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Yukon Adds New Members to the Transportation Hall of Fame

WHITEHORSE – An independent panel has chosen three inductees to be celebrated in the 13th annual award ceremony for the Transportation Hall of Fame.

“This ceremony provides an opportunity to honour Yukoners who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the transportation industry in Yukon,” Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang said. “This is an opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude for their commitment and dedication.”

The 2009 Pioneer of the Year award has been given to James (Jim) Quong. Quong had a long career in Yukon that began during the initial construction of the Alaska Highway in 1941. He is remembered for forging Yukon’s transportation system through his skills as an engineer and his innovative approach to bridge construction.

The 2009 Transportation of the Year award will be given to Robert Adair. Adair has been in the transportation industry for over 54 years. He provided reliable mail and driving services to the Mayo region for over 34 years.

The 2009 Order of Polaris, the aviation award, will go to D.J. (Don) Douglas. Douglas was an advocate for aviation in the North, taking it upon himself to pursue resolutions to air carrier issues important to Yukon.

All recipients will be honoured during the award ceremony that will take place in the Yukon Transportation Museum tonight at 7 p.m.

For more information about the awards or to learn how to place a nomination, visit www.hpw.gov.yk.ca.

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