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Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal awarded to Speaker

WHITEHORSE—Commissioner of Yukon Doug Phillips presented a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal today to the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and Porter Creek Centre MLA, David Laxton.

The medal was presented to Laxton to celebrate his long and dedicated service to the Army Cadet League of Canada and for his service to cadets of Yukon and the Western Arctic.

"I am very honoured to receive this medal and I appreciate the sentiments it conveys," Laxton said. "Like all volunteers, I enjoy contributing to my community and sharing my skills and knowledge for the benefit of others, specifically for the benefit of northern youth. That is a reward in itself, but it is also extremely gratifying and humbling to be recognized with such a significant and unique award."

"I am very pleased to make my first Diamond Jubilee medal presentation in Yukon to David Laxton," Phillips said. I encourage all Yukoners to send us nominations if they know someone in Yukon who they feel is worthy of recognition for the work they have done for their community."

David Laxton was elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election of October, 2011. He was elected as the 23rd Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly on December 1, 2011. Laxton has lived in Whitehorse since moving to Yukon in 1998. Prior to arriving in Yukon, he served 22 years with the Canadian Armed Forces, primarily with the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) and the Mapping and Charting Establishment. As part of his community service work, Laxton has served in various executive positions including president with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254 (Whitehorse) and the Army Cadet League of Canada (Western Arctic). He also served on the executive of the B.C./Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal is a new commemorative medal, created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. The medal is a way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service and recognizes significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. During the year of celebrations, 60,000 Canadians will be recognized.

For more information, including information on how to nominate someone for a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, please contact:

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