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Carolyn King

2020 Friend of the Greenbelt Recipient for Community Engagement



Carolyn is a member and resident of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation located adjacent to the Town of Hagersville. She completed one two-year term in political office as the elected Chief from 1997-99. She was the first woman ever elected as Chief of her First Nation. With over 30 years of work experience in the field of First Nation community development, Carolyn provides cross-cultural training sessions/presentations to government, colleges and universities, businesses and non-profit organizations to help people develop a better understanding of Indigenous/First Nations Peoples in Canada.

As a First Nation employee at her First Nation, and other indigenous organizations, Carolyn's work, volunteer and life experiences bring together a life-long commitment to the development of First Nation communities. In 2012 she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her support for First Nation history and the advancement of First Nations Peoples.

In 2016 she received the Special Achievement Award presented by Heritage Toronto in recognition of her decades-long efforts to preserve the history of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation community and to celebrate and share First Nation heritage in the greater Toronto area.

She is the founder of the Moccasin Identifier Program in partnership with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Greenbelt Foundation, which works to promote public awareness of significant cultural historic sites and the ancestral presence of First Nations and Métis Communities across Ontario. Carolyn wants to change the world for indigenous Peoples.

