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Justice minister receives MADD Canada Citizen of Distinction Award

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Justice Mike Nixon was presented the Citizen of Distinction Award at Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada's (MADD Canada) National Leadership Conference September 26 in Toronto.

"I am honoured to receive an award that recognizes our efforts to stop impaired driving in Yukon," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Addressing impaired driving is not only a policing priority, but a public health and safety issue that we must continue to tackle as a community with resources and innovative programs."

Nixon is recognized for his work with the MADD Whitehorse Chapter on public education and awareness initiatives—Project Red Ribbon and Campaign 911—and for bringing forward amendments to the *Fatal Accidents Act* that ensures families receive adequate compensation when a close family member is killed and where another person is found at fault.

"Minister Nixon is a strong advocate for helping Yukoners, especially young Yukoners, to understand the dangers of impaired driving and the importance of making responsible decisions," MADD Canada chief executive officer Andrew Murie said. "He is a most deserving recipient of the Citizen of Distinction Award."

MADD Canada's Citizen of Distinction Award is presented annually to individuals, groups or organizations that have made a major contribution to the anti-drinking and driving movement in Canada.

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