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Government of Yukon appoints Territorial Court judge

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government announced today the appointment of Peter Chisholm as a judge of the Territorial Court of Yukon.

"After a very thorough process, we are pleased to appoint Judge Chisholm," Justice Minister Mike Nixon said. "Mr. Chisholm has extensive experience with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and as defence counsel, along with a strong knowledge of the legal system in Yukon. He also has a history of volunteerism in the territory."

Judge Chisholm graduated from Dalhousie University Law School in 1989 and spent a year in private practice in Whitehorse before joining the Department of Justice Canada in 1993. From 1996 to 1998, he was a partner in a Whitehorse law firm and then spent a further two years working for the Yukon Legal Services Society.

In 2000, he rejoined the federal Department of Justice, which became the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, working both in Yukon and in Atlantic Canada until his appointment as judge of the Territorial Court of Yukon.

Mr. Chisholm was the successful candidate in a selection process set out in the Territorial Court Act which requires the Judicial Council to seek potential candidates, conduct interviews and submit recommendations to the Minister of Justice. The Judicial Council is made up of representatives of the Yukon Supreme Court, the Territorial Court of Yukon, Yukon First Nations, the Law Society of Yukon and lay people.

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Judge Peter Chisholm—biographical information

Legal career experience

2010/12: Chief Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Atlantic Canada

2008/10: Senior Counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Yukon

2007/08: Strategic Operations, Marine Security, Public Prosecution Service of Canada,
Ottawa

2000/06: Advisory Council to RCMP (2000/02) and Service Director, Public Prosecution

Service of Canada, Yukon

1998/2000: staff lawyer, Yukon Legal Services Society

1996/98: Private practice (Garson and Chisholm), Whitehorse, Yukon

1993/96: Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Yukon

1992/93: Private practice (Preston, Willis, Leitch and Lackowicz), Whitehorse, Yukon

Education

1986/89: Dalhousie University Law School LL.B, specializing in criminal law

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