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"Learning is for Life!"

New Community Centre for Ulukhaktok

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Friday, March 18, 2011 to celebrate the completion of the Ulukhaktok Simon Kataoyak Community Centre.

The new community centre will provide a gathering place for the people of Ulukhaktok that includes a youth centre and community hall for residents and visitors alike.

"This new facility will be an important gathering place for residents and visitors to the region," said the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and Regional Minister for the North, on behalf of the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

Ulukhaktok is a hamlet on the west coast of Victoria Island, in the Inuvik Region of the Northwest Territories. ♦

Carcross educator wins national literacy award

Author, educator and consultant Eleanor Millard has won the 2010 Council of the Federation Literacy Award for her outstanding contributions to literacy.

"I would like to congratulate Eleanor Millard on for her exemplary work in adult and First Nations literacy," Premier Dennis Fentie said. "Eleanor's tireless efforts in literacy complement the Government of Yukon's commitment of supporting literacy as a priority and a fundamental building block of education."

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award is presented in each province and territory. It is an award that recognizes outstanding achievement, innovation, practice and excellence in literacy.

"Eleanor Millard has made a lasting impact in the territory through her impressive work in adult and First Nations literacy," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "I congratulate Eleanor on her award and her work in promoting literacy, which has no doubt helped prepare countless Yukoners for Yukon opportunities."

Millard has designed, implemented and delivered many adult literacy programs in Yukon.

"I am honoured to be recognized for the work I have done for adult literacy in the Yukon since starting the first literacy project in Dawson City so many years ago," Millard said. "My commitment, particularly to First Nations literacy, continues in my work as a researcher and writer. I share this award with the many learners, volunteer tutors, and professionals with whom I have travelled on this rewarding journey."

Debbie Parent, the Yukon Learn Society executive director said, "It was with great pleasure that the Yukon Learn Society nominated Eleanor for this award. Eleanor is a founding member of the Yukon Learn Society and a long-time literacy educator and supporter. We know first-hand that she is most deserving of the Council of Federation Literacy Award and we congratulate her for this achievement."

Millard will be presented with the Council of the Federation Literacy Award medal at a special ceremony in Whitehorse this fall. Past Yukon award winners include Emma Sam, George Green, Rock Brisson, Patty Wiseman and Gordon Hardie.

Premier Fentie represents Yukon in the Council of the Federation, which comprises all 13 of Canada's premiers. The Council of the Federation was created in 2003 to help the provinces and territories play a leadership role in revitalizing the Canadian federation and to build a more constructive and cooperative federal system.

For more information about the 2010 Council of the Federation Literacy award and a list of recipients visit www.councilofthefederation.ca. ♦

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Graduates will become active participants in healthcare through instructional and practical training within the modern healthcare system.

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The program places an emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning.

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One of the programs streams offers additional opportunities outside the classroom including work placements and accreditation by the Council for the Advancement of the Native Development Officers (CANDO). ♦



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