

# YUKON SENATOR'S ASSISTANCE



**STORY:** Ione Christensen is a fourth generation Yukoner with a deep sense of belonging to the land. She lived for the first fifteen years of her life in Fort Selkirk on the Yukon River. She moved with her parents, GI and Martha Cameron, to Whitehorse in 1949.

In 1971 she was appointed the first Yukon woman Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Juvenile Court. She was elected the first woman mayor of Whitehorse in 1975 and was appointed the first woman Commissioner in 1979.

In 1994 Ione was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada, joining her father in that honour.

Ione was appointed Senator for the Yukon in 1999. She was the second senator for the Yukon and the first woman.

Ione was a founding member of the Yukon Foundation.