

The Order Yukon OY

ORDER of YUKON (OY)

10 July 2025

Terms

The Order will be the highest honour in Yukon. It will recognize individuals who make exceptional contributions to Yukon and recognizes excellence, achievement and contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of Yukoners. The need to include contributions to First Nations cultural and heritage endeavours was noted in creating the award.



The Commissioner of the Yukon is the Chancellor of the Order and will be advised by a Yukon Advisory Council for the purpose of recommending membership in the Order and recommending the termination of membership in the Order. There will be a Secretary of the Order for the purpose of supporting the work of the chancellor.

There are no posthumous awards and Members of Parliament, MLAs, First Nations Chiefs and Councillors, Mayors and Councillor, and judges are not eligible while they are in office.

The members of the Advisory Council are set out in the Order of Yukon Act.

The Chief Justice is the Chair. Other members are the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, President of the Yukon College, and the Cabinet Secretary.

The Council of Yukon First Nations will recommend a member and the Commissioner, as the Chancellor of the Order, will choose two other members.

The Advisory Council draws on people from significant social institutions in Yukon and from members of the public and First Nations community. This make-up provides for a broad view of who are deserving Yukoners.

DESCRIPTION

The multi-coloured crest of the Yukon sits on four petals of the Yukon's flower, firewood. The petals are a bright magenta outlined in gold.

OBVERSE

The multicoloured crest of the Yukon. The wavy vertical stripe on the shield stands for the **Yukon** River, the red triangles suggest mountains, and the gold disks refer to gold and other minerals. The Cross of St. George of England, plus the heraldic symbol for fur and the territorial flower (the fireweed), complete the coat of arms design. A silver Malamute dog surmounts the crest.

REVERSE:

Plain - numbered

MOUNTING

A small GOLD ring on the top of the medal has a larger oval GOLD ring pass through it. The ribbon passes through this larger ring. The medal is worn around the neck although a woman may wear it from a bow on the right shoulder.



RIBBON

The colours of the Flag of the Yukon:

¼ Green; ½ center white/ ¼ Blue.

DATES

Announced on 01 January 2018 by Premier

The government expects to table an act to create the Order during the spring sitting 2018. This will be the first step towards inducting members into the Order, which will be overseen by the Commissioner's office.

Commissioner received her medal in fall of 2019

02 December 2019 - first recipients announced

01 January 2020- first investiture

ISSUED

34 in total to January 2025

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**Order of the Yukon
Alphabetical**

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2021	BEAUDOIN, Jeanne	Ms	Advancing Yukon Francophonie issues in the Yukon	OY
2019	BELL, Doug Y.D.	Mr	Former Commissioner of the Yukon	CM OY
2019	BERNARD, Angélique	Honourable	Commissioner of the Yukon	OY
2020	BYRAM, Keith	Mr	Founder Pelly Construction / Support to Community Organizations	CM OY
2020	CABLE, Jack	Mr	Yukon Commissioner 1992 to 2000 / MLA 1902 to 2000	OY
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2020	COOLEY, Bess	Ms	Master of the Tlingit Language and Genealogy of inland Tlingit	OY
2024	COUTURE, Joseph Rudolphe	Mr ("Rudy")	Created the Yukon Tartan / Service to the Community	OY
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2019	GINGELL, Judy	Ms	Former Commissioner of the Yukon/ Chair Council for Yukon Indians	CM OY
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2023	HERRY, Yann	Mr	Development of the Yukon's Francophone History and Heritage	OY
2019	HEWITT, Gary	Mr	Long Time Arctic Winter Games Volunteer and Official	OY
2019	HOUGEN, Rolf	Mr	Founder Cdn Satellite Communications and Philanthropist	OC OY
2021	JOE, Danny	Mr	Advocacy for Advancement of Yukon First Nations, Culture and Language	OY
2019	JOE, Dave	Mr	Lawyer / Chief Land Claims Negotiator for the Council of First Nations	OC OY
2019	JOHNSTON, Sam	Mr	Former MLA and Chief of the Teslin Tlingit Council	OY
2020	KLASSEN, William	Mr	RCMP Officer in Teslin / Deputy Minister with Yukon Government	OY
2023	KOEPKE, Tim	Mr	Cultural, Socio-Economic and Political Development of the Yukon	OY
2024	LEDUC, Nesta	Dr	Yukon's First Female Physician / Support to "ElderActive"	OY
2021	LUNDBERG, Murray	Mr	Advocate of Yukon History and Yukoners with Photography, Writing, Research	OY
2020	MacDONALD, Sally	Dr	Family Physician Whitehorse / Delivered over 1,000 babies	OY
2021	MENZIES, Peter	Mr	Community-building in Dawson Creek / Arts and Education	OY
2020	MILLS, Agnes	Ms	Vuntut Gwitchin elder / First Nations elder Whitehorse Correctional Centre	OY
2021	MOSSOP, David	Mr	Conservation & Environment work to save the Peregrine Falcons	OY
2019	MURDOCH, Lyall	Mr	Co-Founder of the Frantic Follies	OY
2020	PHILLIPS, Doug	Mr	Yukon Commissioner 2010 to 2019 / MLA 1985 to 2000	OY
2024	SLOAN, Mary	Ms	Art and Theatre Education in the Yukon / Hospice Care	OY
2023	STOCKDALE, David	Mr	Promoting Sports in the Yukon for over five Decades / Arctic Winter Games	OY
2021	STOREY, David	Dr	Whitehorse Surgeon / Mentoring and Training many Surgeons	OY
2020	THOM, Gertie	Ms	Practical writing of previously-unwritten Northern Tutchone language	OY
2023	WEBBER, Adeline	Honourable	37 th Yukon Commissioner / Inland Tlingit ancestry / Native Land Claims	DSIJ OY
2020	WOOLSEY, Frances	Ms	Ra;an Kwäch'än Ekder / Promotion of Indigenous Culture	OY
2020	VEALE, Ron	Honourable	Chief Justice of the Yukon / Initiated Civil Action against Residential Schools	OY

34 to the end of 2024

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First Chancellor

2019	BERNARD, Angélique	Honourable	Commissioner of the Yukon	OY
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2020
(announced on 03 December 2020)**

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2020	BYRAM, Keith	Mr	Founder Pelly Construction / Support to Community Organizations	CM OY
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ADC Sergeant-Major Doug Spencer RCMP, - Yukon Commissioner (ret'd) Doug Phillips, OY – Yukon Commissioner (ret'd) Geraldine Van Bibber – Yukon Commissioner (ret'd) Jack Cable, OY – Yukon Commissioner (ret'd) Ken Mckinnon with ADC Captain Kathleen Tipton

**Order of the Yukon
2021
(announced on 06 December 2021)**

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS
2021	MENZIES, Peter	Mr	Community-building in Dawson Creek / Arts and Education	OY
2021	MOSSOP, David	Mr	Conservation & Environment work to save the Peregrine Falcons	OY
2021	STOREY, David	Dr	Whitehorse Surgeon / Mentoring and Training many Surgeons	OY

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Announced 06 December 2021

**Order of the Yukon
2022
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Announced 07 December 2022



Ms Jeanne Beaudoin, OY

Mrs. Betty Joe and Mr. Danny Joe, OY

Mr. Murray Lundberg, OY & Commissioner

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2023	WEBBER, Adeline	Honourable	37 th Commissioner of the Yukon / Inland Tlingit / Native Land Claims	DStJ OY

The first three were awarded on 29 December 2023 and inducted on 13 January 2024.
The Commissioner received her decoration on her appointment on 31 May 2023.



Honourable Adeline Webber, OY
37th Commissioner of the Yukon

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2024**

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2024	LEDUC, Nesta	Dr	Yukon's First Female Physician / Support to "ElderActive"	OY
2024	SLOAN, Mary	Ms	Art and Theatre Education in the Yukon / Hospice Care	OY

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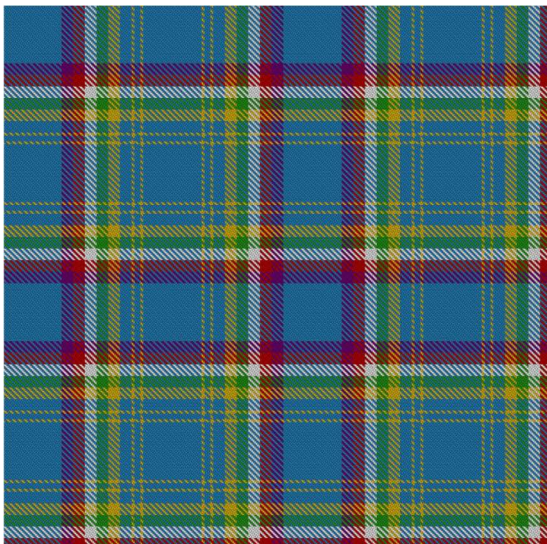


Mary Sloan, OY



Couture Leduc Sloan

Yukon Tartan created by Rudy Couture and his Wife



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Order of Canada**

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Order of St. John**

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