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Justice minister represents Yukon in national meetings on justice and public safety

WHITEHORSE—Yukon's Minister of Justice Mike Nixon joined with federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) counterparts in Banff last week to discuss important issues facing Canadians.

"Yukon continues to lead discussions on improving access to justice for individuals with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in the corrections system," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "I was pleased to talk about the progress of Yukon's FASD prevalence study and to hear that my fellow ministers support more research on key FASD issues."

In addition to topics surrounding FASD matters, the minister participated in discussions on the proposed federal Victims Bill of Rights, violence against Aboriginal women and girls as well as countering violent extremism.

"This annual meeting is an important forum to talk about the challenges faced in Yukon and across the country," Nixon added. "Exchanging ideas on how federal, provincial and territorial leaders can work together to find solutions to benefit Canadians is the goal and outcome of our gathering."

Nixon took the opportunity to meet with colleagues from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to talk about therapeutic courts, First Nations policing and other issues of importance to northern residents.

The annual two-day meeting was co-chaired by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Peter MacKay, P.C., Q.C., the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Steven Blaney, P.C., and the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta, Jonathan Denis, Q.C.

Learn more: Annual meeting on Justice and Public Safety: 2014

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