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Yukon premier to join prime minister, premiers in Ottawa to discuss climate change

Premier Sandy Silver will meet Canada's premiers and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the First Ministers' Meeting in Ottawa on December 8 and 9.

Under discussion is a Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change to guide Canada's transition to a resilient, low-carbon economy. Silver will attend the two-day meetings as Yukon premier and as the current chair of the Council of the Federation.

The First Ministers' Meeting is an opportunity to emphasize the Government of Yukon's positions on resetting the conversation on carbon pricing, adopting measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the changing climate and shifting to a clean, renewable economy. The Government of Yukon is committed to working with its government counterparts to determine a carbon pricing system that best fits Yukon.

In advance of the First Ministers' Meeting, Silver will also attend a meeting with the prime minister, premiers and national Indigenous leaders to discuss Indigenous and First Nations perspectives on the framework.

Quotes

"I am pleased to refocus Yukon's approach to climate change and carbon pricing, and to fully participate in establishing a sustainable, low-carbon Canadian economy. Working with our federal, provincial and territorial partners in a renewed spirit of cooperation and collaboration, the framework will help to create good, sustainable jobs for Yukoners. I am proud to represent Yukon at the First Ministers' Meeting and I look forward to hearing the prime minister's and my fellow premiers' perspectives on issues that affect all Canadians."

–Premier Sandy Silver

Quick facts

- The last First Ministers' Meeting was held in March, 2016.
- The Government of Yukon's work on climate change is guided by its Climate Change Action Plan.
- The Pan-Canadian Framework is being developed based on reports from four working groups in the areas of: mitigation opportunities, adaptation and climate resilience, carbon-pricing mechanisms, and clean technology, innovation and jobs.
- The Council of the Federation comprises all 13 Canadian premiers. The Government of Yukon is the 2016 chair and hosted the annual summer meeting in July 2016. Alberta is the incoming 2017 chair.

Learn more: [Climate Change and Yukon](#)

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