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Yukon government to meet with First Nations on mining initiatives

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski is encouraged to hear of Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Ruth Massie's support for the mining and exploration industries and will soon meet with Yukon First Nations to discuss several mining initiatives.

The grand chief's comments were made at the Mineral Exploration Roundup in Vancouver on January 27.

"The Yukon government believes that working cooperatively with Yukon First Nations and industry is essential to promoting sustainable, responsible development and creating greater certainty for mineral development in the territory," Pasloski said. "Grand Chief Massie's suggestion to meet comes on the heels of my December invitation to First Nation chiefs to meet to discuss mine licensing improvements. I am pleased that everyone is committed to developing a shared vision of a robust mining industry that benefits our economy, our communities and our future."

The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss several initiatives, including Class 1 exploration thresholds under the *Quartz Mining Act* and the Yukon government's Mine Licensing Improvement Initiative and Mineral Development Strategy.

A meeting between Yukon government officials and Yukon First Nation officials is set for early February. The premier expects the meeting with First Nation chiefs will take place shortly thereafter.

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