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Nicole Bourque-Bouchier receives Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal

December 14, 2022- Fort McMurray, AB – Today, Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, CEO and co-owner of Bouchier, was presented with a Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal at a regional ceremony hosted by The Northern Lights Health Foundation at the Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association (NAABA) office.

The commemorative Platinum Jubilee Medal was created by the Government of Alberta in response to the 70th anniversary of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Platinum Jubilee Medal is an honour in recognition of the Queen's life of service and acknowledges Albertans who have significantly impacted their communities through their service.

"As many in our Wood Buffalo region and community would attest to, Nicole is a deserving Albertan to receive this honour. Her contributions over the past 20 years to our community and surrounding Indigenous communities have been impactful and life changing for many. Nicole is a respected and a powerful role model to many in our community, young and old," said Cindy Amerongen, Executive Director, Northern Lights Health Foundation.

Nicole is Mikisew Cree First Nation, and a long-time resident of Fort McMurray. Either on her personal time, with family or through her company Bouchier, Nicole's passionate philanthropy focuses on strengthening her community through elevating women, providing opportunities for youth through recreation and raising awareness and opportunities for Indigenous people. Nicole also dedicates her time and resources to many mental health initiatives. Collectively through Nicole's exemplary leadership, Bouchier and the Bouchier Family Foundation more than \$6 Million dollars and countless volunteer hours have been donated to create lasting impact in the Wood Buffalo and for the people who live here.

"Giving back is built into my culture, my DNA. As an indigenous person, it's who we are, we are raised to take care of our community, we built our teepees together, we hunted and gathered. Supporting my community is an extension of who I am. Also, having experienced great loss in my life, the death of my three sisters, has propelled me to widen my opportunities to care even more, beyond my own family to my work family and my community neighbours. One thing I know for sure, great communities lift each other up, because we're simply better together," said Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, CEO and co-owner Bouchier.

Nicole has served as chair of various not-for-profit boards across the region and province. She is the recent recipient of RBC's 2022 Women of Influence – CEO Excellence Award, Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and was awarded the prestigious Indspire Award for Business & Commerce.

Locally, as part of today's ceremony nine other recipients were honoured of the 7,000 recognized province wide. Ceremonies like today's are being held across the province.

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Bouchier

Bouchier is a leader in integrated site services, proud to be 100% local and Indigenous owned. With 25 years operating in the Athabasca oil sands region, they specialize in both civil and facility construction and maintenance, as well as project management solutions. Bouchier.ca

Northern Lights Health Foundation

Established in 1985, the Northern Lights Health Foundation serves to engage people, inspire philanthropy, and promote wellness in the Wood Buffalo region. northernlightshealthfoundation.ca.

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