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Premier collaborates with counterparts to ensure strong western economy

WHITEHORSE—Ensuring that western Canadians benefit from a strong economy was at the centre of discussions today at the 2015 Western Premiers' Conference.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to supporting the long-term prosperity of the west and ensuring that Yukoners benefit," Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "We're fortunate in the west in that we have many of the goods, services and resources that the rest of the world needs. Much of our discussions today focused on western Canada's access to new and existing markets."

The premiers' meeting covered international trade, internal trade, labour mobility and infrastructure as well as climate change, disaster financial assistance arrangements, Aboriginal children in care, the Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, the federal census and federal engagement.

"We had fruitful discussions about engaging with the Government of Canada on aspects of their 2015 budget that are of particular interest to the west," Pasloski added. "We agreed there are opportunities to talk further with the federal government about infrastructure and health care funding and responding to our growing seniors' populations."

The annual Western Premiers' Conference provides 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 current conference chair is the Government of Saskatchewan. This year's conference took place by teleconference rather than face to face because of scheduling conflicts.

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