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## **Yukon government installs the first veteran dedication sign**

BEAVER CREEK— The first veterans' dedication highway sign, installed near Beaver Creek, was unveiled yesterday by Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko.

"I am honoured to stand here today to unveil this highway sign, dedicated to all past, present and future war veterans," Istchenko said. "This sign now serves as a reminder of the sacrifice made and selflessness demonstrated by many of our own to safeguard our country's freedoms, security and prosperity."

The Yukon government officially dedicated the Yukon portion of the Alaska Highway to past, present and future war veterans on Remembrance Day 2012.

The sign unveiled today is the first of six English and six French signs to be installed along the 900 kilometer stretch of the Yukon portion of the Alaska Highway.

"Yukoners are fortunate to have never seen war waged on their home ground so it's especially important to remember the sacrifices that have been made for our safety and protection," Istchenko added.

As part of the highway dedication initiative, the Yukon government worked with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 254 in a related fundraising project. Replicas of the highway signs have been created in the form of souvenir license plates, which may be purchased from the Legion.

The Alaska Highway, which runs between Watson Lake and Beaver Creek, will keep its existing official name. Built in the 1940s, it is Yukon's largest and busiest road connecting Alaska and Yukon with the rest of the continent and remains a rich part of Canadian and American history.

To see photos of the dedication signs, visit [www.hpw.gov.yk.ca](http://www.hpw.gov.yk.ca).

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See photos attached.

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