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Premier profiles the North in the national capital

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski and two Yukon ministers have held successful meetings in Ottawa, where they addressed northern issues with the prime minister, premiers and federal ministers.

"The two key topics that I discussed with the prime minister were the importance of improving infrastructure in the North and the importance of competitive, consistent regulatory processes," Pasloski said. "Investment in resource roads, reliable energy sources and telecommunications infrastructure will strengthen Yukon's economy for years to come. As for the regulatory processes, we're urging the federal government to proceed with the amendments to the Yukon Environment and Socio-Economic Assessment Act and we will be meeting with Yukon First Nations to proceed on the Mine Licence Improvement Initiative."

At the winter meeting of Canadian premiers on January 29 and 30, discussions focused on maintaining the strength of the Canadian economy as well as on premiers' continuing priorities of increased infrastructure investments and addressing the needs of an aging population. Care for seniors is one of the priorities of the premiers' Health Care Innovation Working Group which Pasloski co-chairs with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Prince Edward Island Premier Robert Ghiz.

Pasloski also took the opportunity while he was in Ottawa to meet with the Northwest Territories Premier Bob McLeod and Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna to continue their work to develop the North as a region of vibrant, healthy communities.

Also joining Pasloski for meetings with their key federal counterparts were Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and Highways and Public Works Scott Kent and Minister of Health and Social Services and Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board Mike Nixon.

On February 2 the premier hosted an evening reception where guests were entertained by Yukon musician Ryan McNally and viewed a new winter tourism television commercial that is part of the Yukon Now campaign. The reception also featured the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous can-can dancers and Dawson City's sourtoe cocktail courtesy of the Yukon Convention Bureau.

Learn more: Premiers' winter meeting communiqué

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