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**Local Swimmer Pasloski Receives National Carded Athlete Status**

WHITEHORSE – SWIMMING CANADA informed local swimmer Bronwyn Pasloski last week that she had achieved national carding status due to her outstanding performances in the pool over the past year.

The 16 year old Whitehorse Glacier Bear had this to say about this important achievement, “This accomplishment was one of my goals for last year’s season. I am ecstatic and proud of this achievement and a big step in my swimming career. I am thankful for having such great support from my parents, siblings, coach, teammates, Whitehorse Glacier Bear Swim Club, Swim Yukon, Swim BC, and Swimming/Natation Canada. At the same time there is some disappointment as this means that I will not be able to represent Yukon at the Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island next August.”

There are various levels of carded athlete status within the Athlete Assistance Program. Achieving a Youth I Developmental card means Ms. Pasloski will receive \$900/month for the next year to help offset training and competition expenses.

The main goal of the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to contribute to improved Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games, Paralympic Games and World Championships. To this end AAP identifies and supports athletes at or having the potential to be in the top 16 in the world.

“This past year I was fortunate to travel to several national and international meets where I achieved career best results. I am pleased that I am being recognized and supported for those performances. Over the past 12 months, I have attended twelve competitions and many training camps. My annual expenses are now approximately \$40,000, so any financial support I can obtain is very much appreciated! I would like to thank Swim Yukon, Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program, Lotteries Yukon, Swim BC, Whitehorse Glacier Bears and Kluane Drilling for their financial assistance”.

Pat Duncan, President of the Whitehorse Glacier Bears offered warmest congratulations to Bronwyn and offered these comments, “Bronwyn is a strong team member who makes an effort to cheer on and encourage her team members at every occasion. We will miss her strong contribution at the Canada Summer Games next year however all the Glacier Bears swimmers and the parents are very excited that Bronwyn’s efforts have been recognized by Swimming Canada. Good job Bronwyn!”

Swim Yukon is Yukon’s sport governing body for swimming in the Yukon. It has a mandate to develop coaches, officials, and athletes throughout the Yukon. It coordinates an annual summer training and racing program in many of the Yukon communities and on a 12 month basis it is extremely active in developing hi-performance athletes through collaboration with the Whitehorse Glacier Bears Swim Club. Both swimming organizations are pleased to see that their programs and efforts continue to foster success!