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Premier to connect directly with Yukoners through community conversations

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski will meet with Yukoners this fall through a series of community conversations, asking them for their ideas on how Yukon can become a better place to live, work, play and raise a family.

The topics of the community conversations fit within two broad themes: economy and education; and improving quality of life in Yukon. The wide range of topics includes: building for tomorrow; economic development; sport and recreation; arts, heritage and culture; the social economy; supporting vulnerable Yukoners; entrepreneurship and innovation; and others.

"I want to hear directly from Yukoners about their ideas to improve Yukon as we prepare for a new budget and develop our priorities for 2016/17," Pasloski said.

The conversations will be small, focused meetings with a broad cross-section of Yukoners with a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives. A local consultant conducted research and worked with community leaders to develop a list of potential participants who are being invited to take part. They will include community volunteers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, high school students and others. These conversations will take place through October, November and early December.

Yukoners are also encouraged to submit their ideas by emailing community.conversations@gov.yk.ca.

"Yukoners already have many ways to share ideas with the Yukon government. We hear from citizens through our ongoing work with stakeholders, NGOs, boards and committees. We also have a formal process for consulting with other governments. These community conversations are one more way to ensure citizens' views are considered in government planning," Pasloski added.

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