

# News Release

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## Premier Akeeagok to award 54 King Charles III's Coronation Medals

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 13, 2025)** – Premier P.J. Akeeagok is preparing to award King Charles III's Coronation Medals to 54 Nunavummiut who have made a significant contribution to Canada and Nunavut.

“Nunavummiut are making significant contributions to our territory in arts, culture, public and community service, and philanthropy,” said Premier Akeeagok. “It is an honour to recognize these individuals and highlight their exemplary contributions to Nunavut and Canada.”

On May 6, 2023, Canadians celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. This historic event brought communities together to highlight themes that both King Charles III and Canadians hold dear, including service to others, protecting the environment, youth empowerment and the importance of diversity.

To mark this milestone, 30,000 deserving individuals will receive the King Charles III Coronation Medal for their contributions to their community, Canada or the world. Premier Akeeagok was allocated 54 medals to present to candidates from Nunavut. Governor-General Mary Simon has already presented medals to Nunavummiut, as have Nunavut Commissioner Eva Aariak and at least one Canadian Senator.

To ensure Nunavummiut from across the territory were represented, the Premier worked with all Members of the Legislative Assembly to identify candidates that have made a mark through their dedication and service to Nunavut communities.

The award recipients will be announced in upcoming events and gatherings.

The Coronation Medal is administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the medal program on May 3, 2023, three days before the Coronation.

The design of the medal and the details of the program were announced by Rideau Hall on May 6, 2024, the first anniversary of the Coronation.

The inaugural ceremony also took place on May 6, 2024, on which occasion the Governor-General presented the first medals to the Lieutenant-Governors and Territorial Commissioners during a virtual event. On the same day, some Lieutenant-Governors also held inaugural presentations in their province, which included the first military recipients.

The medal was designed by Cathy Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald at the Canadian Heraldic Authority at the Chancellery of Honours, Rideau Hall.

The medal is struck in nickel-silver and lacquered to prevent tarnishing. It is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint.

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