

Nos. 56 and 57

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament

Monday, October 4, 2021

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Elder Shirley Alphonse of the T’Sou-ke Nation.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

GENERAL

1. That, as an exercise of the Legislative Assembly’s exclusive right to regulate its own internal affairs as they relate to its legislative and deliberative functions, including control over the conduct of its proceedings, the use of videoconferencing technology be authorized to enable all Members to be present in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly through remote participation, counting toward quorum, while other Members continue to be present physically in the Legislative Chamber, thereby enabling hybrid proceedings of the House.
2. That Zoom be approved as the videoconferencing technology platform for the purposes of supporting hybrid proceedings of the House.

QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

3. That Members who are participating in the House’s proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology be counted as present for the purposes of the quorum of ten Members, as set out in section 42 of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66) and Standing Order 6, and for the purposes of determining a majority of votes as set out in section 43 of the *Constitution Act*.
4. That Members who are participating in the House’s proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology must have the audio and video functions enabled with their face clearly visible in order to be counted towards quorum, to participate in debate, and to vote.

DIVISIONS

5. That Standing Order 16 (2) be amended by adding the underlined text: When a division has been called, the division bells shall be rung forthwith. Not sooner than 2, nor longer than 5 minutes thereafter, the Speaker shall again state the question. No Member shall enter or leave the House or Committee of the Whole after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every Member present shall vote. No Member participating remotely shall connect to or disconnect from the approved videoconferencing technology after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

6. That any Standing Order requiring that a document be “handed in” or “laid upon the Table” or transmitted by other similar physical means be interpreted to include the transmission of a document by approved electronic means.

7. That the transmission of a document by the Office of the Clerk to all Members by electronic means constitute for all purposes the distribution and delivery of that document, regardless of whether a Member has received the document.

8. That, notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, petitions presented to the House may include signatures collected through electronic means, and that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly or her designate be authorized to exercise reasonable discretion in the interpretation of admissibility of an electronic petition and its compliance with Standing Order 73 and Appendix A of the Standing Orders.

SPEAKER’S DISCRETION

9. That, for greater certainty, the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion on the applicability of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House.

10. That, for greater certainty and further to Standing Order 19 and Standing Order 20, the Speaker be empowered to intervene on any matter of decorum on the Speaker’s own initiative or on a point of order raised by a Member, including by muting a Member’s microphone and excluding Members from the sitting in cases of serious misconduct.

11. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place as this requirement may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology and to Members participating in person in the Legislative Chamber.

12. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders or this order that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow all Members to be able to fully exercise their duties and rights in the proceedings of this House conducted in a hybrid manner.

OTHER

13. That, should any provision contained in this order be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, the provision in this order prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

14. That this order expire on November 30, 2021.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That, for the remainder of the current Session:

1. Standing Order 2 (1) be amended to provide for the Thursday afternoon sitting to be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2. Standing Order 3 be amended by striking the words “6:00 p.m. on Thursday” and replacing them with “5:30 p.m. on Thursday”.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

15 By leave, Mr. *Halford* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agree that the current measures have not adequately addressed the opioid epidemic and commit to making mental health and addictions a priority in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Kirkpatrick*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, October 4, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *J. Horgan* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Ms. *Bond* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, Oversight of Dam Safety in British Columbia, September 2021;

Auditor General Report, Update on the Connecting British Columbia Program, August 2021;

Chief Electoral Officer Report, 42nd Provincial General Election, October 24, 2020;

Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2020;

Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2020–21;

Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2020–2021;

Ombudsperson Public Report No. 52, Severed Trust: Enabling WorkSafeBC to Do The Right Thing When Its Mistakes Hurt Injured Workers, September 2021;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 49, Strategic Plan, 2021–2026, July 2021;

Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report, 2020–21;

Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report 2020/21 and Service Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M273, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, June 30, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M274, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, July 5, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 372, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 7, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 420, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 9, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 428, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 12, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 429, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 12, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 430, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 13, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 431, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 13, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 432, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 13, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 433, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 13, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 437, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, July 13, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 518, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, September 15, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 526, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, September 15, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 530, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, September 15, 2021; and,

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 538, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, October 4, 2021.

The Hon. *N. Simons* (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) tabled the TogetherBC Annual Report, 2020.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Third Party House Leader, dated September 24, 2021, be ratified to substitute *Jagrup Brar*, MLA, for *Pam Alexis*, MLA, as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2021*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Early Learning and Child Care Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 15) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Early Childhood Educators Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Sharma*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following documents were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2020/2021;

Budget 2021 First Quarterly Report, September 2021;

Crown Agency Annual Service Plan Reports, 2020/21: BC Council for International Education; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc.; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Oil and Gas Commission; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; InBC Investment Corp. (formerly BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.); Industry Training Authority; Infrastructure BC (formerly Partnerships BC); Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC (formerly Legal Services Society); Real Estate Council of BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Transportation Investment Corporation;

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, Annual Report, 2020/2021;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2020/21;

Ministry Annual Service Plan Reports, 2020/21: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 Ford to Tappen Four-Laning Project, July 19, 2021;

Province of British Columbia Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2020/21; and
Public Accounts, 2020/21.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

PROGRESS OF BILLS

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Listing printed for convenience only)

Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
1	An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament	Hon. D. Eby	Apr. 12							
2	Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. D. Eby	Apr. 15	May 10	May 12	May 12		May 12	May 20	11
3	Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. H. Bains	Apr. 19	Apr. 20	Apr. 26	Apr. 26		Apr. 26	Apr. 27	10
4	Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2021	Hon. S. Robinson	Apr. 20	May 11	May 20	May 20	May 20	Jun. 3	Jun. 17	18
5	InBC Investment Corp. Act	Hon. R. Kahlon	Apr. 27	May 11	May 19	May 19		May 19	May 20	13
6	Accessible British Columbia Act	Hon. N. Simons	Apr. 28	May 10	Jun. 3	Jun. 3		Jun. 3	Jun. 17	19
7	Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. D. Eby	May 10	Jun. 9	Jun. 10	Jun. 10		Jun. 14	Jun. 17	20
8	Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. M. Farnworth	Apr. 29	May 11	May 31	May 31		May 31	Jun. 17	15
9	Finance Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021	Hon. S. Robinson	May 17	May 20	May 20	May 20		May 20	May 20	14
10	Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. J. Osborne	May 13	May 31	Jun. 1	Jun. 1		Jun. 1	Jun. 17	16
11	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. D. Eby	May 12	May 31	Jun. 1	Jun. 1		Jun. 1	Jun. 17	17
12	Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. M. Farnworth	Jun. 16	Oct. 4						
13	Employment Standards Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021	Hon. H. Bains	May 11	May 12	May 19	May 19		May 19	May 20	12
14	Early Childhood Educators Act	Hon. M. Dean	Jun. 8							
15	Early Learning and Child Care Act	Hon. M. Dean	Jun. 8	Oct. 4						
16	Supply Act, 2021-2022	Hon. S. Robinson	Jun. 17	Jun. 17	Jun. 17	Jun. 17		Jun. 17	Jun. 17	21

MEMBERS' BILLS

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Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
M 201	Assessment (Split Assessment Classification) Amendment Act, 2021	Mr. Stone	Apr. 22							
M 202	Health Professions Amendment Act, 2021	Ms. Furstenau	Jun. 2							
M 203	Equal Pay Reporting Act	Ms. Cadieux	Jun. 8							

PRIVATE BILLS

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Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
Pr-401	United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021	Ms. Paddon	Jun. 17							

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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ESTIMATES, 2021 – 22

Legislative Assembly	June 17, 2021
Officers of the Legislature	June 17, 2021
<i>Ministry</i>	<i>Estimates Completed</i>
Advanced Education and Skills Training.....	May 12, 2021
Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.....	June 8, 2021
Attorney General.....	June 7, 2021
Children and Family Development.....	June 17, 2021
Citizens' Services.....	May 18, 2021
Education	May 20, 2021
Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.....	May 20, 2021
Environment and Climate Change Strategy.....	May 18, 2021
Finance.....	June 17, 2021
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.....	June 10, 2021
Health.....	June 17, 2021
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.....	May 13, 2021
Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.....	June 14, 2021
Labour.....	June 1, 2021
Mental Health and Addictions	June 3, 2021
Municipal Affairs	May 17, 2021
Premier.....	June 17, 2021
Public Safety and Solicitor General.....	June 14, 2021
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	May 31, 2021
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	May 11, 2021