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Ktunaxa Nation Congratulates Sophie Pierre on Receiving Order of Canada

Cranbrook/ʔa-kiskʷaʔiʔit – The Ktunaxa Nation is pleased with the Government of Canada’s announcement that Ktunaxa Nation Citizen Sophie Pierre will be a 2016 appointee to the Order Of Canada.

“As Chief of ʔAqam for 25 years and as B.C. Treaty Commissioner for 6 years, Sophie has dedicated her entire adult life to improving the lives of Aboriginal people across this province,” said Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation Council Chair. “Sophie was one of the driving forces behind the creation of our St. Eugene Golf Course and Casino and is very deserving of the Order of Canada. I am honoured to call her my friend.”

Ms. Pierre has been the recipient of many awards including the Order of British Columbia and the Queen’s Golden Jubilee medal in 2002, the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in business in 2003 and two honorary Doctorates in Law from the University of Canada West in 2010 and the University of British Columbia in 2012. Ms. Pierre also served as the Chair of the Board of Governors of East Kootenay Community College, now known as College of the Rockies.

Included among this year’s Order of Canada recipients is Roberta Jamieson, First Nations activist and aunt of Ktunaxa Nation Council Chief Administrative Officer Darrin Jamieson.

The Order of Canada was established in 1967 and is one of Canada’s highest civilian honours. The award recognizes Canadians who have made significant contributions to their fields, communities or country.

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