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Premier to meet prime minister as international focus shifts North

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski will meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa early next week to discuss topics that are important to Yukon and Canada's North.

"I will be discussing a wide range of matters with the prime minister including resource development, infrastructure and connectivity, training and skills development and Canada's role as Arctic Council chair," Pasloski said.

On February 11, the premier will also meet Finance Minister Jim Flaherty; Minister of State for Finance Ted Menzies; Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development John Duncan; Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Peter Penashue and the Ambassador of the Philippines Leslie Gatan.

As well, Education Minister Scott Kent, Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers and Tourism and Culture, and Justice Minister Mike Nixon will be in Ottawa to meet their federal counterparts on February 11 and 12.

"I anticipate a series of positive and productive meetings where my ministers and I will talk about our common priorities and opportunities and continue building strong working relationships," Pasloski added.

On Tuesday, February 12 the premier will deliver a Munk-Gordon Arctic Speaker Series lecture in Toronto. The theme is A Decade of Devolution—What's Next for Yukon? The public lecture takes place at noon Yukon time and will be streamed live on the Gordon Foundation site at www.gordonfoundation.ca.

The Ottawa meetings coincide with Yukon Days, a three-day event at Ottawa's Winterlude festival featuring hip-hop dance group Infinite Movement, clown and musician Claire Ness and MC and producer Kelvin Smoler. As well as presenting family-friendly shows at Jacques Cartier Park February 9 and 10, the Yukon performers will create a high energy show for the Yukon Night Party in front of Ottawa City Hall.

The award-winning Team Canada Yukon snow carvers Donald Watt, Michael Lane and Terry Gunderson will also once again be at the festival, sculpting their interpretation of this year's theme: the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race 30th Anniversary.

Find out more about Yukon Days at www.gov.yk.ca/yukondays.html.

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