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Premier continues to build strong relationships with counterparts

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski will join provincial and territorial leaders for a Council of the Federation meeting in Halifax on July 26 and 27.

"At the Council of the Federation meetings, I have the opportunity to continue to build strong working relationships with my fellow premiers," Pasloski said. "When we come together in these intergovernmental forums we can share approaches and expertise for the benefit of all Canadians."

The leaders will discuss a number of issues under this year's focus on growing the economy. The premier will lead talks on sustainable funding for infrastructure development.

"I look forward to leading the discussion on infrastructure development at this national level and advancing the talks I chaired at the recent Northern Premiers' Forum and Western Premiers' Conference," Pasloski added. "A Yukon perspective provides insights into the different challenges that some jurisdictions face. It is a reality in the North that building roads and bridges is more costly due to the distances and the challenges of the environment. Federal funding for long-term infrastructure development must be flexible and cannot be based on a single factor such as population size."

The premiers will also discuss the planned Council of the Federation trade mission to China in September.

Formed in 2003, the Council of the Federation is a unique and robust forum where all 13 premiers work collaboratively to shape the development of the nation by strengthening relationships between the provinces and territories and the federal government.

The two-day meeting will be preceded by talks with national Aboriginal organization leaders on July 25.

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