



News Release – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Gardens Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (February 8th) – NWT Commissioner Margaret Thom is pleased to join with the Governor General of Canada, Lieutenant Governors, and Territorial Commissioners to announce the dedication of gardens to mark Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee.

Each Territorial Commissioner and provincial Lieutenant Governor will lead the establishment of a garden in their own jurisdiction to celebrate Her Majesty’s 70 years of devoted service.

Each of the 13 gardens will include plants suited to the local climate. Lieutenant Governor and Territorial Commissioner offices received tobacco seeds from plants grown for The Chapel Royal at Massey College in Toronto, which is called Gi-Chi-Twaa Gimaa Kwe Mississauga Anishinaabek AName Amik (The Queen’s Anishinaabek Sacred Place). The inclusion of tobacco, where climates and protocols allow, will represent the enduring relationship between the Crown and Indigenous Peoples.

The Northwest Territories Platinum Jubilee Garden will be located on the grounds of Joint Task Force North in Yellowknife.

Quote(s)

“This garden will be a living tribute to Her Majesty, who has served with extraordinary commitment for seven decades. These 13 gardens will honour our Sovereign, our Queen, and they will recognize the sacred relationship between the Crown and Indigenous Peoples through the treaties.”

The Honourable Margaret Thom, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

Quick facts

- In 2022, Canada is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the Throne. She is Canada’s longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.
- To mark this historic milestone, a series of activities and initiatives will take place throughout Canada to honour The Queen’s service and dedication to this country and celebrate Canadian achievements of the last seven decades.

- Royal Jubilees are an occasion to celebrate the life and reign of a monarch, and are significant events which are celebrated around the world.
- Though the concept of the jubilee began in biblical times, today the term is most closely associated with the Royal Family, and the ceremony and spectacle which the term symbolises.

Related links

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- <https://www.ntassembly.ca/about/commissioner-nwt>
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