

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the rate of crime in this territory will continue to increase until every Nunavummiut, young and old, have the necessary resources and services to help them cope with adverse life experiences.

Mr. Speaker, I also recognize that these issues cannot be addressed by the government alone. Partnerships must be formed between organizations, governments, local councils, elders, and families in order to prevent crime.

Mr. Speaker, I will have questions on this issue at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Taptuna.

#### **Member's Statement 147 – 4(2): Inspirational Workshop in Kugluktuk**

**Hon. Peter Taptuna:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the organizations in my hometown of Kugluktuk that hosted a weekend-long event at the end of September to celebrate self-growth with stories, photos, and song.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Aglukark, the renowned Canadian recording artist who has won a Juno Award for her work, along with Aerial Tweto, a well-known Alaskan Inupiaq reality TV actor, were in Kugluktuk at the events as motivational guest speakers.

Susan Aglukark was part of a goal-setting workshop that involved youth and adults at the new youth centre. She also made a number of home visits and appeared on the local radio in a special talk show that incorporated her music.

Susan's last visit to Kugluktuk was in the mid-1990s. Her return brought out over 300 Kuglukturmiut to attend the various activities that the community had planned.

Mr. Speaker, as well, Ariel Tweto completed all the Kitikmeot community tour by coming back to Kugluktuk to talk about what she saw and learned about the region. Ariel gave a motivational talk to over 200 people.

Mr. Speaker, Healthy Kugluktuk worked with Ariel to ensure every community in the Kitikmeot had the same opportunity to share in a meaningful and unique growth experience. Ariel and her tour manager had visited the Kitikmeot in March of this year and had been working since then with Healthy Kugluktuk to plan the next steps.

Mr. Speaker, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Sabina Gold and Silver Corporation, and Healthy Kugluktuk all came together to sponsor Ariel's all community Kitikmeot tour.

Healthy Kugluktuk's work is sponsored by Health Canada through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

Many communities throughout Nunavut were also inspired about Ariel and Susan doing the Kitikmeot tour to promote self-growth, suicide prevention, and wellness. The event was very positive for all age groups.

I would like to thank the society for building a healthy Kugluktuk, for making this happen, and all those involved who selflessly volunteer their time to the wellness in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

**Member's Statement 148 – 4(2): Representing Nunavummiut**

**Mr. Enook** (interpretation): Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker and the people of Pond Inlet. Good afternoon to our fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about representing Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, my colleague from Iqaluit-Tasiluk made an important statement concerning the issue of representing Nunavummiut in this House without fear or favour. Mr. Speaker, I find myself in the unfortunate position of having to make a similar statement today.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that no resident of our territory should be afraid to approach elected Members of the Legislative Assembly from time to time in order to ask questions and raise concerns.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in a very small jurisdiction such as ours, it is inevitable that all of us in this House have relatives and friends who are employed by the government in some capacity.

Mr. Speaker, the idea that a resident of this territory who works as a public servant could be punished by his or her employer for confidentially raising concerns with an elected MLA to whom they may be related or acquainted is offensive to me, and it should outrage all of us members in this House.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I want to be very clear today. We all recognize the need for appropriate rules and guidelines to be in place to guide the conduct of public servants. However, all Nunavummiut are entitled to representation in this House, and I join with my colleagues in again saying that muzzles and gag orders have no place in our democracy.

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