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## **Yukon premier leads Council of the Federation mission to Washington, DC**

Yukon Premier Sandy Silver is heading up a delegation of seven premiers travelling to Washington, DC, to strengthen Canada-US relationships next week.

As chair of the Council of the Federation, Silver will lead the meetings in Washington, which will address matters that affect the lives of all Canadians, including trade, energy, border security, agriculture and softwood lumber.

Premier Silver will also take Yukon priorities to the US capital, focusing on two main areas – environmental issues and infrastructure. Meetings and events will take place in Washington from June 5 to 8.

### **Quotes**

"I look forward to working to enhance our country's close relationship with the United States for the benefit of all Canadians. Crucial Yukon matters, such as strengthening our infrastructure and protecting the Porcupine caribou herd and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, are my priority issues on this mission."

*–Premier Sandy Silver*

### **Quick facts**

- As well as engaging in meetings with key political leaders, premiers will take part in a panel discussion at the Wilson Center Canada Institute on June 8. The institute was founded in 2001 to increase awareness and knowledge about Canada and Canada-US relations among US policymakers and opinion leaders.
- Council of the Federation meetings are scheduled many months in advance. This particular meeting stems from a commitment made to enhance Canada/US relations in July 2016.
- The Government of Yukon is the first territory to chair the Council of the Federation and in 2016 hosted the annual summer meeting of premiers in Whitehorse for the first time.
- The Council of the Federation comprises all 13 provincial and territorial premiers and enables premiers to work collaboratively.

Learn more: Council of the Federation news release

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