

## **MEMBER STATEMENT—JULIE GREEN, MLA YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO CABIN RADIO**

**March 6, 2018**

**MS. GREEN:** Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a new radio station started broadcasting to the world this week from the heart of Yellowknife Centre when Cabin Radio signed on yesterday with its first program. I was delighted to be in their studio for this historic occasion.

Cabin Radio exists as an online station, livestreaming on the Internet through the labours of six people. Programming and news leader Ollie Williams is joined by program host, Jesse Wheeler, from 7:00 to 9:00 and Shannon Moore, who is hosting the afternoon show from noon to 4:00. Ollie has the 9:00 to noon spot, and the evening drive show is soon to follow. Kevin MacDonald hosts the Saturday morning show, and there is local news twice an hour. As well, the news content is posted to the Cabin Radio website.

The station has given itself a strong mandate for the promotion of northern music and the arts. NWT composer Carmen Braden created the station's musical sound, and a three-minute composition of hers was the first musical airing at station sign-on.

Mr. Speaker, Cabin Radio content and expertise isn't just contained to the live signal. Cabin Radio is also a training resource for youth and community radio stations. A workshop at the Liidlii Kue First Nation in Fort Simpson taught young broadcasters the skills that radio production and training is being made available to broadcasters at community radio stations around the NWT. Cabin Radio will also share its content and features with community stations, establishing a kind of syndicated service in the NWT.

There is a lot more from Cabin Radio in store. Producers are inviting new programming and show ideas. Evenings and weekends are reserved for shows created by community members with a passion they'd like to share. An FM broadcast licence may be in the future, and there's a phone app in development as well.

Take a listen. You'll find them at [www.cabinradio.ca](http://www.cabinradio.ca). Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.