



Commissioner's Remarks

On the Passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the Accession of King Charles III **Sept. 19, 2022, Great Hall, Legislative Assembly**

- Like many Northerners, I am saddened by the passing of the queen, her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was a part of the fabric of Canadian life for decades, who stood as an example of duty and grace.
- At the same time, I am inspired by that example as she devoted herself to a life spent serving the public across the Commonwealth. “My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service,” are the now-famous lines she uttered at the start of her reign 70 years ago.
- She served Canadians, and Northerners, developing a genuine relationship with the region over the decades, and becoming a reliable, stable figure as the years went by. And as so much around us changed over the years, she evolved and grew, too, reflecting the times and the hopes of the peoples she represented.
- Those words were quoted again by her son, His Majesty King Charles III last week, as he mourned her passing, and promised to devote himself to that ideal of public service. We offer him our condolences for his great loss and extend our deepest sympathies to the Royal Family.