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Premier continues to work with counterparts to build a stronger Canada

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski will join provincial and territorial leaders for the annual summer meeting of the Council of the Federation in Niagara-on-the-Lake on July 25 and 26.

"The Council of the Federation meeting is a valuable opportunity to continue to make progress on issues that are of high importance to Yukon and are of common interest across the country," Pasloski said. "Collaborating and building meaningful partnerships with other provinces and territories is in the interest of Yukoners and all Canadians."

Topics on the agenda for the two-day meeting include jobs and the economy, skills and training, investing in infrastructure, healthcare and addressing bullying.

Pasloski will lead discussions on Canada-US relations and foreign direct investment as part of the talks on jobs and the economy.

"Yukon's resource industry requires partners beyond our borders and attracting foreign investment is critical for us as well as for the country as a whole," Pasloski added. "The United States is Canada's largest trading partner and premiers are committed to maintaining strong relations with our neighbours. Yukon shares the longest US border of all Canadian jurisdictions and our partnership with Alaska is an example of how US and Canadian regions can work together successfully for mutual benefit."

Before the Council of the Federation meeting takes place, premiers will meet with national Aboriginal leaders to discuss topics under the theme of Building Pathways to the Future, including skills, labour market readiness and education for Aboriginal peoples.

Formed in 2003, the Council of the Federation is a unique forum where all 13 premiers work collaboratively to shape the development of the nation by fostering a constructive relationship among the provinces and territories, and with the federal government.

For more information about the Council of the Federation visit www.councilofthefederation.ca.

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