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Yukon completes valuable year as chair of Council of the Federation

Following two days of productive meetings in Edmonton, Premier Sandy Silver returns having completed Yukon's term as chair of the Council of the Federation.

Under the stewardship of Premier Sandy Silver and former Premier Darrell Pasloski, serving as chair of the council allowed Yukon's voice to be elevated on a national and international level. The term as chair also provided an opportunity to share a northern perspective on behalf of all Yukoners and strengthen relationships with provincial, territorial and regional partners.

Among the topics discussed at this summer meeting were jobs, economic growth, and social and justice issues.

Quotes

"Chairing the council has been a great opportunity for Yukon. In addition to showcasing the North on a large stage, we have been able to take the interests and needs of Yukoners to Ottawa and beyond. We look forward to continuing a great working relationship with our provincial and territorial counterparts and building a stronger Canada together."

-Premier Sandy Silver

Quick facts

- The Council of the Federation is made up the premiers from all of Canada's provinces and territories.
- Yukon was the first territory to chair the Council of the Federation.
- In June 2017, Premier Sandy Silver led a delegation of seven premiers to Washington, D.C., to meet with U.S. leaders.
- In December 2016, Premier Sandy Silver met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and fellow premiers for a First Ministers' Meeting in Ottawa, during which the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change was signed.
- The Council of the Federation gathered in Whitehorse in July 2016 for the 57th annual summer meeting of Canada's Premiers, which was the first time the summer meeting was held in North.

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