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## **Yukon government welcomes Norwegian ambassador**

WHITEHORSE—Government of Yukon will meet this week with the Norwegian ambassador to Canada, Her Excellency Else Berit Eikeland, on her official visit to the territory.

While in Yukon, the ambassador will participate in a series of meetings and help to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History.

Premier Darrell Pasloski and Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon will join Eikeland at the opening of *Cold Recall: Reflections of a Polar Explorer*, a travelling exhibit of images from Roald Amundsen's expeditions to the Canadian North.

Amundsen was a Norwegian explorer who was the first to lead a successful mission through the Northwest Passage in 1903.

"We are pleased to welcome the Norwegian ambassador to Canada, Her Excellency Else Eikeland, to Yukon," Pasloski said. "Yukon and Norway share a number of similarities in relation to Arctic governance, northern research and our wealth of natural resources."

The Yukon government, MacBride Museum and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ottawa worked together to bring the exhibit to the territory. "I would like to extend our thanks to Norway for providing Yukoners with this opportunity to see the work of Roald Amundsen," Pasloski added.

"It's a pleasure to work with the MacBride Museum and our Norwegian partners to share this exhibit depicting Amundsen's adventures," Nixon said. "In order to tell the world of his successful navigation through the Northwest Passage, Amundsen mushed from Herschel Island in northern Yukon to Eagle, Alaska. His adventurous spirit and polar discoveries are part of a shared history between Norway and Yukon, and we are proud to have that historical connection."

Amundsen was also the first to reach the South Pole in 1911 and the first to fly over the North Pole in 1926. He documented all his expeditions in detail through journals and lantern slide images, which are both part of the exhibit.

The official opening for the exhibit will take place at the MacBride Museum on April 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend this free event. The exhibit will be on display until mid-June.

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