

Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame Award Nomination Form

How to nominate a person for these awards:

Complete the Award Nomination Form and attach a typed narrative detailing the achievements of the nominee directly related to the award criteria. Submit prior to December 31, of the current year to be eligible for next year's award.

Remember to include in your narrative:

- 1- Basic outline, the impact, the importance and the nature of the contribution must be clearly identified. Include any pertinent materials, such as : Biographical information, Newspaper clippings, Letters of commendation, and Testimonials.
 - 2- Year your nominee moved to the Yukon. (if applicable)
 - 3- Date that they started working in the Transportation Industry.
 - 4- Date of birth and current status. (i.e. retired, deceased, as of specified date)
 - 5- Any pictures that will help tell your nominee's story.
 - 6-Detailed events that help illustrate that your nominee significantly contributed to the transportation industry in the Yukon.
 - 7- If your nominee invented something new: Indicate the impact it had on the transportation industry when it was created, as well indicate any current impact it has on the transportation industry. (i.e. is it still being used today?)
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Please ensure that you have included enough information to clearly outline all your nominee's accomplishments that are related to the transportation industry as well as the situation that surrounded your nominee.

i.e. work conditions? Lack of Tools? Part of a group?

If you have any questions, please contact Transport Services directly and we will be happy to assist you with your application.

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Category: (✓) check one

_____ Transportation Pioneer/Person of the Year

_____ Order of Polaris

Nominee:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____

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Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame

The Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame annually honours individuals who have made a significant and memorable contribution to the transportation industry in Yukon. During National Transportation Week, the first week in June, awards are presented to the recipients of the Pioneer of the Year, the Person of the Year and the Order of Polaris. The Hall of Fame is located at the Yukon Transportation Museum in Whitehorse and is sponsored by the Yukon Transportation Museum, Northern Air Transport Association and the Government of Yukon.

Criteria for Awards:

Transportation Pioneer of the Year

Presented to nominees who ventured into unknown or unclaimed territory, opened up new areas of thought, research or development, and made a past major contribution affecting or advancing the transportation industry or a closely related activity connected with the movement of goods and /or people in Yukon. The nominee may be retired or deceased.

Transportation Person of the Year

A nominee must be currently engaged in transportation, or a closely related activity connected with the movement of goods and/or people in Yukon. Nominees will have assumed a leadership role during their career which has advanced the transportation industry as a whole or in any one of the several modes. This includes policy, safety, education, enforcement, innovation, performance or an exemplary act of bravery in perilous circumstances. Persons who have recently retired will also be considered.

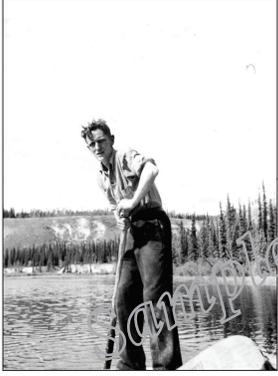
Order of Polaris

Presented to individuals, groups or associations whose contributions to aviation include meritorious service in Yukon. A nominee will have made a significant contribution and/or advancement to the aviation industry. Air-men and women, engineers, air crew, mechanics, designers and ground support, groups or associations, who played an important role in opening up the North will also be considered. All inductees are admitted as members to the Order of Polaris.

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Sample submission below



Bill Taylor was a true transportation pioneer, travelling across the Yukon for business and pleasure in sleds, canoes, riverboats, sternwheelers, cars, trucks and even a home-made snow truck.

Born in 1909, Bill was the eldest son of pioneer merchants Isaac Taylor and Sarah Drury Taylor. Bill's 89 years were closely linked to transportation; as a child he travelled on a company steamer for summer vacations in Teslin; as a young dog-mushing accountant he made his way to a snow-bound Taylor & Drury post; as a bachelor he drove his favourite Chevy roadster to Mayo in the 1930s.

Bill's first job was with Taylor and Drury (T&D's), which had more than a dozen posts throughout the Yukon. Out of necessity, T&D's built its own transportation network, using steamboats, horse teams and trucks in the summer, dog teams, horse-drawn sleds, early snowmobiles, and even cars modified with chains and runners for lake travel in winter.

uring Bill's early life, travel in the Yukon was often an adventure. In late 1929, the steamboat Yukon Rose ran into low water at Roaring Bull on the Teslin River and T&D's was forced to leave behind its barge loaded with essential supplies. By February, the Teslin post was running extremely low on food. Bill and Frank Slim mushed from Whitehorse to the barge in three days. Taking on light loads of 200 pounds each, they broke trail for the remaining 75 miles to Teslin. The snow was so deep that they took turns snowshoeing ahead at night so the dogs would have a packed trail the next day. On reaching Teslin, Bill hired and led 10 dog teams back to the barge for another load.

When another of T&D's steamers, the Thistle, sank in Lake Lebarge in 1929, Bill led Whitehorse T&D's staff, in small boats, to "rescue" goods floating up from the wreck, including canned goods with no labels. Soon after T&D's had discounted items on display called "Canned Surprise."

Bill was inventive and resourceful. One day during the 1930s, while out on a Sunday drive, Bill faced transmission trouble. Winching his car up a tree, he repaired the transmission with his wife Aline's hair pins. He and his brother Charlie also solved a winter trucking problem by inventing and building their own half-track truck.

Eventually, Bill became manager at Taylor & Drury Motors, Taylor Chevrolet, and Tilden Rent-a-Car. Thirty years after George Johnston of Teslin bought his 1928 Chevrolet from T&D's, Bill took it back on trade-in and restored it. In 1993, Bill donated the Chevy to the George Johnston museum in Teslin, where it is today. Another artefact Bill kept in his garage was the fully restored cutter once belonging to Mrs. Whitney. This is now displayed in the Transportation Museum.

It gave Bill great pleasure to contribute to the preservation of Yukon pioneering and transportation history by donating the 1928 Chevrolet, Mrs Whitney's cutter, a birch bark canoe, movies, pictures and memorabilia to the Yukon Archives, George Johnston, MacBride and Transportation Museums.