



September 16, 2004

Nomination: Sue Popesku – Woman of the Year Award

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Sincerely,

Lisa Bush
President,
Fort St. John Community Arts Council

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Friday, September 17, 2004

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Lynda Kearns-Tillett
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today's
WOMAN
AWARDS

Congratulations

SUE POPEKSU

You have been nominated in the category of...

**COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
INFLUENCE AND IMPACT – WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

As a nominee a head & shoulders photo is required for the Awards night. You can provide this to us by e-mailing a photo in jpeg. format to lorraine.snowdaze@telus.net or a hard copy can be dropped off or mailed to 1529 8th Ave., Prince George, BC V2L 3R3.

PHOTO DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10.

We would encourage you and your friends to participate in this event. If hotel accommodations are required or if you are interested in attending the Today's Woman Leadership Conference please go to www.todayswomanshow.com.

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Woman of the Year***
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Sue Popesku

from
Fort St. John Foundation



List of Winners from Northern British Columbia's Today's Woman Awards held on Friday, September 17, 2004

Forging our Future with Education sponsored by Sprott Shaw Community College

Deanna Nyce

Influence and impact - Woman of the Year sponsored by Lynda Kearns-Tillett of Clarica

Sue Popesku

Innovator of the Year sponsored by Business Development Bank of Canada

Barbara Rayment

Business of the Year sponsored by Pacific Western Brewing Company

Birch Creek Nursery, Barbara Rayment

Women in Leadership sponsored by Dean Mason & Company, Chartered Accountants

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Deanna Nyce

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Doris Brocke

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Wendy L. Fellers

Excellence in Mentorship sponsored by Minerva Foundation Northern Chapter

Karen Davies

Home Based Business of the Year sponsored by Community Futures Development Corporation

Tumbler Ridge Community Connections Newspaper, Lorraine Funk

Focus on the Future Youth sponsored by Alcan

Jennifer Simm

Community Enrichment sponsored by The Prince George Free Press

Patricia Earle

For Kathy Gray 1-250-262-5294

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Today's Woman award winners named

Citizen staff

Winners of the Northern B.C. Today's Woman Awards, presented Sept. 17 are:
Forging our Future with Education (sponsored by Spirit Shaw Community College) — Deanna Nyce
Influence and impact - Woman of the Year (sponsored by Lynda Kearns-Tillett of Clarica) — Sue Popesku
Innovator of the Year (sponsored by Business Development Bank of Canada) — Barbara Rayment

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Women in Leadership (sponsored by Dean Mason & Company, Chartered Accountants) — Lucy Gagnon
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Aboriginal Business Development Corporation) — Deanna Nyce
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Professional Woman of Distinction (sponsored by Dick Byl Law Corporation) — Wendy L. Fellers
Excellence in Mentorship (sponsored by Minerva Foundation Northern Chapter) — Karen Davies
Home-Based Business of the Year (sponsored by Community Futures Development Corporation) —

Tumbler Ridge Community Connections Newspaper, Lorraine Funk
Focus on the Future You (sponsored by Alcan) — Jennifer Slum
Community Enricher (sponsored by the Prince George Free Press) — Patricia Earle



Mentoring offered to women students

by **BERNICE TRICK**
Citizen staff
The Minerva Foundation for B.C. Women, founded last year to provide opportunities for women in fields of education and leadership development, is ready to



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Congratulations

Sue Popesku

On behalf of the constituents of Peace River North, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to you for winning the "Influence and Impact Woman of the Year".

Your dedication and commitment to our community is well known and it is nice to see that you have been recognized for all of your hard work. You are very deserving of this award and I wish you all the best!

September 2004

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Richard Neufeld".

*Honourable Richard Neufeld
Minister of Energy & Mines
MLA Peace River North*

Popesku wins Woman of the Year award

FORT ST. JOHN — The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation's executive director has another title to add to her name: Woman of the Year.

Sue Popesku was honored with the Influence and Impact Woman of the Year award at the Northern B.C. Today's Woman Awards Sept. 17.

Other themes at the awards night included education, innovation, business, leadership, health and wellness, Aboriginal woman of distinction, mentorship, home-based business, and community enrichment.

Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council

Shaping Today - Inspiring Tomorrow

Woman of the Year

Sue Popesku was awarded the *Today's Woman*, 'Woman of the Year Award' for Northern BC. Sue was recognized for her successful fund-raising efforts at the Hospital Foundation and long-term advocacy for the arts. Sue was nominated along with 26 other applicants for this prestigious award.

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Lisa Bush, President, FSJ Arts Council.



Sue Popesku is pictured above with a quilt donated by the Fort St. John Country Quilters Guild in support of the Hospital Foundation's, Be an Angel, Light a Light Campaign