



GWICH'IN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



(August 27, 2007) Six Gwich'in Beneficiaries were recognized by their peers at the 24th annual general assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council in Tsiigehtchic during August 13–17, 2007. This is the third time the awards were presented by the GTC – in conjunction with the Gwich'in Development Corporation – to those who have demonstrated excellence, leadership or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring credit to the Gwich'in Nation.

The recipients included:

- Mary Effie Snowshoe of Tetlit Zheh (Fort McPherson) for her contribution to the Gwich'in Language;
- Peter Edward Ross of Tsiigehtchic for his years of service to Gwich'in Community and Public Service;
- Margaret Rose Nazon of Inuvik (formerly of Tsiigehtchic) for Gwich'in Art, Culture and Heritage;
- Greta Sittichinli of Inuvik for her achievements in Gwich'in Education;
- Caroline Kay, Elder of Tetlit Zheh (Fort McPherson), for Gwich'in Lifetime Achievement; and
- Bobbie Rose Koe of Tetlit Zheh (Fort McPherson) for her contribution to Gwich'in Youth.

“These six individuals are an extraordinary group who deserve much respect and admiration.” said Mary Ann Ross, GTC Vice-President. “They have overcome many obstacles and demonstrated their dedication, energy, skills and knowledge to succeed in life. They provide inspiration for all of us, they remind us of all that that we can achieve, and that each of us has an important gift to share with others, our families, our communities and the Gwich'in Nation.”

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Recipients of the 2007 Gwich'in Achievement Awards (top, left to right): Peter Ross; Greta Sittichinli; Effie Snowshoe; Abraham Koe (accepting on behalf of his granddaughter, Bobbie Rose); and Clairissa Jerome (accepting on behalf of her grandmother, Caroline Kay).

Louise Lennie (right) accepts an award on behalf of her sister, Margaret Nazon, from Tsiigehtchic Chief Frederick "Sonny" Blake, Jr.