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## **Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame inductees recognized**

WHITEHORSE – The 2014 Pioneer of the Year, Person of the Year, and Order of Polaris awards were presented last night to inductees and their families at the annual Transportation Hall of Fame ceremony.

"The Transportation Hall of Fame honours individuals who have significantly contributed to the transportation industry in Yukon," Minister of Highways and Public Works Wade Istchenko said. "These awards represent the tireless work of Yukoners who have committed their lives to shaping and improving our roadways, airways, and waterways. Their hard work is seen in the transportation system we have today."

The Pioneer of the Year award was presented to Mr. Tom Mickey, one of the founding members of the Yukon Transportation Association, former manager of an Alaska Highway motel, café and service station truck stop. A longtime member of the truck driving industry, Mickey played a leading role in the development of a number of Yukon transportation services and companies.

The Person of the Year award was presented to the family of the late Mr. Liard Tom. Using knowledge of the land gained from his travel on foot and by dogsled, Tom worked with army and government surveyors to establish the route for Yukon's first major highway, the Alaska Highway. Tom also worked for the Hudson Bay Company building stores and trading posts.

The Order of Polaris award went to Mr. Andy Williams. With over 40 years of experience flying passengers to the Saint Elias Mountains, Williams has also been involved in numerous research programs studying the mountains, icefields and boreal forest of southwestern Yukon. Williams has published a number of peer-reviewed scientific papers and mentored dozens of university students.

The Transportation Hall of Fame is housed within the Yukon Transportation Museum. The Hall was opened in 1996 to honour those who have made an extraordinary contribution to Yukon's transportation history.

For more information about the inductees and to learn how to place a nomination, visit [Transportation Hall of Fame](#).

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