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Premier and ministers to attend 2016 Gold Show in Dawson City

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski and Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent will attend the 30th annual Dawson City International Gold Show this weekend along with Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard and Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko.

"Exploration and mining has commanded a large role in Yukon's economic well-being for well over a century," Pasloski said. "I look forward to meeting with placer miners and the Klondike Placer Miners' Association while I'm in Dawson to learn how this government can best continue supporting their industry."

One way the Yukon government supports the placer industry is through the Yukon Mineral Exploration Program. Earlier this month, 16 placer projects were approved for a total of \$461,234 in funding to help locate, explore and develop the projects to advanced exploration stages. Forty-two hard rock projects were also approved. The \$1.4 million in government funding could leverage more than \$5 million in additional spending by the successful applicants.

"Last year, more than 62,000 crude ounces of placer gold was produced, with a value of more than \$73 million dollars," Kent said. "These numbers make it clear that placer mining continues to be a solid contributor to Yukon's economy and our communities."

The Dawson City International Gold Show, organized by the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce, takes place this year on May 20 and 21.

Learn more: Dawson City International Gold Show

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