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Women's History Month poster honours women with disabilities

WHITEHORSE—In celebration of Women's History Month the minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor unveiled a poster last night that pays tribute to the contributions made by women with disabilities.

"Women's History Month is an opportunity to honour the achievements and contributions of women and girls in our territory who inspire us all," Taylor said.

The poster – entitled *Honouring Women with Disabilities* – pays tribute to all women and features Yukoners Joyce Hayden, Judi Johnny and Stephanie Dixon. Hayden, who passed away in 2009, was legally blind and served as Yukon's minister of Health and Social Services in the early 1990s. Johnny has helped establish advocacy organizations locally and nationally and is director of the Disabled Women's Network Canada (DAWN). Dixon is a seven-time Paralympic swimming champion and world record holder and is a member of the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.

The poster was unveiled just prior to *If You Are Ready to Listen*, an evening of original film and music by the Ynklude Arts Society. Members of the society are also featured on the poster. Ynklude was formed in 2005 to use creative arts as a way to raise awareness of issues affecting the equality of people living with intellectual disabilities. The group includes people with and without disabilities.

Women's History Month posters are available through the Women's Directorate office in Whitehorse or can be downloaded at womensdirectorate.gov.yk.ca/posters.html.

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