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Premier to meet with Council of the Federation counterparts

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski will represent Yukon at the Council of the Federation summer meeting in Vancouver July 20 to 22.

"I look forward to meeting with Canada's premiers to address a number of issues critical to Yukon including the well-being of families, health care and the global economy," Pasloski said. "Respectful, meaningful partnerships and working relationships with our provincial and territorial colleagues are essential elements of advancing Yukon interests nationally."

Discussions will focus on family health, parents and children, and seniors; jobs and Canada in the global economy including trade relationships with Asia; and health care sustainability. In the wake of floods and fires impacting many Canadian communities, the premiers will also discuss disaster mitigation assistance.

Prior to the Council of the Federation meeting, Pasloski and the other premiers will meet with leaders of Canada's national Aboriginal organizations to discuss education, economic development, violence against Aboriginal women, and disaster and emergency management.

"I look forward to discussing these important issues with national Aboriginal leaders, which will have relevance for Yukon First Nations as well," Pasloski said.

The Council of the Federation meeting will provide an opportunity to build on progress made at the Western Premiers' Conference hosted by the Government of the Northwest Territories in Yellowknife in June.

The Council of the Federation comprises all provincial and territorial premiers. The council enables premiers to work collaboratively to strengthen the Canadian federation by enhancing relationships among provinces and territories and with the federal government.

For more information about the Council of the Federation visit the [Council of the Federation](#) website.

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