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Celebrating excellence in the public service

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski presented three individuals and one team with the 2016 Premier's Award of Excellence at a ceremony today.

The individual recipients are Ardes Ng, Catherine Morton-Bielz and Maurice Colpron. The team recipients are employees from the Community Wellness Court and Justice Wellness Centre team.

"These public servants have distinguished themselves through their expertise and their exceptional efforts to improve and enrich the lives of Yukoners," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Congratulations to all nominees and recipients, and thank you for your continued dedication and hard work."

The Premier's Award of Excellence was established in 2005 and recognizes Yukon government employees' exceptional accomplishments and celebrates their talent and teamwork.

The recipients are chosen by the Premier's Award of Excellence Selection Committee which includes Yukon government employees from several departments and one community representative.

Learn more: Premier's Award of Excellence

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2016 recipients

Individual category

- **Ardes Ng (Health and Social Services)**

Ardes Ng has provided exceptional service to Yukoners for the past 18 years. As a Registered Nurse with Continuing Care she worked at the Thompson Centre, Macaulay Lodge and Copper Ridge Place where she helped to care for some of the oldest and most vulnerable people in the territory. She is a mentor to staff and students and an example to all. Ardes is continuously contributing to creating an environment in which residents not only receive the best possible care, but also retain the highest quality of life.

- **Catherine Morton-Bielz (Health and Social Services)**

Cathy Morton-Bielz is an exemplary public servant who consistently provides leadership throughout the Continuing Care Division. In every position that she has held with the Yukon government she has immersed herself into her work, striving for the best outcomes for some of the most vulnerable Yukoners. Over the past 20 years, Cathy has made many enhancements to programs and facilities and led the Continuing Care Division to be formally evaluated by Accreditation Canada, achieving the highest ranking of "exemplary status." She is able to lead a diverse team, share her vision recognizing the perspective of others, set goals and achieve them. She recognizes others' strengths and areas for growth, and actively supports their development.

- **Maurice Colpron (Energy, Mines and Resources)**

Maurice Colpron has devoted his professional career to the advancement of the understanding of Canadian geology and has an unwavering commitment to elevating public sector geoscience organizations beyond the bounds of their mandates. His vast experience and expertise has made him a leader in his field in North America. As well as maintaining high standards in his own work, Maurice encourages excellence in colleagues and students with whom he works and mentors. He is a positive force in the office environment and has clearly demonstrated his exceptional abilities as a field geologist, researcher, communicator and leader.

Large team category

- **Community Wellness Court and the Justice Wellness Centre (Justice, and Health and Social Services)**

The Community Wellness Court and the Justice Wellness Centre are making real and measureable difference in the lives of participants, their families and their communities. The program is highly regarded by criminal justice professionals throughout the country as an innovative approach that is helping to create safer communities by addressing the root factors that can lead to criminal behaviour. The high completion rate of participants and the corresponding drop in recidivism rates are testaments to the

hard work of all involved. The success of this program would not be possible without the patience, compassion, skill and dedication of this team.

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