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**Statement from ʔAkisq̓nuk First Nation Nasuʔkin Donald Sam regarding
Tumbler Ridge Tragedy**

“ʔAkisq̓nuk First Nation send our healing thoughts and prayers to the victims, families and community of Tumbler Ridge BC as they mourn the tragic loss of precious lives and multiple victims from senseless gun violence last week. We acknowledge the pain, hurt and wounds where love and light just can’t reach.

We Honor the community of Tumbler Ridge as they must navigate the aftermath of making sense of this situation that has no answers and no making things right.

On behalf of ʔAkisq̓nuk First Nation, we extend our deepest condolences and stand in solidarity for a path of healing, wellness and safety for the sake of our children and future generations. You are not alone.”

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