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Premier to strengthen ties with western counterparts

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski will travel to Vancouver, B.C. for the 2016 Western Premiers' Conference on May 5 and 6.

"I look forward to building relationships with my counterparts and sharing Yukon's priorities," Pasloski said. "Western provinces and territories bring a unique and important perspective to the Canadian federation."

Premier Pasloski will host a session titled Building Western Prosperity with Aboriginal Partners on May 6. He will also take part in discussions about the economy, relations with the federal government, energy, resource development and climate change.

"Last week I hosted the northern premiers in Yukon, and this July I will host Canada's premiers here in Whitehorse for their annual summer meeting," Pasloski added. "At a time when provinces and territories are facing difficult challenges, I'm proud to say that Yukon is taking an increasingly prominent role on the national stage."

The annual Western Premiers' Conference provides premiers with an opportunity to discuss common interests and concerns and seek ways to work together for the benefit of all Canadians. Members are British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The chair of the Western Premiers' Conference rotates each year and is currently the Government of British Columbia. Yukon will chair the meeting in 2017.

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