. When we talk about a 1 percent harvest, why that 1 percent was there and how significant that is. Well, we certainly will provide that to the Members of this Assembly.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Are there any supplementary questions? Go ahead, Ordinary Member Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you very much, Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Certainly I look forward to it, and I'm sure the other Members of the Assembly are looking forward to this historical agreement. Upon receipt and review of the agreement, should we need some clarification or an explanation of the recommendations of the agreement, are you open to having an informal discussion with the Assembly in regards to the agreement itself? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MINISTER SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, again, whether it's informal or formal, whether it's one-on-one with the Assembly Members, my office is always open. Or whether it's better to do it as a group, we certainly will do that. As President Lampe said, we are still very, very much brought into the UPCART strategy. That is the best strategy for the George River and Leaf River Caribou moving forward. It's a very, very important document. It's very important for you leaders around this Assembly table to understand that and to be able to take that to your community so certainly we will make ourselves available. Like I say, either one-on-one, or if it's better with a whole group, we certainly would do that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a final and second supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions for today? Hearing none, we'll move onto item eight on the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions

today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak. If the Assembly will give me one moment, I'm just ascertaining whether or not this question can be reasonably expected to be answered here today. So I believe the question is answerable so I'll read it out loud. This again is from Ordinary Member Richard Pamak. On March 2nd, 2017 a letter from the President's Office was sent to the Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, regarding issues and concerns raised with respect to the Child Youth & Family Services, CYFS, now called Department of Children, seniors and Social Development, CSSD. A number of recommendations and options were put forward to work in collaboration with the DHSD of the Nunatsiavut Government on a Labrador Service Delivery model for CYFS. In March of 2017 Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly met in an informal session to put forward the respective concerns regarding CYFS with a commitment from Nunatsiavut Government DHSD for them to inform us of any update. The question is directed to the Honourable Greg Flowers, the Minister of Health and Social Development. Honourable Minister Greg Flowers, are you able to provide the Nunatsiavut Assembly with a detailed update as a result of the letter to the Premier and to inform us of any improvements made to date within CSSD on the recommendations as put forward? Minister Flowers had 10 days to provide a response to the clerk on this question. Are there any other written questions? Hearing none, we'll move onto item nine on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written



questions today. Onto item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions." There are no petitions today. Onto item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses to petitions. Onto item 12 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." There are no reports from standing or special committees today. Onto item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the gentleman who left the chamber. In lieu of that we'll switch gears for a little bit just to keep things flowing. I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds. If you could proceed out of step here.

**MINISTER EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I'm pleased to table the presentation of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and the reports of the *Labrador Inuit Land Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Strategy Trust*. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. The report of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 01-317. The report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 02-317. The report of *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 03-317, and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 04-317. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers. Thank you, Honourable Minister. Your Department Annual Report for 2016-2017 will be

numbered as tabled document 06-317. I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**FIRST MINISTER MITCHELL:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm pleased to table the 2014 NEO Report on the Ordinary Members elections.

**SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable First Minister. This document will be numbered as tabled document 06-317. Sorry, the untimely departure of the Ordinary Member for Nain has caused some consternation with our numbering system, so you have to apologize.

**MR. PAMAK:** My apologies.

**SPEAKER:** No, no. My apologies. The document we now have as tabled document 06-317, on behalf of the Speaker's Office, I apologize for the dated tabling of this document, but we encountered challenges in locating the documents. Although dated, this report is being tabled at this time for the sole purpose of the completeness of the record. And just by way of background, the report from the 2014 general election had been sent from the NEO to the Speaker at the time. For some reason, which is unclear, that report never found its way from the Speaker to the Clerk of the Assembly and so, therefore, it was never tabled. So that's why we are tabling today, the report from the 2014 general election which we have just in time for the 2018 general election. So that's a bit of history on how we found ourselves in that predicament. Now I'm going to revert to the beginning of the tabling of documents. I'd like to recognize

Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain. I believe, Mr. Pamak, you're in a position to table the Assembly budget for 2018-2019.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table the Assembly Budget Recommendations for 2018-2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pamak. This document will be tabled as tabled document 07-317. The Speaker would like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

**MINISTER LYALL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker, and I'm pleased to table the following documents. 2016 Avayalik Report, 2016 Rigolet Report, 2017 Heritage Forum Report, 2016-2017 Culture, Recreation & Tourism Annual Report, the final Inuit Veterans Report, 2016 Hebron Family Archaeology Year 1 Report, 2016 Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office Field Report and Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy 2014-2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Lyall. These documents will be numbered as tabled documents 08-317 to 15-317 respectively and inclusively. I'd like to recognize the Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MINISTER EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti*. Honourable Speaker, I'm pleased to table the following documents. A report from Inuit Pathways for November, 2017, a report from the Education Manager for November, 2017, the Labrador Outreach article dated November 17, and the PSSSP Assembly Report for November, 2017. *Nakummek, Uhalatik*.

**SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister Edmunds. These documents will be numbered as tabled documents 16-317 to 19-317 respectively and inclusively. That concludes our tabled documents for today, now we'll move onto item 14 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion." There are no notices of motion today so we'll move onto item number 15. Item number 15 on the *Orders of the Day* is "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motions for first reading of bills today so we'll move onto item 16. Item 16, "Motions." There are no motions today, so we'll onto item number 17. Item 17 "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today so we'll move onto item 18. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. We'll move onto item 19. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today. So we'll move onto item 20. Before we move onto the final issues of the day, there's a couple of things I would like to bring to light. There was numerous attempts made by the *LICST Trust* to come and present so we could go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the year past with our *Trusts*, the *LICST Trust*. Unfortunately, the timing was such that we couldn't come up with a date which lined up for both of us. Yesterday's date, which we had initially proposed, was not good for them. Today's date was not good for them and, similarly, we're being told a March date is not good for them. So there has been some discussion and I'll put this out for further expansion via email about a teleconference because there was a genuine, I can say without reservation, there was a genuine desire on their part to explain the year

gone past. So I will look forward to perhaps initiating something in that regard to having a discussion with the LICST about the year gone past. It's just unfortunately their timing is such that it's not going to be able to happen in this current venue. A couple things from the Speaker's Chair that continue to move on. When we met last time in September, there was a request made from the Speaker's Office to CRT to re-initiate language training for elected officials. There had been a couple of emails, just for information everybody here at the chamber, there have been some emails going back and forth in regards to that, and the aspiration is that at some point resources will permit that to happen once again. So I don't want anyone to have the impression that it's not being pursued. It is indeed being looked at, and if not in time for this current sitting of this Assembly, perhaps with the upcoming Assembly that will take place subsequent to the May election. For updates on our video streaming project, as people may know, there has been discussion for a few years now about people being able to look on a live time basis at these proceedings as they happen by clicking on a link on their computer. We're waiting on a technological update within our infrastructure system which, apparently, is somewhat imminent. I mean, perhaps we're hoping over the next several months. When that transpires we have already put in place several procedures and we had numerous discussions with OK Society and various service providers such that people will be able to view our Assembly sittings from a computer in Hopedale, Nain, Toronto, Vancouver, St. John's, Goose Bay, Northwest River, as the case may be.

So that discussion is ongoing and, again, if that's not resolved in time for the end of this Assembly, hopefully that's a project which we pursued by whoever follows us down this path. Finally, I just want to express my personal thanks to everyone here. We know this was a sort of a last minute get-together, and it took some finagling to get everybody in one room at one time. However, I was a bit uncomfortable with the notion that we would go from September of 2017 to March of 2018 without having an interim sitting. You know, weather precluded us from getting together on two separate occasions, but the weather is a factor that everybody in Nunatsiavut has to deal with, and everyone includes the Members of this Assembly. So I appreciate that people showing some resiliency and some flexibility in their schedules to make this current Assembly happy. With that, I'd like to call to adjourn this meeting of the Assembly. I wish to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions and, of course, all the support staff here today. Gus Semigak and Boas Kairtok, I believe in the back. Thank you, guys, very much for all your attention. Pages Nora and Madison, again, you have been very patient with this whole process. Third time lucky as they say. They finally got here after two previous futile attempts, but we appreciate you making the effort to come here and spend the day with us. OK Society is always Johannes Tuglavina and Simone Kohlmeister. Thank you for coming and Chess in the back there who's done a wonderful job of keeping this all flowing. To Tabea Onalik who makes endless arrangements for us all, and, of course, to the tireless Mary

Sillett who keeps everybody, myself included, and myself especially on the right path. This Assembly is now adjourned, and the next session is scheduled for the week of March 5th to 9th of 2018. Expect in your calendars we're going to have a very full session, perhaps as long as four days. That's yet to be determined, but when you're looking at your calendar for that week of March 5th to 9th block off a four-day window just in case it takes that long to get through. We have the Assembly budget to get through and a few other items, some legislation which may take some time. So when everyone's looking at their annual leave schedules, make sure you block off a good chunk of that week. All right. Anyway, thank you all for coming again. Thank you for your accommodation and, thank you, for your patience as we put this one day of sitting of the Assembly together. Thank you. And Mark Gillette for accompanying us on the flight down.