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Premiers continue to build a better North

WHITEHORSE—Infrastructure for a strong North was at the top of the agenda today in Kugluktuk, Nunavut at the 13th Northern Premiers' Forum. The three territorial premiers meet every year to discuss joint approaches to matters that impact northerners as well as all Canadians.

"I had very productive discussions with Premier McLeod and Premier Taptuna about opportunities for working together to strengthen the North," Pasloski said. "Our main focus was ensuring there is long-term, stable investment in infrastructure to support continued economic growth in the North for the benefit of all Canadians."

Also on the agenda were climate change, energy, mine training, Aboriginal children in care and missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

"We are collaborating across the North to mitigate and adapt to climate change and ensure that our communities are developed responsibly and sustainably," Pasloski added. "We're also taking a joint approach to our science needs. Advancing our northern knowledge helps us respond to northern challenges as well as pursue opportunities for innovation."

The premiers also took the opportunity to discuss the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report.

"Together, we urge all governments and all Canadians to understand the impact of residential schools on First Nations people and their culture," Pasloski said.

The Northern Premiers' Forum takes place every year and comprises Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, N.W.T. Premier Robert McLeod and Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna.

The Government of Yukon will host the Northern Premiers' Forum in 2016.

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