

Order of the Northwest Territories

Recipient

Mrs. Jane Dragon



Congratulating Mrs. Dragon of Fort Smith, nominated for her contributions in **education**. A revered Elder, who has imparted a wealth of traditional knowledge to generations and created a one-of-a-kind resource for students and youth groups known as FOXY. Acknowledged for her dedication to education, social causes, sports, volunteerism, and cultural activism, she holds prestigious Queen Elizabeth medals (Silver, Diamond, Gold Jubilee, etc.) and was inducted into the NWT Education Hall of Fame. A certified School Community Counselor and Chipewyan language teacher, Mrs. Dragon also serves as a resident Elder for FOXY and SMASH, impacting thousands of northern youth.

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Mr. Richard Van Camp



Congratulating Mr. Van Camp, of the Dene Nation from Fort Smith, nominated for his work in **arts and culture**. With over twenty published books in two decades, he's mentored young writers and conducted readings and workshops across the North. Collaborating with NWT Literacy Council and the Department of Education, Culture, and Employment, helping build the inventory of 'made in the North' reading materials. A pivotal figure in enhancing Indigenous representation, as well as planting a seed that has grown into the Northwords Writers Festival, celebrating 18 years in 2023.

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Ms. Suzette Montreuil



Congratulating Ms. Montreuil of Yellowknife, nominated for her work in **social justice**. Her contributions span diverse NWT issues, striving for improved conditions in all communities. Achievements stem from professional roles and volunteerism, including leadership in organizations like Alternatives North (which she co-founded), Commission Scolaire Francophone de Division and more. A trailblazer in unions and associations, holding accolades such as the NWT Wise Woman Award, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, and Prix Jeanne-Dube. An Honorary Member of the Association Canadienne d'Education de la Langue Francaise, consistently demonstrating dedication to social betterment.