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**PARLIAMENTARY
REPORT**

May 12-14, 2010

President: Honorable Jim Lyall
Speaker: Honorable Patricia Ford

In Attendance:

Member for Canada, Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honorable **Patricia Ford**

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable **Jim Lyall**

Member for Canada, Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Honorable **Daniel Pottle**

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Honorable **Darryl Shiwak**

Ordinary Member for Nain, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable **William Barbour**

Ordinary Member for Nain, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Honorable **Johannes Lampe**

Ordinary Member for Postville, **Glen Sheppard**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Minister of Health and Social Development, Honorable **Keith Russell**

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

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Honorable **Susan Nochasak**

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, **Denise Lane**

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, **Edward Tuttauk**

AngajukKâk for Nain, **Sarah Leo**

AngajukKâk for Postville, **Keith Decker**

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, **Judy Dicker**

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, **Herb Jacque**

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, **Charlotte Wolfrey**

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, **Kate Mitchell**

Acting Director of Communications, **Bert Pomeroy**

Legal Consultant, **Veryan Haysom**

Director of Legal Services, **Loretta Michelin**

Clerk of the Assembly, **Mary Sillett**

Absent:

Chair Person for the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, **Malcolm Winters**

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

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, **Tim McNeill**
Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, **Wyman
Jacque**
Deputy Minister of Cultural, Recreation and Tourism, **Sheldon Baikie**

*The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings
were recorded in Inuktitut and English.*

*May 12- 14, 2010
Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m.*

Mr. President: Atelihai Illonasi Ullakut. I will now open the 2nd Assembly, the First Session, the First Sitting. Before making any statements I will ask elder John Jararuse to have an opening prayer.

Prayer recited.

Mr. President: First I would like to let you know who the laborers and the pages who are working with us today, Freddie Winters and Amos Jararuse. The pages are Donna Flowers and Priscilla Nochasak. Interpreters are John Jararuse and Wilson Jararuse who are doing a wonderful job for us for the last number of sittings and I'm glad they are here again. We also have OK Society recording the proceedings. Chris Sampson is also here doing some photography for us and I would like to remind the Assembly Members that we'll be taking photographs later on some time today. When we know when and where we'll let you know. Also welcome to the gallery, I am really pleased that you came here to watch the proceedings and I believe that Patty Pottle, MHA, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs is in the audience. I'd also like to remind everyone that we had a sad event here in Hopedale a couple of days ago with a house fire, our condolences to Sarah Jararuse's family and our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will make an opening statement, before we start I should also mention Max Winters, Member from Goose Bay has been hospitalized last night and will be medivaced out today of the weather permits. Our thoughts are also with Max and his family. I want to welcome you all here today, especially those of you who will be participating in your first session as a Member of the Assembly. As President, I am humble and to have the great privilege to stand here before you and to preside over much of today's proceedings. First and foremost I want to express my gratitude to beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement who once again tested the strengths and resilience of our democratic system. I would also like to thank those who were not successful in the recent election for their commitment and hard work over the past number of years. I want to congratulate the new Members and offer my support to each and every one of you. As elected Members of this Assembly we are tasked to set forward an agenda that includes a clearly articulated vision, a practical message of hope for the future and a commitment to uphold our Constitution and to respect all Inuit Laws while remaining faithful to Nunatsiavut and all Labrador Inuit no matter where they live. As elected Members we have to embody these principles and act as one, one united body. We have to strive to above all else to act in the best interest of our people to ensure further advancement of Nunatsiavut. We have to be prepared to

make sacrifices for the good of the whole. After all that is the Inuit way. These are challenging times for Nunatsiavut and it is up to us as leaders to meet those challenges head on. There will be times we will have to make tough decisions, ones that may not be popular but we are not here to be popular. We are here to represent Labrador Inuit to bring forward their issues and their concerns. As an Assembly we need to be understanding, patient, supportive and above all united in our resolve to do what's best for our people and our communities. We have a tremendous opportunity before us as we start a new chapter in our relatively short history as a Government. As President I intend to embrace this opportunity with enthusiasm and with your cooperation and support, strive to create a better social and economic future for Nunatsiavut and all Labrador Inuit. Thank you for bearing with me. Nakummek. I will now be giving all of you Oaths of Offices and it's a real honor to have the opportunity and privilege to do so. I will ask as I call your name to come up in front with me and take your Oath. I will first call upon Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKak for Rigolet.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Charlotte Wolfrey.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: I, Charlotte Wolfrey.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mrs. Wolfrey: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: affirm.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: affirm

President Lyall: obey.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: obey.....

President Lyall: respect.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: respect.....

President Lyall: and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise

Mrs. Wolfrey: and I solemnly promise

President Lyall: to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: and to perform my functions

Mrs. Wolfrey: and to perform my functions

President Lyall: as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mrs. Wolfrey: as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mrs. Wolfrey: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mrs. Wolfrey: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: Congratulations. Thanks again Charlotte. Congratulations.

Mrs. Wolfrey: Thank you.

President Lyall: Now I will call the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

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

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

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

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

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

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

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

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

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

President Lyall: I, William Barbour.....

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

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Barbour: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Mr. Barbour: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Barbour: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Barbour: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Barbour: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

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

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Barbour: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Barbour: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Barbour: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Barbour: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Barbour: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Max Blake.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Mr. Blake: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Mr. Blake: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Blake: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Mr. Blake: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Mr. Blake: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Max Blake.....

Mr. Blake: I, Max Blake.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Blake: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Mr. Blake: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Blake: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Blake: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Blake: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Mr. Blake: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Blake: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Blake: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Blake: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Blake: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Blake: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Member for Canada Patricia Ford

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Ms. Ford: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Ms. Ford: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Ms. Ford: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Ms. Ford: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Ms. Ford: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Patricia Ford.....

Ms. Ford: I, Patricia Ford.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Ms. Ford: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Ms. Ford: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Ms. Ford: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Ms. Ford: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Ms. Ford: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Ms. Ford: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Ms. Ford: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Ms. Ford: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Ms. Ford: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Ms. Ford: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Nain, Johannes Lampe

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Mr. Lampe: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Mr. Lampe: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Lampe: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Mr. Lampe: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Mr. Lampe: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Johannes Lampe.....

Mr. Lampe: I, Johannes Lampe.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Lampe: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Mr. Lampe: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Lampe: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Lampe: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Lampe: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Mr. Lampe: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Lampe: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Lampe: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Lampe: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Lampe: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Lampe: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Ms. Lane: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Ms. Lane: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Ms. Lane: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Ms. Lane: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Ms. Lane: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Denise Lane.....

Ms. Lane: I, Denise Lane.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Ms. Lane: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Ms. Lane: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Ms. Lane: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Ms. Lane: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Ms. Lane: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Ms. Lane: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Ms. Lane: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Ms. Lane: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Lane: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Ms. Lane: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Ms. Lane: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Ms. Nochasak: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Ms. Nochasak: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Ms. Nochasak: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Ms. Nochasak: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Ms. Nochasak: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Susan Nochasak.....

Ms. Nochasak: I, Susan Nochasak.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Ms. Nochasak: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Ms. Nochasak: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Ms. Nochasak: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Ms. Nochasak: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Ms. Nochasak: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Ms. Nochasak: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Ms. Nochasak: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Ms. Nochasak: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Nochasak: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Ms. Nochasak: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Ms. Nochasak: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon Ordinary Member for Canada, Daniel Pottle.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

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

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

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

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

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

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

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

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

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

President Lyall: I, Daniel Pottle.....

Mr. Pottle: I, Daniel Pottle.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Pottle: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Mr. Pottle: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Pottle: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Pottle: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Pottle: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

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

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Pottle: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Pottle: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Pottle: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Pottle: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Pottle: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

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

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

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

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

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

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

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

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

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

President Lyall: I, Keith Russell.....

Mr. Russell: I, Keith Russell.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Russell: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

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

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Russell: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Russell: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

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

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Mr. Russell: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Russell: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Russell: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Russell: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Russell: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Russell: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: I will now call upon Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

Mr. Sheppard: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

Mr. Sheppard: and in full realization of the high calling.....

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Sheppard: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Mr. Sheppard: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Mr. Sheppard: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Glen Sheppard.....

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

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Sheppard: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

Mr. Sheppard: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Sheppard: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Sheppard: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

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

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

Mr. Sheppard: and all Inuit Laws.....

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Sheppard: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Sheppard: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Sheppard: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Sheppard: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Sheppard: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: and I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

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

President Lyall: and in full realization of the high calling.....

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

President Lyall: I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

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

President Lyall: and the powers entrusted to me.....

Mr. Shiwak: and the powers entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

Mr. Shiwak: are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.....

President Lyall: I, Darryl Shiwak.....

Mr. Shiwak: I, Darryl Shiwak.....

President Lyall: Swear solemnly

Mr. Shiwak: Swear solemnly

President Lyall: that I will be faithful to the Inuit.....

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

President Lyall: and to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Shiwak: and to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: will obey, respect and uphold

Mr. Shiwak: will obey, respect and uphold

President Lyall: the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

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

President Lyall: and all Inuit Laws.....

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

President Lyall: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

Mr. Shiwak: and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities.....

President Lyall as a leader.....

Mr. Shiwak: as a leader

President Lyall: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Mr. Shiwak: and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

President Lyall: to the best of my ability

Mr. Shiwak: to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God.”

Mr. Shiwak: “So help me God.”

President Lyall: Okay the next step will be item five on your agenda. I think some of you are aware of some of the procedures we will be following for the appointment of First Minister but I'm going to read it all out so everyone is well aware of what's happening and what the process will be. We'll be going into a Committee on Consensus. In the Committee on Consensus I will ask if there are any nominations for First Minister. To be nominated a person will need only one nominator and must state they accept the nomination. If there is only one nomination then we will have consensus. However, if there are two or more nominations for First Minister I will let each person nominated speak for a reasonable period of time. I will adjourn the Committee on Consensus and let the candidates speak to each other and to the Members of the Assembly to see if the candidates can amongst their selves and their supporters work out consensus who should be First Minister. If, following the adjournment there is consensus I will reconvene the Assembly informal session and in my discretion make my appointment after considering the will of the Assembly. If the Committee on Consensus reconvenes and there is no consensus on who should be First Minister we will then return to formal sitting and I will hold a vote on who should be First Minister. The vote will be by secret ballot. I will ask the Clerk of the Assembly to count the ballots and announce the results. I will then in my discretion make my appointment after considering the will of the Assembly. If there is a tie vote I will cast the deciding vote and make my appointment accordingly. Once the First Minister has taken the Oath of Office, I will ask the First Minister if he or she is ready to nominate their Ministers or if they would like an adjournment before doing so. I will ask the First Minister to nominate his or her full slate of Ministers. Naming the person and the portfolio for which they are nominated. I will ask the Assembly if there is consensus on the nominations made by the First Minister. If there is consensus I will appoint the Ministers in my discretion having regard to the will of the Assembly. If there is no consensus I will convene a Committee of Consensus and see whether consensus might be achieved if a consensus is achieved I will reconvene in formal Assembly and in my discretion appoint the Ministers having regard the will of the Assembly. If there is no consensus following reasonable efforts in the Committee on Consensus I will reconvene in formal Assembly and put the matter to a vote. Name by name in the following sequence; Treasurer, Minister of Land and Resources, Minister of Culture, Minister of Education, Minister of Health. First I will ask if there is unanimity, if there is unanimity on each nomination when it is announced by the First Minister. In the absence of unanimity with respect to any name, a secret ballot will be held with respect to the persons nomination before proceeding the next nomination. If a nomination id defeated I

will ask the First Minister to make a further nomination which will immediately be put to a secret ballot. When a full slate of nominations has been achieved I will then in my discretion make the appointments and the Ministers will be sworn into office on the introduction of the First Minister. So it's quite clear that the process we'll be following, I don't know if everyone's seen a copy of this, if you would like to see this some Members have it, I don't know if you all have it or not. I guess my next process is I would like to know if there are nominations for the position of First Minister. If there is make your nomination.

Mr. Decker: Mr. President I would like to nominate Danny Pottle as First Minister.

Mr. President: Any further nominations? Go ahead William. Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour go ahead.

Mr. Barbour: Thank Mr. President or Mr. Chair in this case. I nominate Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak.

Mr. President: Nomination accepted. Any further nominations? Okay, there are no more nominations. Thank you very much. I will give them both a chance to speak to the nominations, so I call on Danny Pottle. Thank you.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Mr. President. Ullâkut Illonasi... nakummek AngajukKâk for Postville for nominating me for First Minister... I accept the nomination, and I ask the Assembly to support my nomination, and, I thank you in advance for doing so. Before we begin, I'd like to reiterate the words of the President in his opening remarks and I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of Sarah and all who are grieving in the community of Hopedale and I certainly extend my best wishes to Max Winters and I hope he has a speedy recovery. As we know, under the direction of the First Minister, the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs is responsible for the overall management of the NG and is specifically responsible for ensuring the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Nunatsiavut Affairs is also responsible for the following services: Registrar of Beneficiaries, Legal Services, Community Relations, Housing, Community Justice and Public Property. I believe I have the skill set to fulfill the duties of First Minister based on my reputation and my personal and professional experience. For the newly elected members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would like you to know a little more of my personal and professional background. I am from Rigolet, and despite the fact that I currently reside in St. John's, I continue to maintain a residence in Rigolet, and a connection to my home community, and Nunatsiavut. I hold a bachelor of Recreation from Dalhousie University, and a BSW from Memorial University. I also have community college diplomas in Drafting, Nursing Assistant, and Community Recreation Leadership. I am grateful to Labrador Inuit Association for supporting my post secondary education and it has always been my dream to use my education and professional experience to help make a brighter future for the Inuit of Labrador. I have worked extensively in the fields of geriatric and pediatric nursing; community recreation; psychiatric social work in mental health and addictions, family and marital counseling, survivors counseling, male batterers treatment group work, as well

as group work in education, support, maintenance and therapeutic components of addictions treatment services; and crisis intervention. Currently, as a volunteer, I am the President of the Board of Directors for the St. John's Native Friendship Centre. During my tenure with the Labrador Inuit Association, I held positions as financial management trainee, Native Liaison Officer and Acting Director of the Post Secondary Student Support Program, and as Implementation Planner/Negotiator for the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. I also coordinated the ratification process (in Labrador) for the vote to ratify the Agreement, and I also coordinated some components of the transition plan for the Labrador Inuit Association to become the Nunatsiavut Government. During the last 3.5 years, I have been Ordinary Member for Canada in the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I held the Deputy Speaker and Speaker positions. As Ordinary Member my main accomplishments include: ensuring legislative compliance for additional representation for Canada, advocate for overall legislative compliance across all areas of governance, member and chair of Nunatsiavut Assembly committees, as Chair of the Code of Conduct Committee, introduced the bill for Code of Conduct for Elected Officials – initiated by my concern for and complaints regarding elected officials conduct, advocate for fiscal responsibility, lobbied for improved policy and program development, lobbied for improved communication and accountability within government, Lobbied for fairness and equity for all Beneficiaries, maintained effective communication with constituents and other stakeholders, ensured Canadian participation in conference and workshops, worked effectively with all politicians and departments of the Nunatsiavut Government. My fellow Assembly members, I have heard it said during the last week that the First Minister must be from Nunatsiavut. The Labrador Inuit Constitution provides for the First Minister to be chosen from among the Ordinary Members and not from among where the Ordinary Members reside. The Nunatsiavut Assembly is comprised of seven constituencies, and each Ordinary Members must be given equal consideration to hold the office of First Minister based on his or her merits and not for the sake of optics. To catapult or parachute a member for the position of First Minister for the sake of looking good is inherently wrong, it will not work, and it is contrary to the provisions of the Labrador Inuit Constitution that promotes equality and inclusion. The Labrador Inuit Constitution does not promote inequality and discrimination and to do so would be a direct violation of the Constitution which each and every member of the Assembly takes an oath to uphold. The First Minister must have the respect of the Assembly, and the First Minister must be fair and respect the opinions of each and every one of us, whether that is the opinions of politicians, civil servants or Beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. I have also heard it said during the last week that the First Minister must be able to identify with and understand the issues within Nunatsiavut. Excuse me if I get somewhat emotional in my concluding remarks, but who is better to understand those dynamics than someone who has lived and overcame adversity. During my short 51 years on Kakkeviak's earth, my family and I have lived with abandonment as children, family dysfunction and breakdown, poverty, family violence, alcoholism and drug addiction, suicide, murder, discrimination and racism, residential schools, and the list could go on. I believe that our Beneficiaries would benefit from my life experiences because they can identify with me and with what some of us are still struggling to overcome. I would like to use my personal life and professional experiences to ensure a bright and prosperous future for the Inuit of Labrador. In moving forward, the NG must

do it's utmost to quash the sense of disparity and exclusion that many of our membership have identified as an ongoing concern... if we are to be united we must be solidified as a group and not marginalized and excluded. We are all of Nunatsiavut... it is our heritage and our future and we must move forward in support of one another if we are to prosper and sustain our culture. We must be proud of our history, and we must believe in our future if we are to emerge as a healthy and productive Labrador Inuit society. I believe I have the skills and abilities to undertake the duties and responsibilities of First Minister, and I look forward to moving forward as a team solidified and united in our approach, and dedicated to improving the quality of life for the Inuit of Labrador. I have earned the respect of the Assembly and my fellow Inuit, because I believe in you and I support you. Nakummek, for supporting my nomination for the First Minister of Nunatsiavut... Taima.

President Lyall: I now call upon Darryl Shiwak to make a recommendation.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Assembly. First off I'd like to thank the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour for nominating me for First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government. As I look around this table here today we see there are many new faces who have been elected to our Assembly. That gives a sense that it is time maybe for change. Maybe that we should be heading in not a new direction but building a direction for the people, for all beneficiaries everywhere and for the Nunatsiavut Government. The First Minister is a very important position for Nunatsiavut Government. From the ministerial level the First Minister will receive many things, like the implementation to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, Public Property, Legal Services, the Membership Office, and Housing among other things. But most importantly and very importantly the First Minister is responsible for forming the Executive Council and ensure that the Executive Council performs responsibly, with good communication and with fairness to all, all beneficiaries everywhere and to Nunatsiavut. Over the past three and a half years I've been working as a Minister for the Nunatsiavut Government, over that three and a half years I've worked very closely with the President and with all of the other Ministers to ensure that we are acting in a responsible manner. For all beneficiaries everywhere and for all of Nunatsiavut. I believe that I've grown professionally as a Minister; I've grown to know that what it takes to be a Minister, what it takes to take your department to another level, to take control of that department, to ensure that we are responsible, we are thinking about beneficiaries but we are fighting to make life in Nunatsiavut better. I've also grown as a person, it has been a struggle, we are a young government but I know that we are fighting for something we believe. I feel that I am ready to be First Minister of Nunatsiavut, no I am ready to be First Minister of Nunatsiavut, I've gained the experience, I've gained the trust. I look around this Assembly and I can say to you whole heartedly that I will respect each and every one of you, your opinions, your concerns and I will work with each and every one of you, knowing that we will work together for the benefit of Nunatsiavut and beneficiaries everywhere. I live in Nunatsiavut, yes, I am from Rigolet, and on a daily basis I see the issues and concerns and needs, not only in my own community but in Nunatsiavut as a whole. I hear it from my neighbors; I hear from my friends, I hear from my family, as a teacher in working in Nunatsiavut, I've worked in Hopedale, I've worked in Nain and I've worked in Rigolet. In each of those communities I feel a sense of a need for you to

do something, a need for you to do something to make the lives better of everybody in the community from the students to the parents to the families and I feel that if we work together as a government and we move forward with our government then we can do that and address those needs. There are many issues and concerns that need to be addressed. I think it's a time when we can bring all of our Assembly Members together and work for that as a team. Some of you may know, some of you may not know, I'm a Montreal Canadians fan but if you're a hockey fan or not, if you look at that team, what they have done last night in coming together accomplished over coming great thrives in meeting those things that is something I feel we can do as a government. We can overcome those odds; we can come together for a common goal, an accomplishment and accomplish things for the future. I feel that we can do that. I am committed to Nunatsiavut. I am committed to beneficiaries everywhere to ensure that we have a transparent government that is responsible, that is going to work on a daily basis to make our lives better and perform or duties in respect of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Nakummek, Mr. President.

President Lyall: Thanks Danny thanks Darryl. I will now adjourn for whatever amount of time it might take for both candidates for First Minister to talk to their fellow constituents and beneficiaries to try and get their support. When you are both ready to reconvene you can both let me know and I hope you can get some consensus and if not then we'll put the whole matter to a vote. Thank you very much.

President Lyall: I will ask the Ordinary Member from Rigolet and the Ordinary Member for Canada, Daniel Pottle to let me know if they reached consensus or not. Okay there hadn't been any consensus reached; we'll now go to formal sitting of the house. I will as the Clerk of the Assembly, you all have a piece of blue paper there to vote your choice for First Minister; the Clerk of the Assembly will count the ballots and will be witnessed by Sarah Ponniuk. So you can go ahead and make your vote. Your choice of course is either Daniel Pottle or Darryl Shiwak. Thank you.

Ms. Sillett: The votes for Darryl Shiwak are eight, the votes for Daniel Pottle are eight, and it's a tie.

President Lyall: I ask to be adjourned for a few minutes I want to speak to Darryl and Danny. I call the session back to order. I've been left with a very difficult choice a choice I would have preferred not to have to make but it's got to be made. Both Members who were running for the position shortly that if they win or lose that they will work toward the benefit of the Nunatsiavut Government and move the Government forward and I certainly appreciate that and I look forward to working with both of you no matter what position you may be in. On that I will say that I am supporting Darryl Shiwak. Thank you. I will now call on Darryl Shiwak to have him take his Oath of Office.

President Lyall: In the presence of everyone assembled here.....

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

President Lyall: I, Darryl Shiwak.....

Mr. Shiwak: I, Darryl Shiwak.....

President Lyall: swear that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Shiwak: swear that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Shiwak: the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Shiwak: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, observe, uphold.....

Mr. Shiwak: I will obey, observe, uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Shiwak: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: and Inuit Law

Mr. Shiwak: and Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: respect the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Mr. Shiwak: respect the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: hold my office as First Minister with honor and dignity.....

Mr. Shiwak: hold my office as First Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: be a true and faithful counselor.....

Mr. Shiwak: be a true and faithful counselor.....

President Lyall: to the President of Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Shiwak: to the President of Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mr. Shiwak: fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in applicable with all ethical standards

Mr. Shiwak: in applicable with all ethical standards

President Lyall: and codes of conduct

Mr. Shiwak: and codes of conduct

President Lyall: and perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Mr. Shiwak: and perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability.....

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

President Lyall: “So help me God”.....

Mr. Shiwak: “So help me God”.....

President Lyall: Congratulations Darryl. I now ask newly sworn in First Minister if he is ready to nominate his Ministers or if he would like an adjournment before doing so.

First Minister Shiwak: Thank you, Mr. President. I’d like to have an adjournment before proceeding.

President Lyall: We will adjourn and when the First Minister is ready to go into these appointees I will reconvene. Thank you. Thank you. You’ll be sitting here just a few seconds. The First Minister and the appointee Danny Pottle was looking for a seat as well. We want to sit down; we need some time to discuss the whole issue of appointment of First Minister, myself and Darryl and talking with Danny as well. We’re going to take some time off to review the whole thing and we’ll reconvene at one o’clock. Thank you.

President Lyall: I’d like to call the session back to order. The first order of business is I’ll ask First Minister Shiwak to announce his nominees for Ministerial positions. Darryl.

First Minister: Thank you, Mr. President. These are my nominees to the Assembly for Ministers of the Nunatsiavut Government. Finance and Human Resources, Ordinary Member from the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Daniel Pottle. Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Keith Russell. Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour. Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for

Hopedale, Ms. Susan Nochasak. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Lyall: Thank you First Minister. I will now ask the Assembly if they have any objections to any of the positions that have been nominated by the First Minister. I take it there are no nays. I would like to thank Minister Shiwak for all the effort and thought he put into over the last couple of hours at least and I also like to mention that we did meet with Darryl. Minister Shiwak and the Ordinary Member for Canada, Danny Pottle dinner hour and we felt quite comfortable with what we were putting forward. I want to thank you very much. Okay, thank you very much I will now ask the Ministers to take their Oath of Office and I call on Treasurer Danny Pottle.

President Lyall: I, Daniel Pottle.....

Mr. Pottle: I, Daniel Pottle.....

President Lyall: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Pottle: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Pottle: and the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Pottle: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

Mr. Pottle: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Pottle: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: all Inuit Law

Mr. Pottle: all Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Mr. Pottle: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

Mr. Pottle: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

Mr. Pottle: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

President Lyall: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

Mr. Pottle: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

President Lyall: any secret matter entrusted to me

Mr. Pottle: any secret matter entrusted to me

President Lyall: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mr. Pottle: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in accordance with all applicable standards

Mr. Pottle: in accordance with all applicable standards

President Lyall: and the Codes of Conduct

Mr. Pottle: and the Codes of Conduct

President Lyall: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Mr. Pottle: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability

Mr. Pottle: and to the best of my ability

President Lyall: "So help me God".

Mr. Pottle: "So help me God".

President Lyall: I now call upon Minister of Lands and Resources, William Barbour.

President Lyall: I, William Barbour.....

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

President Lyall: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Barbour: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Barbour: and the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Barbour: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

Mr. Barbour: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Barbour: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: all Inuit Law

Mr. Barbour: all Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Mr. Barbour: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

Mr. Barbour: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

Mr. Barbour: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

President Lyall: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

Mr. Barbour: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

President Lyall: any secret matter entrusted to me

Mr. Barbour: any secret matter entrusted to me

President Lyall: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mr. Barbour: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in accordance with all applicable standards

Mr. Barbour: in accordance with all applicable standards

President Lyall: and the Codes of Conduct

Mr. Barbour: and the Codes of Conduct

President Lyall: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Mr. Barbour: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability

Mr. Barbour: and to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God”.

Mr. Barbour: “So help me God”.

President Lyall: I now call upon Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Johannes Lampe.

President Lyall: I, Johannes Lampe.....

Mr. Lampe: I, Johannes Lampe.....

President Lyall: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Lampe: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Lampe: and the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Lampe: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

Mr. Lampe: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Lampe: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: all Inuit Law

Mr. Lampe: all Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Mr. Lampe: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

Mr. Lampe: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

Mr. Lampe: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

President Lyall: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

Mr. Lampe: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

President Lyall: any secret matter entrusted to me

Mr. Lampe: any secret matter entrusted to me

President Lyall: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mr. Lampe: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in accordance with all applicable standards

Mr. Lampe: in accordance with all applicable standards

President Lyall: and the Codes of Conduct

Mr. Lampe: and the Codes of Conduct

President Lyall: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Mr. Lampe: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability

Mr. Lampe: and to the best of my ability

President Lyall: "So help me God".

Mr. Lampe: “So help me God”.

President Lyall: I now call upon Minister of Education, Economic Development, Susan Nochasak

President Lyall: I, Susan Nochasak.....

Ms. Nochasak: I, Susan Nochasak.....

President Lyall: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Ms. Nochasak: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: and the Inuit of Labrador

Ms. Nochasak: and the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Ms. Nochasak: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

Ms. Nochasak: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Ms. Nochasak: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: all Inuit Law

Ms. Nochasak: all Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Ms. Nochasak: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

Ms. Nochasak: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

Ms. Nochasak: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

President Lyall: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

Ms. Nochasak: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

President Lyall: any secret matter entrusted to me

Ms. Nochasak: any secret matter entrusted to me

President Lyall: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Ms. Nochasak: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in accordance with all applicable standards

Ms. Nochasak: in accordance with all applicable standards

President Lyall: and the Codes of Conduct

Ms. Nochasak: and the Codes of Conduct

President Lyall: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Ms. Nochasak: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability

Ms. Nochasak: and to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God”.

Ms. Nochasak: “So help me God”.

President Lyall: I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Keith Russell

President Lyall: I, Keith Russell.....

Mr. Russell: I, Keith Russell

President Lyall: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

Mr. Russell: swear and affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut.....

President Lyall: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Russell: and the Inuit of Labrador

President Lyall: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Mr. Russell: and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

Mr. Russell: I will obey, respect and uphold.....

President Lyall: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

Mr. Russell: and maintain the Labrador Inuit Constitution.....

President Lyall: all Inuit Law

Mr. Russell: all Inuit Law.....

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

Mr. Russell: and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly....

President Lyall: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

Mr. Russell: I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.....

President Lyall: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

Mr. Russell: I will be a true and faithful counselor to the President.....

President Lyall: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

Mr. Russell: I will not divulge directly or indirectly

President Lyall: any secret matter entrusted to me

Mr. Russell: any secret matter entrusted to me

President Lyall: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

Mr. Russell: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.....

President Lyall: in accordance with all applicable standards

Mr. Russell: in accordance with all applicable standards

President Lyall: and the Codes of Conduct

Mr. Russell: and the Codes of Conduct

President Lyall: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

Mr. Russell: and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously.....

President Lyall: and to the best of my ability

Mr. Russell: and to the best of my ability

President Lyall: “So help me God”.

Mr. Russell: “So help me God”.

President Lyall: I want to thank all of you again especially the new Ministers and I wish them well in their new positions and I look forward to working with all of you and I think we should give them all a good hand. I will now like to put forward a name for Speaker of the Assembly and I hope I get all of your agreement. I would like to ask the Ordinary Member from the Canadian Constituency Patricia Ford if she'd accept the position as Speaker. I have agreement from Patricia Ford; she accepted the position, any objections? Okay, thank you very much.

President Lyall: In the presence of Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

Ms. Ford: In the presence of Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.....

President Lyall: and in full realization

Ms. Ford: and in full realization

President Lyall: of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me.....

Ms. Ford: of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me.....

President Lyall: by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: I, Patricia Ford

Ms. Ford: I, Patricia Ford

President Lyall: swear and affirm

Ms. Ford: swear and affirm

President Lyall: that I will obey.....

Ms. Ford: that I will obey.....

President Lyall: observe, uphold and maintain....

Ms. Ford: observe, uphold and maintain.....

President Lyall: the right and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: the right and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: and the Standing Orders and the Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: and the Standing Orders and the Procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: and I solemnly and sincerely promise

Ms. Ford: and I solemnly and sincerely promise

President Lyall: to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: with integrity and honor

Ms. Ford: with integrity and honor

President Lyall: to preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: to preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: and enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly

Ms. Ford: and enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly

President Lyall: with independence

Ms. Ford: with independence

President Lyall: fairness

Ms. Ford: fairness

President Lyall: impartiality

Ms. Ford: impartiality

President Lyall: patience and understanding

Ms. Ford: patience and understanding

President Lyall: and to promote the efficient operation

Ms. Ford: and to promote the efficient operation

President Lyall: of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

Ms. Ford: of the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Lyall: and prevent the obstruction or frustration

Ms. Ford: and prevent the obstruction or frustration

President Lyall: of the Assembly

Ms. Ford: of the Assembly

President Lyall: in the conduct of its business

Ms. Ford: in the conduct of its business

President Lyall: “So help me God”.

Ms. Ford: “So help me God”.

President Lyall: Thank you. I would like to take a two minute adjournment so I can speak with the new Speaker. Back to order. I will ask the newly elected Speaker of the House to announce her choice of Deputy Speaker.

Madam Speaker: I would like to ask Glen Sheppard if he would be Deputy Speaker.

President Lyall: Glen, do you accept?

Mr. Sheppard: I decline.

President Lyall: Okay we have Glen who declined so could you choose someone else Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: I would like to ask Denise Lane if she would be Deputy Speaker?

Ms. Lane: I also decline.

President Lyall: Your third choice Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: I would like to ask Max Blake if he would be Deputy Speaker?

Mr. Blake: I decline.

President Lyall: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will briefly adjourn and get back in about five or six minutes. Thank you. Thank you for coming back to the Assembly. A very brief one again as you just saw we don't have a Deputy Speaker for the time being. I will ask the tonight to talk and lobby to some of the people that she might be able to appoint and if so if you find someone who's willing to take it on we'll deal with it tomorrow but in the meantime we'll just leave it as it is if that doesn't happen and we'll deal with it later, we'll figure something out. Again sorry to call you to the table for such a short notice, we're going to break for about ten minutes and we're coming right back to do an orientation session with legal counsel, Vervan Haysom. He will speak for about twenty five – thirty minutes, the floor will then be opened up to any of the Assembly Members that want to ask questions about Executive Council, the House of Assembly and whatever you want and that will go on for as long as we need it to go on so we will take a ten minute break right now. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Ullâkut Ilonasi. I would like to call this Second Assembly, First Session, and First Sitting to order. I would like to open it with asking our elder John Jararuse to say a prayer.

Prayer Recited.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek John. First of all I'd like to again ask Glen Sheppard if he would take the position of Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Sheppard: I accept.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like congratulate all elected Members and Ministers and look forward to working with you all. The pages for today are Donna Flowers and Priscilla Nochasak. I would like to recognize John Jararuse and Wilson Jararuse our interpreter/translators for all of the work that they have given us; Robert Ford for looking after all of our equipment. Chris Sampson for photography; the OKalakatiget Society, Olivia Edmunds and Patrick Goudie. I would like to welcome all the members of the gallery and our prayers are still with Max Winters. We wish Max Winters and his family all the best. Number four Appointment of Members to the Standing Committee. The Members appointed to the Member Services Committee are Glen Sheppard, Denise Lane, Max Blake and I. You can find that under the Assembly Act 78, 79 to 83. I would like to nominate the following people for the Rules and

Procedures Committee; Sarah Leo, Darryl Shiwak, Danny Pottle Denise Lane and Loretta Michelin. You can find this under Standing Orders page 15, 137 to 141 and I would like to know if the Assembly is in agreement with these nominations.

Assembly: AYE.

Madam Speaker: Number five, Tabling of Documents and Petitions. Are there any to be tabled? The First Minister, Mr. Shiwak.

First Minister: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to table a report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly regarding a letter from Charles Martin to the Nunatsiavut Assembly dated March 8, 2010. This report regarding Charles Martin to Nunatsiavut Assembly, I was directed by the Assembly to scrutinize the details of the letter that Charles has sent to the Assembly and come back with a response to Mr. Martin. This report details **(inaudible 4:36 on 1008)** in getting a response to Mr. Martin. In preparing this report I've tried to present the facts as I have found them and present them to you in this report. I've also made conclusion with regard to events that have transpired regarding the details of the complaints of the letter from Mr. Martin. I've also included recommendation the Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any more Documents or Petitions to be tabled?

Mr. Pottle: Point of Order Madam Speaker. Nakummek Madam Speaker I was just wondering is there an opportunity for any Assembly Member at this point in time regarding the Tabling of the Document to speak to the document itself or ask questions relevant to the document? Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Is there anybody here right now that would like to comment on this document? Or any questions? I accept the Motion. Under Section 164, it's not debatable, during question period you can ask questions on it. Item number six, Ministers Statements or Announcements. Are there any Ministers Statements or Announcements? Honorable Daniel Pottle, the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I just want to briefly thank on behalf of myself and I'm sure I won't be out of line if I offer thanks to the Canadian Constituency for the support given to myself and the second Ordinary Member for Canada, our Speaker Pat Ford with respect to thanking the beneficiaries in Canada for putting their support behind us and we just want to put that on record that the constituents be thanked and we look forward to working on Constituency issues as a team over the next four years on behalf of the Constituents of Canada and I'd just like to say thank you to the Assembly as well for putting your support behind my nomination for Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. I will do my utmost to fulfill my Oath of Office and I will make sure that we work together as a Department, as an Assembly on issues relevant to my Department so I look forward to working with you all over the next four years or as long as I hold this portfolio on issues related to the department. So I

thank the Assembly for your confidence in my nomination. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Any more Ministers Statements or Announcements? The Honorable Keith Russell, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I too would like to thank this Assembly for your confidence in my appointment to the Executive Council and I look forward to working with everybody around this table as well in the months to come. I would also like to take this time to thank the people of Upper Lake Melville for their overwhelming support during the last election and I give them my solemn promise, my vow that I will do all that I can both in my portfolio as Minister and still as the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to see their concerns raised and dealt with in this House. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Russell. Any more Ministers Statements or Announcements? We'll go on to number seven, Members Statements. The Honorable Max Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Blake: Thank you, Madam Speaker. An introduction to the significance of Upper Lake Melville. For three hundred years Lake Melville was called Eskimo Bay by English speaking people and Sikalovik by the Inuit. The Inuit have lived in our bay as long as they have lived in Labrador. In the 1940's Happy Valley Goose Bay became the unofficial capital of Labrador. Today Happy Valley Goose Bay has become an even more important capital offering everything from shopping to hospital services. To a modern way of life for Inuit who grow tired of living on the coast. When the LIA made land claims deal with Newfoundland they gave away the wealth of Voisey's Bay and the upper end of our ancestral Lake Melville. Many of us considered the deal a rip off and we'll have to find ways to regain what we have lost. Especially our harvesting rights in our bay. There may be opportunities of regaining some concessions in time. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Max. AngajukKâk, Charlotte Wolfrey.

Mrs. Wolfrey: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too would like to thank the constituents of Rigolet who voted me in here and to everybody here I think that in the last election we saw that you know that some of us are a new slate of people so I would take that as our beneficiaries wanting to see maybe some changes, to make some changes. But I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to work with everybody and to be able to be a part of the change I hope that will make our communities stronger and bring some of what the Land Claims was meant to the benefits of the Land Claims back to Labrador Inuit Lands. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Charlotte. The AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Keith Decker.

Mr. Decker: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too would like to I guess I never got around to congratulate all of the new people and that ran and I look forward to working with them. Also I had to say that I am a little disappointed I guess in the way that things went in regard to Ministers. I know Postville and Makkovik have neither Minister, some communities have two and in the past I think we always had a Minister probably in both communities. So probably there will be a cabinet shuffle down the road somewhere and that might be the result. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Decker. Are there any more? The AngajukKâk for Nain, Sarah Leo.

Ms. Leo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to congratulate everybody that got elected in the last election and like Charlotte said its good to see some new faces around. Hopefully it will be a fresh start and we can get things moving. I really look forward to working with William and Johannes in Nain. Even though we have a lot of challenges in Nain, we have a lot of successes as well we can build on as well and again congratulations to everybody and I look forward to the next few months anyway.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Sarah. Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

Ms. Lane: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just like to say thank you to the residents of Makkovik as well for their overwhelming support in the elections. I also like to thank the Assembly here for recommending me for the Member Services Committee and also Rules and Procedures Committee. Once again thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Denise. Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville.

Mr. Sheppard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to add a comment or two to I guess the rest of the Members that I'd like to thank the constituents of Postville for voting me in with the overwhelming support. Before I forget I'd like to recognize our President this morning I don't think he has been recognized, there has been hard decisions had to be made, the task wasn't easy. There's a lot of new blood, a lot of new faces around this table as we can see. I have no doubt this was a great challenge for him. So I'd just to give him a word of encourage this morning that you know we are here to support you, we are behind you and I look forward to working with each and everyone of you as Ministers and I can you that you will be hearing from Glen Sheppard of Postville. Let's not forget this morning or throughout our term the whole purpose of the Land Claims deal and you know I got a limited amount of time this morning but I could stand here for an hour. What kind of burn inside you I guess when you live in small communities and what hurt the most is when you're in the grocery store and when you see that senior check into the counter with groceries and that senior has to return some of those groceries to the shelf due to the lack of money to pay for those groceries because they have to go and buy fuel or buy gas to heat their home. What can we do as the Nunatsiavut Government here starting out brand new to help those people? Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Glen. The Honorable Johannes Lampe, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Lampe: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I will speak in the Inuktitut language. I, myself would like to thank the people who voted me in in Nain to represent them at the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I will do my best and I know that I will be getting support from a lot of the people. I have been asked a few times to see if I would become Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I am telling you to the best of my ability work with other Ministers and Members of the Assembly and we have to try and find ways how we can move forward on the issues that I have to work on my pile and I will work to the best of my ability with my co-Ministers, Members of the Assembly and especially to the President and also represent the Inuit of Nunatsiavut to the best of my ability. Sometimes we know that there will be challenges ahead of us but everything that we have to work on will always be a challenge and we have to work together closely to overcome those challenges and given all of that I also congratulate each and everyone of you and the people who voted you in. I would also like to thank each and everyone. For the next four years we'll be in this Assembly and sometimes I know that there will be challenges ahead of us but whoever we are or wherever we are from we have to help each other out and tell them I will help you out on this certain issue and that is the only way. Even though this is a new Government it will work if we help each other out and we have to look forward to the future and also we have to think about our children, our grandchildren who will be our next generation. Like Glen said earlier, he mentioned our elders, going shopping, sometimes they don't have enough money for their groceries, no heat for their homes. There are other people that we also have to think about, we have people in our communities who is in big lack of housing and we know that all of those issues are hard to overcome but by working as a group we can make things happen and whatever comes before us and I myself will work really hard for the region of Nunatsiavut and I am also from the Nunatsiavut area and that this agreement should help and belong to each and everyone not only to the beneficiaries but also to the Members who were elected as Ministers and the Members of the Assembly. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Nakummek Johannes. Are there any more Members Statements? We'll move on to the next item on the list, Oral Question Period. AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question, I guess it's more of a comment or an issue that we were talking about in the last couple of days and it's directed to the President.....Mr. President in the past you know we have an issue with the lack of communications, we are seeking today a commitment from the new Executive Council to keep us posted and updated on issues and concerns that go on in the Executive Council. We would like minutes provided from your minutes and in speaking to Assembly Members, this is our request. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. President, Mr. Lyall.

President Lyall: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'm really pleased the AngajukKâk questions on communication are an ongoing issue within our government for the last number of years. As you are aware the website is now up and I see absolutely no reason why Ministers cannot report regularly on what they're doing on a regular basis and certainly will have this issue and it's one of the most important items I will have on the next Executive Meeting. We'll discuss the issue and we'll come forward and hopefully we'll have a really good plan for communicating what the Executive is doing, what the Government is doing and we will definitely have that discussion at the next Executive meeting. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Sarah, AngajukKâk for Nain.

Ms. Leo: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister who was the Minister of Education and Economic Development in the former Assembly. It's again regarding the LICST has there been any further discussion or any more notice given as to whether the quarry in Nain will be opening this summer.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Darryl Shiwak, First Minister.

First Minister: Thank you Madam Speaker. In response to the AngajukKâk for Nain. No, I haven't received anything from the Trustees of the LICST whether the quarry in Nain will be open this summer but following this I will contact them to see if I can get an update for and see if we can get some clear answer. I know that they are doing a review and that should have been done. I will get an answer for you. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Judy Dicker.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is for the First Minister. Here in Hopedale we have three homes that we know of that are on a contaminated site and I know that there is a million dollars I guess that they're giving to the Housing Committee, Torngat Housing. Is there any way that we could get enough of that money in order to build three homes for those people? The ground that they're on is sinking and the drums are starting to come back up and so is the debris that is buried there. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable First Minister Darryl Shiwak.

First Minister: Thank you Madam Speaker. With all do respect to the AngajukKâk for Hopedale I have to review the file as I've just been given the file as First Minister to understand this issue before I can give you a response to what you are asking. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Again I have a question in terms of the clean up, the question by the AngajukKâk for Hopedale has been directed to the First Minister regarding, the clean up itself that's happening in Hopedale this summer as heard on the radio this morning will be done by the Provincial Government so I along with the First Minister I wish to follow up as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Mr. Max Blake.

Mr. Blake: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess this question is directed at the Executive. When will the Executive do what is right and enforce the IBA at Voisey's Bay? We have probably 250-300 of our people out of work for 290 days I believe and if this Government would have enforced the IBA from day one the Mine wouldn't have to shut down and the strike would have been over months ago and to not enforce the IBA was only hurting our people and I think it's time for you to reconsider what you have done and change what you have done and do what's right and enforce the IBA. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Is there someone on the Executive who is willing to answer that question? Mr. Lyall, President.

President Lyall: Thank you to the question from the Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville. This item will also be discussed by the new Executive at a later date when we have an Executive meeting at that time hopefully we'll be able to give a response on our position. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: The AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte.

Mrs. Wolfrey: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to Honorable Keith Russell, Minister of Health and Social Development. Yesterday I talked about issues that to me and I guess to women of Nunatsiavut are really important and I'd like to see something to revisit what happened from the Executive Council or I don't know the numbers or anything yet but I'll learn this as I go along but I'd like to have somebody revisit that decision. We only got to look around us to see that there is violence in our communities and that women are mostly the ones that are affected and I'm not saying that we should leave the men out and not try to help because there are some men who live in violence but try to help make our homes better for our children and our women and I think that having a portfolio of a Minister responsible for women at least make the women of Nunatsiavut and all Inuit women feel that they were important enough and their issues were important enough to have someone responsible for that and I just like to see some how or other that whether there's a committee struck or something or other to look at the decision. I think that's something that could have been brought forward rather than a decision to move it under one of the other portfolios or to take away the Minister responsible for the Status of Women was to look at introducing some laws that would have allowed us to keep the Minister responsible for the Status of Women and I've always spoke upon women's issues and I intend to continue to do so even though I'm

AngajukKâk I'm still speaking for our community and for the women of Nunatsiavut. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Charlotte. Keith Russell, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. To address the comments\concerns of the AngajukKâk from Rigolet. I agree that there needs to be legislation in place and that will be discussed in the Executive Council. I also agree that the fact that there was a Minister responsible for the Status of Women officially announced I guess and advertised in our Government and that had I guess disappeared. We did create the expectation that this was going to be taken much more seriously and pushed to the forefront. I believe that has to be addressed and I give my commitment Charlotte we will talk and I will talk with everyone concerned from all communities about what we can do to address this situation and formalize that portfolio, a committee, a group that will deal with the issues and push them to the forefront once again. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Russell. Judy Dicker, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

Mrs. Dicker: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Some of our constituents has come to me and asked about putting a road from Goose Bay to Hopedale. I know it's a long time before we see it but the reason behind it is the high cost of living and when the weather is down like this year and when we were isolated back in November when we lost all of our power and everything. I guess they're just looking for some other way, you some other access to outside. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for your question Judy. In having been Ordinary Member for Nain for the last year and a half and having listening to the previous First Minister who had dealt with this transportation issue I would have to go back to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to see if in fact the department is looking at some kind a ground transportation, I would really have to look at that. But I will say that is that not so much so but the groomed trail at least are to Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet at least those three communities can get there but for the communities of Hopedale and Nain that there is no groomed trail. But I will take your question and concern back and report directly back to you, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barbour. Mr. Keith Decker, AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and probably due to all fairness to the Minister, it's probably a bit early for asking the question, seeing that he was only sworn in yesterday but it's regard to the communal fishing license, food fishery, can you tell me if there's going to be a cut in

the number of tags that we get this year and maybe it's been early Mr. Minister for that question.

Madam Speaker: Respond Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think you're right, first of all I thank you for your question and part of the follow up to your question I think just like every other Minister I need a full briefing from departmental staff before I can directly answer your question about will there be cuts in tags, I don't know that but it is the intent not just the AngajukKâk from Postville but to all concerned that each and every year this issue comes before our communities inside and outside being Upper Lake Melville in particular but I intend to get fully briefed and make sure that everybody knows what's going on. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barbour. The Honorable Member of Finance, Dan Pottle.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. I direct my question to the Honorable Minister of Land and Natural Resources as well; I know and recognizing and taken into consideration the AngajukKâk from Postville sentiments with respect to you just holding this portfolio, but I too like Mr. Decker am somewhat concerned with respect to the negotiation and I guess with respect to licensing for communal fisheries with DFO. I don't have a question so much as I do believe I have advise and recommendations for the Minister is that we need to I believe as a Government assert our rights under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and I don't think that we should out rightly accept the Department of Fisheries and Oceans response to some of our consultations when we've had them in our communities related to the communal fishery. It's been my experience and from what I've been told by beneficiaries and from my period of residing in my hometown of Rigolet as well, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans comes into our communities and to our settlement area with preconceived notions and I believe the whole point of consultation is skewed from the perspective that DFO has an idea in their mind with respect to what's going to happen to the communal fishery. Until I believe Mr. Minister as per the Land Claims Agreement, until there is a domestic Inuit harvest level established as per the Land Claims Agreement the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador have a right to hunt, fish, gather to our level and needs of subsistence, I don't take it very lightly that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will come in with a preconceived notion and for lack of a better word shove their position down the throats of the Inuit. We have and we are equal partners in this Land Claims Agreement and we co-manage fisheries in the settlement area. So I believe Mr. Minister my advise to you would to send a strong message to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that we are a party to this agreement and we will be party to the consultation regarding communal fishery and other aspects related to domestic harvest levels and subsistence gathering, hunting and fishing in our settlement area. Nakummek Madam, Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. While the question from the AngajukKâk from Postville talks about very specific, will there be cuts and allocations. You just pointed out a much bigger picture of what needs to happen out there. The co-management, the joint management fisheries board who are responsible by appointment by Nunatsiavut Government, DFO, Federal Government and Provincial Government I was not making light of it that I need a full departmental briefing before I can give any solid answers and to that I feel that even though the question by the AngajukKâk for Postville more specific but you pointed out the fact that there is much more than the specific question that I need to get fully briefed on. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Generally a Member will be permitted to ask two questions per day unless they're supplemental so I'll ask Max to ask your second question.

Mr. Blake: Thank you Madam Speaker. This question would be directed again at the Executive. I was talking with Morris Chaulk who is in a Dimension Rock Company I guess you would call it and he's doing good business down in New Brunswick and he told me he tried to get in on things in Voisey's Bay being a member and everything and he never got a look in but he was saying anyway that LIDC, he told me this I didn't even know, he said LIDC was in a bad situation financially and management and everything else and he said he was wanting to know if he could get in on the action and bail out LIDC with his company like to get involved and help the company out and I said well I would bring it to the Assembly and ask the Executive to take a serious look at this because there might be a chance that LIDC can be saved.

Madam Speaker: Excuse me Max would you direct your question to someone in particular?

Mr. Blake: The Executive.

Madam Speaker: You must be more specific to who you're directing your question to.

Mr. Blake: Oh okay the question I guess is directed at the First Minister, Darryl Shiwak.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Darryl Shiwak.

First Minister: Thank you Madam Speaker. I feel comfortable answering this question as my former position was Minister of Education and Economic Development and I as such I was responsible to the Assembly for LIDC. My recommendation to you is to go back and tell him to send his request into the Trustees of the LICST, the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. They are the Trust responsible for LIDC and they would be able to take any proposals that he has had with regards to LIDC. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any more questions. Glen Sheppard, the Ordinary Member for Postville.

Mr. Sheppard: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess I'll say like the rest my question will be directed at the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources I know he's new in his portfolio but thinking that he has been there, he has held the portfolio, he have served as the Ordinary Member for Nain up to the point of the new election. However, I guess as an elected Member I stand here this morning, I'll be getting a good paycheck, which put me in this position, the people of my community. My job is to help people out there not only Postville, Nunatsiavut as a region. My question is Mr. Minister what will you do as Minister in the future or what can you tell me this morning that you will do to help our economy in the way of employment and employment will lead into maybe joint ventures or become partnerships with exploration companies or any major company, any major development within the Labrador Inuit Land Claim area? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you Ordinary Member for Postville, my friend Glen. There are a number of questions rolled into one I guess. I don't think the Nunatsiavut Government as I understand, the Economic Development Ministers portfolio, the Nunatsiavut Government is not in the business of partnering with exploration companies, number one. That's out there for the private sector I believe. Number two in terms of what is the Nunatsiavut Government going to do, just like the previous question from the AngajukKâk from Postville and a broader issue brought in by the Minister of Finance, in terms of major development that's yet another file I have to get fully briefed in but as I pointed out yesterday in the informal session of the Committee of the Whole. There are two things that have to happen. In terms of major development as I understand it we must go through and environmental assessment in the first place, second if there is a major developments it's a requirement under our Land Claims Agreement to have an IBA anyway, none of those two things are happening right now. I also did point out yesterday that the Land Use Plan must be done and completed and also as I pointed out my need to get a full understanding of just where the Nunatsiavut Government is in terms of environmental legislation that must be brought before the Executive Council before the Assembly anyway but the intent is that I will be going there. I hope I gave you some insight as to where I'm going and please bare with me in terms of myself getting briefed by the Department Staff. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barbour. The AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

Mrs. Wolfrey: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question too is directed to the Minister of Lands and Resources and I want to ask it because in my community like in all of the other communities I guess there was a consultation on the Land Use Plan, I hope I'm getting the terms right, and in my community there was a lot of concern that in that Land Use Plan there was no land designated in what was shown to us there was no land designated as Economic Development and I can only speak for Rigolet but in my community people wanted to see some land designated as I think it's Resource Development, I might be getting some of the terms wrong but my question is when they

came to the community and heard the concerns of the people and if the people in other communities because I think the same concern was in most of the communities that none of the land was designated as Resource Development. What I'm asking I guess if people recommended that there be some land designated as Resource Development will that happen or was the consultation just a consultation in name or will it really happen that people will be listened to and some of the land will be designated as Resource Development. Nakummek.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Madam Speaker and I thank the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for her question as well. I'm not sure that if I will be stepping out of bounds here but I too as a member and a resident of Nain, I attended those consultations as well. This Land Planning Authority, they have four members, two appointed by Nunatsiavut Government, two appointed by the Province and jointly Nunatsiavut Government and the Province agreed that the four appointees are the planning authority. They are, just like you, my understanding is that they're in draft stages of the Lands Use Plan and from those draft stages and based on the feedback that they've had from the communities they're ready to submit their first draft to both Governments in short order, being within the next month, month and a half. Once we see that I'm sure that questions will be forthcoming from Assembly Members. Now when I say that, when I said I might be out of bounds, a lot of what I just said is just like you is because of what I attended in Nain as a resident of Nain I've heard that. To your question can there be resource Development, that question was asked in Nain and the answer was by the Planning Authority, yes it can be done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barbour. The AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

Mr. Jacque: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. We have a great concern in our community regarding cash flow, I would like to know where banking, what the outcome of banking is, where do we stand there? Numerous times when seniors receive their Pensions they call up and there's never ever any cash, we've approached the businesses in our communities and ask if they would keep cash on hand but they heed no heed to no avail. I'd like to know where we stand and what their intentions are regarding that. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Member Mr. Pottle:

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Nakummek AngajukKâk from Makkovik your question. Given and I don't mean to use this as an excuse but the reality is I've just stepped into this portfolio I will certainly be briefed on various issues this being one of them Mr. AngajukKâk I certainly will take your concerns and your question under advisement, consult with departmental staff to find out what the status is and revisit the issue with you regarding the concerns and I will commit to work with you and your community to ensure those issues are addressed from my department. But at this point in

time I just need to take your question under advisement because I cannot at this point in time with lack of information give you the answer that you're hoping for on this question so please bare with me and I will certainly work with our departmental staff and get back to you on this matter. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any more questions? The Honorable Member Mr. Keith Russell.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'm asking this question as the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. My question is directed at the President. Many of my constituents have been trying drawing comparisons I guess to the utilization of mining royalties and I guess by Nunatsiavut Government with in terms of how we are allocating that to various departments, to various projects, various programs. The Innu Nation is distributing their royalties to their members in the communities. Basically the people feel that this has been an oversight by our Government and that this should be allocated to the beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as per IBA. The people in Upper Lake Melville are wondering what the Presidents position is and what this Governments position is going to be going forward concerning distribution of mining royalties from the Voisey's Bay project. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable President, Mr. Lyall.

President Lyall: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To answer the question for the Minister of Health as Ordinary Member, the position of the Nunatsiavut Government has always been that royalties go back into Treasurer of Nunatsiavut Government. We realize that the Innu Nation are paying out some money directly to their beneficiaries, that's their choice and I stand by that position, however you are now in the Executive and we can have those discussions in the future.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane.

Ms. Lane: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess my question is to the Minister of Education. I know you are only new in your seat but it was brought to me while I was campaigning and a lot of people was wondering about Community Based Training, where you can programs in your own community so people don't have to leave their homes to further their education and upgrade their skills. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The Honorable Susan Nochasak. Minister of Education.

Ms. Nochasak: Hello. Thank you for your question. Again I've been appointed to this portfolio yesterday so I get briefed and meet with Executive Council and I'll certainly look into that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Anymore questions? The Honorable Member Keith Russell.

Mr. Russell. Nakummek, Madam Speaker, again my question as per my role as Ordinary Member for the constituents for Upper Lake Melville. My question is directed

at the Honorable Mr. William Barbour, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and it's regarding the fishery. We have several concerns and I'd like to act with the sentiments very briefly I can of Minister Pottle about DFO and their involvement with the allocations of I guess resources to our constituents, our constituents and I'm speaking for Mr. Max Blake as well, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville have demanded that Max and I attend any negotiations on behalf of the constituents of Upper Lake Melville with DFO. I'd like to know your position on that of whether or not we're going to be allowed in that room and we're going to be allowed to represent our people as they demand in those negotiations but first I'd like to comment on that in just saying that without any science in Upper Lake Melville at all I have to act an a sentiment of Minister Pottle by saying why are we even taking DFO's position in the consideration, we have to assert ourselves, we have get our legislation in place to deal with our own things here. We shouldn't have to depend on them. I mean DFO can very easily walk into any room and tell us that all aboriginal precedence set in the courts of Canada such as a sparrow decision do not apply anymore. I really think that we have assert ourselves and especially assert ourselves in the form of the fact that this fishery, the allocation should be determined by the necessity and not by what somebody in Newfoundland thinks. I would like to know and again just to restate my questions, Minister Barbour if we are going to be accepted as Ordinary members of Upper Lake Melville into this negotiation process for our people and I guess the second question, is I ask it now out of line it would be what are we going to do to assert in terms of the upcoming and forthcoming legislation from your department. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just reiterate what I said; I need the full department briefing in terms of the file, first of all. Second, in terms of the question of whether the direct question of whether yourself as Ordinary Member and Max Blake as Ordinary Member can be present in the negotiations, if in fact they are the negotiations, even that I don't know right now. So please bear with me and let me get briefed and directly to your question, let me get back to both of you. I hope that satisfies your question for the time being. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any more questions? The Honorable Member Susan Nochasak.

Ms. Nochasak: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'm just asking this question as Ordinary Member for Hopedale, this is geared towards Finance, Danny Pottle. Our community right now has no facility in regards of Recreation/Gathering building and whatnot, my question is asking about the incline commitment that Nunatsiavut has to our community from money towards a new building, maybe sports centre\arena and if we could hear if those incline monies are still available, we'd like to find out about that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Pottle, Minister of Finance.

Mr. Pottle: Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Thank you Honorable Member for Hopedale for your question. I will certainly follow up on the issue with you but from the previous

Assembly I believe those dollars were committed and just as a side bar conversation with the President a few minutes ago those funds are still there but I believe what needs to be done in order to access those funds is that your communities need to come up with your plans on how/where you see the use for that money for a multi purpose facility in each of you communities. The funds are committed, they are there, there needs to be more work and initiative I believe taken by the communities to move this forward and I certainly will be happy to follow up more fully on this and consult with you and any other community member, whether that be Ordinary Member or AngajukKâk on this issue. The funds are there, they're sitting hopefully in a fund somewhere, I'm not sure if they're collecting interest or not but the money is there and the commitment is made to the communities to access and to use this fund for your multi purpose facilities. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Keith Decker, AngajukKâk for Postville.

Mr. Decker: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to my good friend Minister of Health I guess, Mr. Keith Russell. Ground Transportation, I know you just got into portfolio and resumed the position but I guess ground transportation for seniors for medical exams and stuff like that. Can you within your mandate can you certainly take a look at that?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell: Thank you to my good friend, the AngajukKâk from Postville for the question. Again, I guess we're all asking questions here to brand new Ministers and we haven't even been properly briefed by our departmental staff in most cases hasn't even met any of our staff yet but I give you my word I will look into it. In listening to Glen speak earlier I mean specifically about elders. The whole point of this Lands Claims Agreement was to support the beneficiaries of it and to support specifically our elders and youth. I guess the two ends of the age spectrum if you will of the people that we should be focusing on, elders specifically. You shouldn't have to come to Upper Lake Melville just to be able to be supported by ground transport, that's how I feel on the matter and I guess going back to Glen's point there to having people in need, having people not being served by our departments based on the fact that the money is not there to do it, is not good enough for me. We have to find that money, we have to run efficiently to get to a point where we cannot maintain status quo but increase the level of service to Labrador Inuit no matter where they live, in all communities and that's going to be the approach I'm going to take going forward. It's to basically I guess first and foremost to consult with the staff and the people in all departments or all staff in my department, basically see where we are, see what we do, see how we do it and then figure out a way to do it better, more efficiently so that we could not only maintain it but like I said increase the level of service and increase the number of services that we could offer to all. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Supplementary question Mr. Keith Decker.

Mr. Decker: My question is to the Minister of Health again. Once more I know I experienced and more people have experienced ground transportation in St. John's. Certain place you go you had to get your own transportation if you stay with outside the city limits I think it is. But the van can go any store if they want to but yet they can't pick you up.

Madam Speaker: Minister of Health and Social Development.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Again I can only further irritate that I'll be looking at every single area. One further commitment that I will give to every beneficiary of our Land Claims Agreement whether you're at this table or whether you're in any community, not thirty seconds from my appointment yesterday I received a letter from Kitora Abel addressing concerns about the way people are being treated when you're going out for medical. Basically I'm going to look at every single area and I take everything into consideration, I'll look at every situation that we could do to basically improve what we do. When you're going out to the big city and you're from a small community it can be a scary experience and people are uncomfortable and it's not easy to get around. Even myself I go to a strange city, you've got to get your bearings, you've got to figure out how things are done, you've got to figure out how to get from point a to point b. If you've got the stress of medical concerns, if you've got the stress of finances, your own personal finances and you're in a strange place and not used to a big city, a different town you know somewhere like that it can be very, very difficult. All of those things I will very, very seriously taking into consideration as I change the way our department is going to interact with it's beneficiaries.

Madam Speaker: This concludes the time allotted for question period so right now we're going to take a ten minute break.

Madam Speaker: First of all I would like to let you know that you need to let Hilda know where you're travelling today, if you're going on the charter, if you're going elsewhere, so after this session if you could talk to Hilda on where you are going. We'll move down to number nine, Written Questions. Are there any Written Questions today? The AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb Jacque. The written question has been delivered to the Minister of Health and he can respond at another time or respond now. The Honorable Keith Russell.

Mr. Russell: Nakummek Madam Speaker. Again probably not answering the question today but giving that issues will be addressed. My written question consists of concerns around Registered Nurses, Doctors, Eye Specialists, more frequent visits, better services, again reiterating the need for increased attention, ground transport and you know from clinics to the airports and so forth. I give my commitment to this Assembly and to Labrador everywhere. All issues will be addressed, these included. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Russell. Are there any more written questions? The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Max Blake. The question has been delivered to the First Minister, Darryl Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak.

First Minister: Thank you to the Ordinary Member for the question. He asked when we can expect to see an auditor general hired to look at the working of the Government and ways they are spending. That's something that I will have to bring back, I don't really know the answer to that as I'm new on the file. I have to bring it back to the Executive and have discussions but I certainly will respond with the Member for Upper Lake Melville. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any more written questions. The Honorable Member, Ms. Susan Nochasak. The written question has been delivered to the President, Honorable Jim Lyall.

President Lyall: I'll just respond to Susan's question right now. She wants to know if it's possible for the Assembly to have a community social when we're in the community of Hopedale. I think it's a good idea, it's something that we have to of course schedule depending on time and travel, how many days we have available but it's certainly something that I will be again to the Executive for discussion and see if it is possible to do so. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey. The question has been delivered to the Honorable President, Mr. Lyall.

President Lyall: AngajukKâk from Rigolet wanted to know if we ever considered ever having a citizen representative to deal with complaints. It's something I haven't thought about before. I would need time to think about it. Right now I would not like to give you an answer because I don't know if it's possible however it's something else I would look into and get back you. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Any more written questions? Then we'll move onto the next item on the agenda, Notices of Motions. Are there any Notices of Motions? Honorable President, Mr. Lyall.

President Lyall: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was tasked at the last Assembly to have setting up committees with the NBCI and the five thousand dollar payments. I wish to let you know that I don't have that available however; it was almost delivered on my part. I knew that we would have a new Executive, new Members in the House and I want to bring the whole, both issues to the new Executive for discussion and there will definitely resolutions or motions at the next Assembly. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. President. Are there anymore Notices of Motions? If there is no more Notices of Motions then I would like to thank everybody for coming. We'll adjourn the Second Assembly, First Session and the First Sitting and I wish everybody a safe trip home.