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Speaking Notes
Diamond Jubilee medals presentation with Minister/MLA Keith Peterson
and Plaque Presentation

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Good evening, honoured guests, families and friends,

I am pleased and touched to be here tonight to be part of your Omingmak Frolics closing ceremony.

Today we also celebrate Queen Victoria's Day during Queen Elizabeth's 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee as our Queen.

It is an exceptional and appropriate occasion to be able to recognize achievements.

Throughout 2012, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated around the world. This year actually marks the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. She became Queen at the age of 25 on Feb 6, 1952 following the death of her father King George VI.

In today's constitutional monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and is Canada's Head of State.

This occasion is a time for Nunavummiut, and indeed all Canadians, to celebrate the contributions of our head of state and to reflect on our territory and nation's growth during her reign.

Throughout the Diamond Jubilee year, those Canadians who, like Her Majesty, have dedicated their life to the service of others are being honoured with a Diamond Jubilee Medal for their contributions. These recipients are the people who make a difference in your community and continue to make Canada one of the best countries in the world to live in.

I ask Minister and MLA the Honourable Keith Peterson to join me to say a few words about two very special persons and present them with the Diamond Jubilee Medal.

(Keith speaks and both present medal and certificate one by one)

Congratulations to both of you!

Tonight, I also take the opportunity, with all of you here, to recognize an outstanding volunteer group of Cambridge Bay.

It is with great pride and admiration that I call the Iqaluktuutiaq Search & Rescue team to receive a Commissioner's plaque for exemplary service and to recognize their valuable voluntary contribution to their community.

Could all the present members of the Search and Rescue Team come forwards please?

Please join me in congratulating them!

Quana very much!