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Minister shares Yukon social services perspective with federal, provincial and territorial colleagues

Health and Social Services Minister Pauline Frost met with federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for social services in Toronto this week. The focus of the meetings was to ensure all Canadians are part of an inclusive and prosperous society.

Frost stressed the importance of working in partnership with First Nations governments and organizations to reduce poverty across all segments of the population and decrease the number of Indigenous children in care in Canada. Eliminating barriers for persons with disabilities was also under discussion.

During a separate meeting with federal, provincial and territorial ministers, leaders from Indigenous organizations spoke of the need for good relationships, family and community-centred services, and the co-development of strategies and action to respond to urgent needs of Indigenous peoples across the country.

Frost noted that with 11 self-governing First Nations, Yukon is leading by example. She also referred to the Government of Yukon's commitment to a collaborative approach and open conversations with Yukon First Nations.

Quotes

"It is part of my job to make sure that Yukon's voice is heard at these talks and to ensure that the unique circumstances we face, in Yukon and across the North, are recognized by others around the country. Many of our issues are similar but we have some very different circumstances that must be addressed in ways that meet our needs. We also have ideas and successes to share."

–Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- The Toronto meeting was co-chaired by Nova Scotia Minister of Community Services Joanne Bernard and federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos.

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