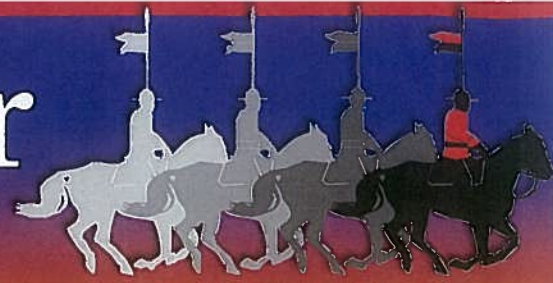


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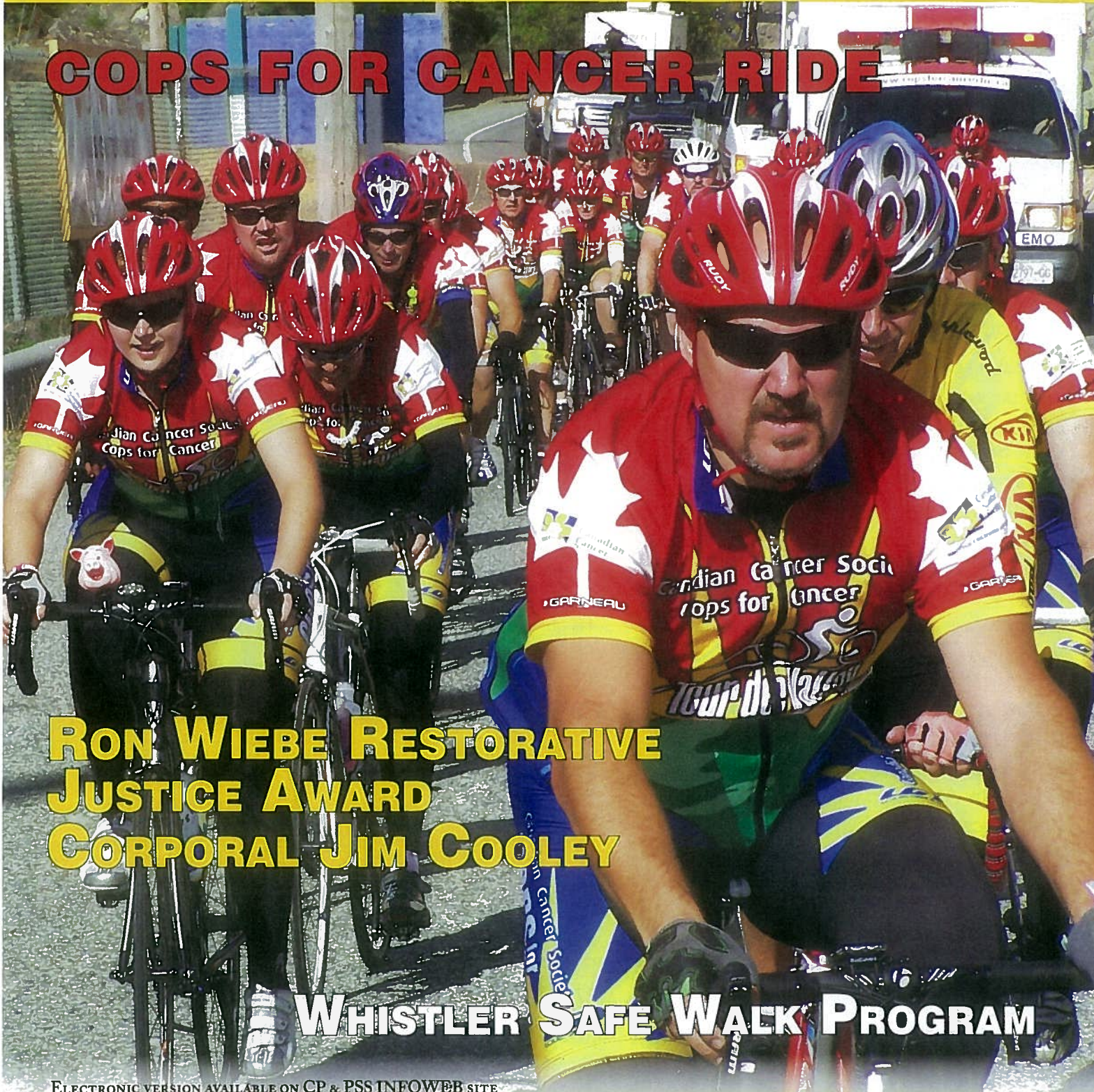
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LISIMS/NASS VALLEY DETACHMENT – ARTWORK CREATED BY LOCAL NISGA’A ARTIST

On October 12, 2012, Lisims/Nass Valley RCMP held a ceremony to celebrate and bless a significant piece of artwork created by local Nisga’a artist Brad Percival especially for the Lisims /Nass Valley Detachment.

The customized artwork is a unique fusion of the RCMP crest incorporating Nisga’a symbols based on the principle of Sayt-K’ilim-Goot (Working Together in Unity).

“This is an important symbolic and practical next step in bringing the detachment and the community together,” stated Detachment Commander, Sgt. Donovan Tait. Demystifying our building, our officers and our intentions in the work that we do is a crucial step towards a fully integrated police service for the Nation. We are your partners, your neighbours, and your friends. By culturally formalizing our relationship publicly for all to see, it is hoped that this modest event will demonstrate the RCMP’s commitment to the Nisga’a Nation in many capacities. This artwork will act as a reminder to all who visit and work in our building of our willingness to communicate and cooperate as we, RCMP and Nisga’a Nation, move forward together in unity.

Local artist, Brad Edwin Percival, a Nisga’a from Gitlaxt’aamiks, BC explained, “In this painting it shows the Crown and the Canadian Emblem. I took the meaning of the symbol of sovereignty and incorporated the Nisga’a cultural aspect into the crown. I utilized all four of the Clans. I used the maple leaf as the

connection with Canadians with One Heart (Sayt-k’ilim-Goot). I also utilized the Nisga’a National Emblem and the Copper Shield to unite our laws (Ayuuk) with Canadian Law.”

The ceremony was attended by cultural and elected leaders from all levels of government in the Nation. North District Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Rod Booth and Assistant District Commander, Supt. Lesley Bain, met with community members and guest speakers after the blessing.

The print has now gotten the attention of other partnering agencies throughout the North District and they are also interested in obtaining the creative rendition of the RCMP crest. /



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS

PRESENTED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2012 by
SHIRLEY BOND, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL



Ministry of Justice Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award winners are pictured with Minister of Justice and Attorney General Shirley Bond (centre). On the Minister's left is the youngest award recipient, 10-year-old Josh Eisner of Coquitlam. On her right is Mr. Edwin Keeling, 88 years young, who was honoured with the Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction for his lifetime commitment to Crime Prevention. He is currently volunteering with the Pender Harbour Community Police Office.

Congratulations to the following individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia.

ANTHONY J. HULME

AWARD OF DISTINCTION – LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Edwin Keeling
– Sechelt, BC

KENNETH M. LEMCKERT

COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

Ms. Abeline Stewart
– Gingolx Village Government, Gingolx, BC
Constables Heather Brown and Jose Abundo
– Vancouver Police Department

WAEI T. AUDI YOUTH POLICING AWARD

Constables Carrie Durocher and John Davidson
– Abbotsford Police Department
Staff Sergeant Grant MacDonald
– Burns Lake RCMP Detachment

CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD FOR A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Ending Violence Association of BC
– Vancouver, BC
IRAYL Outreach Program
– Surrey, BC

CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
AWARD FOR A COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION

John Howard Society of North Island
– Campbell River, BC

SisterWatch Project Committee
– Vancouver, BC

CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
AWARD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

Sergeant Donovan Tait
– New Aiyansh RCMP Detachment

Constable Kimberly Delwisch
– Smithers RCMP Detachment

Mr. Ron Shonk
– Keremeos RCMP Victim Services

CHILDREN OR YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Josh Eisner
– Coquitlam, BC

Sowchea Elementary School
– Fort St. James, BC

Squamish Community Policing Student
Volunteers – Squamish RCMP Detachment

Charlene Smith
– Roberts Creek, BC

MEDIA AWARD

Constables Jagmeet Dandiwal and Harbir Sangha
– Richmond RCMP Detachment

CORPORATE AWARD

BC Lions Football Club

VOLUNTEER AWARD

Margo Banks
– Oceanside RCMP Detachment

Karen Bowman
– Surrey, BC

William Brand
– Surrey RCMP Detachment

Donna Ensor
– West Shore RCMP Detachment



RCMP MEMBERS RECOGNIZED WITH GOLDEN SPUR AWARD

The RCMP Foundation recently recognized four RCMP members across Canada for their outstanding commitment to the communities they serve. The Golden Spur Awards are presented annually to one member from each region that has shown initiative and have gone above and beyond in their effort to be involved in their community.

Cst. Vanessa DeMerchant, of the Lisims/Nass Valley Detachment was this year's recipient of the Pacific Region Golden Spur Award.

Since being transferred to the Lisims/Nass Valley Detachment in the spring of 2011, Cst. DeMerchant has made several significant and positive impacts on the community.

After recognizing the need to have an anti-bullying program in Nass Valley, she initiated a program called **WITS** (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out and Seek Help) at the local schools. With assistance from "E" Division, Crime Prevention & Program Support Services Unit and due to her determination and motivation, she was recommended to be part of the pilot programs recently started through WITS and the RCMP. She is now representing British Columbia as one of seven RCMP officers from across Canada who were chosen to deliver this successful anti-bullying program.

Cst. DeMerchant is a recognized figure within her community and often participates in community gatherings, elder's luncheons, youth presentations and cultural events, and offers assistance at every opportunity available. She regularly visits the community schools to interact with the students, delivering presentations on cyberbullying, career development, road safety and bicycle safety.



Cst. Vanessa DeMerchant, winner of this year's RCMP Foundation Pacific Region Golden Spur Award

She is a true example of strong community leader and a dedicated member of the RCMP.

Other awards winners included Constable Todd Hussey, of Placentia, Newfoundland, Corporal Laurel Kading, of St. Albert, Alberta and Constable Wally Silver, of Windsor, Ontario.

A Golden Spur Youth Leadership award was also presented to 17 year old Nicole Panipakoocho, of Iqaluit, for her admirable leadership and initiation in her community.