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Nunavut Commissioner tours Kivalliq Region

Iqaluit, NUNAVUT (June 21, 2012) – Commissioner Elias recently returned from eight days of touring four communities in the Kivalliq Region where she hosted community gatherings, with a focus on celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and presenting Commissioner’s Awards.

“It was a true pleasure spending time with Nunavummiut in the Kivalliq Region,” said Commissioner Edna Elias. “The hospitality and support of the communities was remarkable. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize many people who have performed brave acts, assisted those in their communities and have made their communities proud.”

Commissioner Elias began her Kivalliq tour in Chesterfield Inlet on 10 June, where she presented Commissioner’s Awards to Peter Jr. Nanaouq Kattegatsiak , Leo Mimialik , Scott Sammurtok-Walters and Jordin Ippiak .

Her next stop was Baker Lake on 11 June, where she presented an additional six Commissioner’s Awards, to David Simailak , the late Bill Martee , Martha Aptanik, Sammy Arnaluaq, Moses Parker and Victoria Kayuyuk.

After returning to Rankin Inlet for a few days, she flew to Arviat on 15 June where she again presented nine Commissioner’s awards to: Johnny Karetak, Rhoda Karetak, the late Jimmy Ishalook, Nancy Kalluak , Tony Uluadluak, Pierre Ikakhik, Dominic Pingushat, Peter Alareak and Michael Emiktowt Illnik .

At the same event, Commissioner Elias and MLA, Daniel Shewchuk, were pleased to present Diamond Jubilee medals to Rhoda Akpaliapik Karetak, Donald Uluadluak Sr., and Lois Suluk-Locke.

Commissioner Elias concluded her tour in Rankin Inlet on 17 June, where she presented Jordin Kalluk Tootoo with a Diamond Jubilee medal at a small reception for family and close friends.

The Commissioner will be visiting the other three Kivalliq communities at a later date.

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Backgrounder attached.

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