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Premier completes first week of community visits

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski heard the views of Yukoners in five communities last week, as he launched a series of premier's visits. Pasloski visited Carcross, Haines Junction, Burwash Landing, Destruction Bay and Beaver Creek, holding public meetings in each community, as well as meetings with First Nations and municipal governments.

"The main objective of the tour is to listen," said Pasloski. "Premier's visits have not taken place for almost two years and this is a good time to give Yukoners the opportunity to talk about what is most important to them. Meeting people in the communities is also an excellent way to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations and municipal governments. Good relationships are the first step toward ensuring we can work together productively in the future for the benefit of all Yukoners."

Pasloski was accompanied on the first leg of the tour by Minister Jim Kenyon and a small team of staff.

"We were very pleased to hold informative and constructive meetings in every community, with a good turnout of both leaders and community members," Pasloski said. "Residents and leaders provided their views on a wide variety of issues which helped give us a better idea of what they need to build healthier, stronger communities. Their views and the information they share will help this government do a better job for all Yukoners."

The premier held a public meeting in Carcoss, followed by meetings with the South Klondike Local Area Advisory Council and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. The premier travelled to Haines Junction, where meetings were held with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations representatives, community members and the Haines Junction Town Council. The premier also held a public meeting in Burwash Landing and met with the Kluane First Nation leadership, followed by a public meeting in Destruction Bay. A public meeting was held in Beaver Creek and afterwards the premier met with the White River First Nation leadership.

The next leg of the community visits will take place during the last week of July, when Premier Pasloski will visit Pelly Crossing, Keno City, Mayo and Dawson City.

For more information visit the <u>Premier's Community Visits</u> website.

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