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## **Premier accepts plaque on behalf of Yukoners**

WHITEHORSE—United States Consul General Anne Callaghan today presented a bronze plaque to Premier Darrell Pasloski in appreciation of Yukoners' support and generosity, following the terror attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

"The Government of Yukon is proud to accept this plaque on behalf of all Yukoners, particularly officials and first responders who were called to action, as well as those citizens who stepped up to assist the passengers from two Korean airplanes," Pasloski said. "Yukoners can always be counted on to provide help when help is needed."

Whitehorse residents were profoundly affected by the terrorist attacks on September 11. Two 747 Korean Air flights, one cargo and one passenger, were diverted from American airspace and arrived in Whitehorse under escort by armed U.S. and Canadian fighter aircraft.

This unexpected stopover meant that over 200 passengers and crew originally bound for New York spent two days in Whitehorse. Their immediate needs for food, clothing, lodging and medical care were provided by Yukon government staff along with volunteers from the Salvation Army and Red Cross.

Government officials, translators, local cultural community groups and individual citizens also rallied around the passengers to support them during their stay, including hosting various social activities and events. The passengers, who ranged widely in age and language, were grateful for the thoughtfulness and care during that time of uncertainty.

"Like all Canadians, we felt a deep sense of loss and sympathy as we viewed the shocking television images on that day," Pasloski added. "We share much more than borders with our American neighbours and we thank them for this expression of remembrance and appreciation."

The plaque is one of a number commissioned by the U.S. Embassy and its consulates in recognition of the extraordinary assistance that Canadians lent the United States on and after September 11, 2001.

Callaghan attended a series of meetings and toured the Yukon College, Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and the new Whitehorse Public Library as part of her inaugural visit to Whitehorse from March 20 to 22.

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