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Yukon Public Service Week celebrations

WHITEHORSE – Yukon government employees are celebrating Yukon Public Service Week at various events June 14 to 18.

"Public Service Week recognizes the accomplishments and the important work public servants provide on behalf of Yukon citizens," Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission Elaine Taylor said. "The Yukon government is pleased to host a number of events throughout the week in recognition of Yukon's public service and their commitment to improving the quality of life for Yukoners."

Yukon Public Service Week events are held in communities each year on a rotating basis. In addition to the Whitehorse barbeque sponsored by the Public Service Commission, events are being held in Teslin, Dawson City, Old Crow and Pelly Crossing. This year's activities will be sponsored by the departments of environment, energy, mines & resources, community services, education and health & social services.

The Whitehorse barbeque will be held at the Yukon Tourism and Culture building boardwalk beginning at noon on Thursday, June 17.

Names of nominees for the 2010 Premier's Award of Excellence will be announced, as well as the names of the three winners of the annual Yukon government employee photo contest.

In honour of National Aboriginal Day on June 21 the Whitehorse event will feature a traditional First Nation crafts demonstration.

National Public Service Week was launched in 1992 as a federal government initiative. Yukon public servants celebrate Yukon Public Service Week each year during the third week of June.

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