

# 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

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### Appreciation To Kam Lake Constituents And Supporters

**MR. RAMSAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen and other visitors that we have in the gallery with us today. I'd like to begin my statement today by congratulating you, Mr. Delorey, on once again becoming the Speaker of our Legislative Assembly. I've a great deal of respect and admiration for you, Mr. Speaker, and I wish you well in your role.

To our new Premier, Mr. Roland, I offer my congratulations. In addition to our new Premier, I'd also like to congratulate our new Cabinet: Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Yakeleya, Mr. Bob McLeod, Mr. Michael McLeod, Mr. Miltenberger, and Ms. Lee. Good luck and best wishes on your selection to our Executive Council.

I want to thank the constituents of Kam Lake for re-electing me to a second term in office. I will be forever grateful to you for giving me the honour and the privilege to again represent you and your families in this Legislative Assembly.

I'd also like to thank my opponent, Mr. Brad Enge, for challenging me in the riding of Kam Lake. I feel it's always important to earn a job. Mr. Speaker, with 81 percent of the vote, I come into this Assembly in my role as MLA for Kam Lake with a tremendous endorsement from my constituents.

I'd also like to thank my family: my wife, Amanda, for being the strong person that she is; my mother and father, Frank and Peggy, for coming from New Brunswick to spend the last week of the election campaign with me; and also my mother and father-in-law, Cathy and Xavier Fabien, and my official agent, Mr. Brad Anstey, and all of my campaign supporters and contributors.

Mr. Speaker, as my family and supporters from across the territory know, I was hoping to be selected to Cabinet yesterday during the Territorial Leadership Committee. Mr. Speaker, I'd equate the TLC process we have here to something akin to Survivor. Sometimes in life and politics, things are not always as they might appear and yesterday was a good example of that for me.

I just want to say again to my supporters and those of you who know who Dave Ramsay is, that I'm not going to give up, I won't back down, and I won't go away. I will continue to pursue the interests of my constituents and the residents of this territory to the best of my ability as a Regular Member of this Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker, it's a role that I relish and I certainly am looking forward to. Mahsi.

--- Applause