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Premier to discuss national issues with provincial and territorial leaders

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski is taking Yukon perspectives to the national stage at the 55th Annual Premiers' Conference in Charlottetown this week and at the Northern Premiers' Forum in Yellowknife the following week.

"With premiers from across the country gathering in Prince Edward Island, the premiers' conference is a valuable opportunity to discuss significant national issues such as health care and internal trade," Pasloski said.

Taking place on August 28 and 29, the 55th Annual Premiers' Conference is attended by all 13 jurisdictions and will form part of the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference, where the discussions began that led to the creation of Canada.

"As co-chair of the Health Care Innovation Working Group, I will have the opportunity to report on the progress made to drive positive changes in our health systems. This year we have made significant strides in achieving lower prices for generic drugs, saving taxpayers \$100 million in 2013/14. Over the next two years we will continue to advance important work in the areas of pharmaceuticals, seniors' care, and the appropriate use of health care resources," Pasloski added.

Before the conference starts, premiers will meet national Aboriginal organization leaders on August 27 to discuss topics including ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls, children in care and housing.

Hosted this year by the Northwest Territories, the Northern Premiers' Forum takes place on September 4 in Yellowknife and is attended by the three territorial premiers.

"Our joint goal as northern premiers is a strong North," Pasloski said. "In Yukon, we are developing our economy through strategic investment that supports the growth of the private sector and creates opportunities for Yukoners. My priority at this forum is to keep the North on course for continued economic growth."

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