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## 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebration Comes to an End

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 28, 2013)** - The Commissioner of Nunavut, Edna Elias, finished her travels with the Diamond Jubilee year, ending her tours in the Quttiktuq Riding February 13-21, 2013.

February 6, 2012 marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II as Queen of Canada and head of state. To mark her contributions, Canada celebrated by presenting nominees with Diamond Jubilee medals for their contributions to society in Nunavut. Recipients of the Order of Canada automatically received the medals.

During the year, the Commissioner visited 14 Nunavut communities, presenting approximately 50 medals to Nunavummiut. Recipients represented all spectrums of life. Every effort was made to present the medals in person.

“The element of surprise was overwhelming for many recipients. Only their families were advised of the nominations before the ceremony to ensure the nominee attended,” said Commissioner Elias. “Many nominees were emotional and humbled that they were being recognized at the Diamond Jubilee level. I was honored to recognize the recipients on behalf of Her Majesty.”

Diamond Jubilee medals presentations often coincided with Ranger or Cadets inspections, Commissioners’ Awards, and other community recognitions. Most celebrations were followed by a feast and entertainment.

The Office of the Commissioner welcomed and acknowledges the financial contribution from Canadian Heritage and all the promotional and giveaway materials provided for the community presentations. The Commissioner thanks and acknowledges the generous support received from the Hamlets, schools and volunteers in the communities.

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