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**TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME RECOGNIZES THREE NEW INDUCTEES**

WHITEHORSE – This year marks the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Transportation Hall of Fame Awards. The 2007 award ceremony will recognize three new inductees.

“This ceremony provides an opportunity to honour Yukoners who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the Yukon transportation industry,” Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang said.

Leo Proctor will be inducted into the Transportation Hall of Fame as the 2007 ‘Transportation Pioneer’. Proclaimed as a man with ‘vision and determination’, Proctor is accredited with building the first road in the winter of 1959 from Dawson City to the Yukon Arctic. Proctor forged ahead despite being told “it couldn’t be done”. He built the 385 mile road and delivered six million tons of equipment to an oil and gas drilling site, 60 miles inside the Arctic Circle.

Angus McIntyre will be inducted into the Transportation Hall of Fame as the 2007 Transportation ‘Person of the Year’. Known as being one of Yukon’s last great “frontiersmen”, he was also a man of toil, courage and endurance. In the early 1900s near Dawson City, McIntyre demonstrated a major leadership role in his contribution towards building the ‘Yukon ditch’, and designing and developing the first-ever ‘drag-rack’ used to haul silver-lead ore from the Keno Hill mine into Mayo. All of this was accomplished through the utilization of man-power, pack mules and horse teams.

The ‘Order of Polaris’ Aviation Award will go to long-time Yukoner, Lloyd Ryder. Ryder is being honoured for his significant contributions and advancements to northern aviation.

The Transportation Hall of Fame Awards were created in 1996 to honour people who have made significant and lasting contributions to transportation in Yukon. Inductees are chosen through the process of an independent selection panel.

The public is invited to attend the induction ceremony at 7 p.m. on June 7 in the Yukon Transportation Museum, located at 30 Electra Crescent (next to the Whitehorse Airport).

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