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JANE GLASSCO
NORTHERN FELLOWSHIP

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**PROTECTING
CANADA'S
WATER.**

**EMPOWERING
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NORTH.**

ABOUT **THE GORDON FOUNDATION**

The Gordon Foundation undertakes research, leadership development and public dialogue so that public policies in Canada reflect a commitment to collaborative stewardship of our freshwater resources and to a people-driven, equitable and evolving North. Our mission is to promote innovative public policies for the North and in freshwater management based on our values of independent thought, protecting the environment, and full participation of indigenous people in the decisions that affect their well-being.

Over the past quarter century The Gordon Foundation has invested over \$27 million in a wide variety of Northern community programs and freshwater protection initiatives.





**“[...] my first
impression
was, here’s a
program that’s
working.”**

– Mary Simon, former
President of the Inuit
Circumpolar Conference

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship is a policy and leadership development program that recognizes leadership potential among young northern Canadians who want to address the emerging policy challenges facing the North. The two-year long program is built around four regional gatherings and offers skills training, mentorship and networking opportunities. Through self-directed learning, group work and the collective sharing of knowledge, Fellows will foster a deeper understanding of important contemporary northern issues, and develop the skills and confidence to better articulate and share their ideas and policy research publicly.

The Fellowship is intended for young northerners between 25 and 35 years of age, who want to build a strong North that benefits all northerners. Through the Fellowship, we hope to foster a bond among the Fellows that will endure throughout their professional lives and support a pan-northern network.

WHY NOW?

The North is a critical part of Canada, tied to our identity and sovereignty. The region has a very small but growing population, being home to the youngest demographic in Canada. Northerners are facing new social, economic and political challenges, different from those faced by their ancestors, with aboriginal governments gaining more autonomy, the federal government moving to settle land claims agreements, and industry moving to the North. It could not be clearer: the opportunities for leadership in the North are growing, and young northerners are the natural inheritors of these new responsibilities.

The next generation of young northern leaders is now emerging to take on the northern issues coming to the fore. In doing so, many have demonstrated extraordinary creativity, critical thinking and a strong desire for change. Northerners are taking on significant responsibilities at a much younger age than other Canadians, and they require access to skill- and knowledge-building opportunities related to policy and governance that are not readily available in the North. The Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship aims to fill this gap.

“These candidates work on some of northern Canada’s greatest policy opportunities and most pressing challenges, including resource development, climate change, water protection, language preservation, health, education, and leadership in governance.”

– Alfred Moses, MLA, Government of the Northwest Territories





“The Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship is making an important contribution to building capacity in the North.”

– Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations

THE FELLOWSHIP

SKILLS BUILDING: Leading-edge content presented by top experts in the field.

MENTORSHIP: Mentor-pairing to ensure Fellows are guided in their projects and provided with unique perspectives on issues.

NETWORKING: Access to an extensive network of experts, academics and Fellowship alumni.

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE: Modules led by elders and on-the-land activities.

EXPERIENCE: A pan-northern experience through travel to gatherings taking place across the North.



OUR FELLOWS

Our Fellows are as diverse as the North itself, but they have the following in common:

- Strong attachment to the North as his or her homeland.
- History of community engagement and commitment to volunteerism.
- Interest in public policy and activism as an effective means to positive change.
- Knowledge of issues facing the North.
- Demonstration of leadership potential.

“I will carry the experience of the Fellowship with me. I consider it to be one of the most important experiences of my life. It marked a period in my life of fundamental transformation – a rare and beautiful thing.”

– Joey Flowers, Jane Glassco
Northern Fellowship alumnus



GET INVOLVED

Do you know young northerners with leadership potential? If so, encourage them to learn more about our program by visiting our website at:

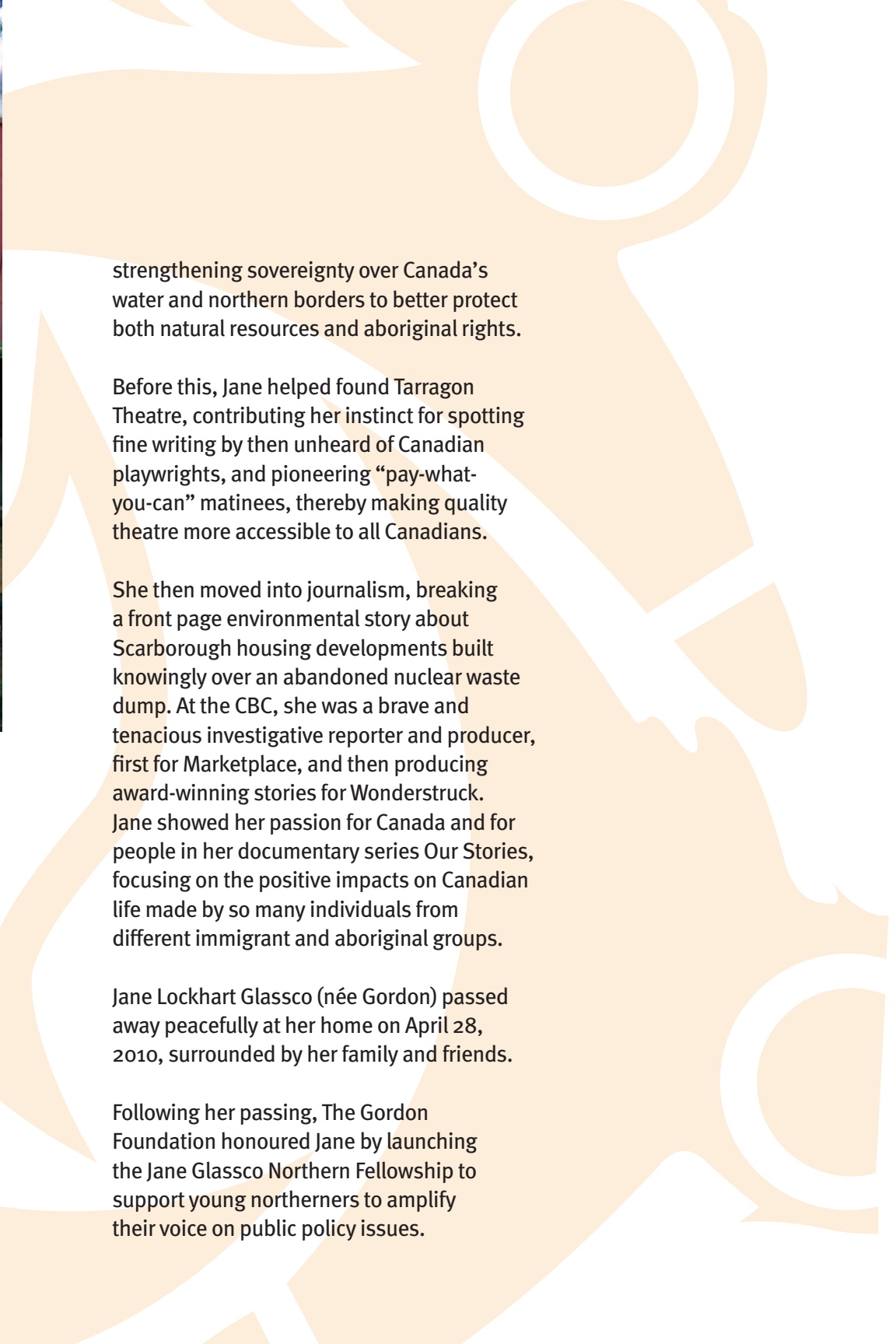
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JANE L. GLASSCO

Everyone who came to know Jane Glassco was touched by her colourful character, compassion, unabashed honesty, and her reverence for art, life and the natural world and the need to protect it. She fell in love with the North immediately upon her first visit there in 1980. Since that time, through The Gordon Foundation, Jane worked tirelessly to bring awareness of aboriginal communities, as well as ideas and projects from the North to the attention of the philanthropic community across Canada. Her keen mind and passionate nature gave her voice resonance on issues such as improving education in Canada and



strengthening sovereignty over Canada's water and northern borders to better protect both natural resources and aboriginal rights.

Before this, Jane helped found Tarragon Theatre, contributing her instinct for spotting fine writing by then unheard of Canadian playwrights, and pioneering "pay-what-you-can" matinees, thereby making quality theatre more accessible to all Canadians.

She then moved into journalism, breaking a front page environmental story about Scarborough housing developments built knowingly over an abandoned nuclear waste dump. At the CBC, she was a brave and tenacious investigative reporter and producer, first for Marketplace, and then producing award-winning stories for Wonderstruck. Jane showed her passion for Canada and for people in her documentary series Our Stories, focusing on the positive impacts on Canadian life made by so many individuals from different immigrant and aboriginal groups.

Jane Lockhart Glassco (née Gordon) passed away peacefully at her home on April 28, 2010, surrounded by her family and friends.

Following her passing, The Gordon Foundation honoured Jane by launching the Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship to support young northerners to amplify their voice on public policy issues.



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