

Establishment of a Comprehensive Territorial Crime Reduction Strategy

WHEREAS the Northwest Territories continues to experience serious and evolving criminal activity, including violent offenses and the growing presence of southern-based criminal gangs, posing a serious threat to the safety and well-being of residents;

AND WHEREAS the interconnected challenges of addictions, limited youth programming, and gaps within the justice system require a coordinated, whole-of-government response rather than isolated departmental efforts;

AND WHEREAS community leaders and residents across communities throughout the Northwest Territories have expressed an urgent need for strengthened local policing, better regulation of private security services, and accessible, in-territory recovery resources;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop a comprehensive, whole-of-government Crime Reduction Strategy;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure the strategy implement proactive supports for Northern youth, including enhanced after-school programming, mentorship opportunities, and culturally grounded, land-based healing initiatives to prevent crime and addictions;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with policing partners, including the RCMP, to increase community policing capacity in all Northwest Territories communities to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories advocate to the federal government for improvements to bail provisions to enhance community safety, particularly in cases involving violent or repeat offenders;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure the Strategy expand in-territory addictions treatment options, including the establishment of at least one permanent residential addictions treatment facility and support for regional, culturally grounded healing programs;

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Moved by: Mr. Hawkins
Proposée par : M. Hawkins

Seconded by: Mr. Testart
Appuyée par : M. Testart

Ruled Out of Order:
Déclarée irrecevable :

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories introduce legislation to license and regulate private security companies, including mandatory training, standards of conduct, and public-safety-focused oversight mechanisms to ensure the safety of both security personnel and the public;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories create a dedicated funding stream to support public safety and community policing initiatives at the municipal level to support municipal public-safety initiatives, including community patrols, by-law enforcement, crime-prevention programming, and other locally identified priorities;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure the overall Crime Reduction Strategy be fully costed, time-bound, and measurable, including clear milestones, publicly reported metrics, and annual reporting to ensure accountability to the residents of the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this motion in 120 days.