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Yukon RCMP commanding officer awarded Order of Merit of the Police Forces

WHITEHORSE—Yukon's commanding officer for the RCMP was inducted into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, in a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Friday, September 11.

Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, who has led Yukon's RCMP since June 2010, was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, one of the most prestigious distinctions an employee of a police agency can receive.

"We are proud to see Chief Superintendent Clark honoured for his lifelong commitment to building and strengthening relationships between communities, First Nations and policing partners," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "He has made an extraordinary contribution to Yukon through his role in authoring and implementing the Sharing Common Ground report and continues to be a champion for community policing and social justice."

Chief Superintendent Clark credits the men and women of the RCMP with upholding the tradition of community-focused policing in Yukon and across Canada. He is among 49 men and women from police forces across Canada to be invested into the order, which recognizes leadership, exceptional service and commitment to Canada demonstrated throughout the recipient's career. He has served in Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon over the course of his 33-year career.

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