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Premier sets stage for doing business in the North

WHITEHORSE—Helping companies do business in the North is the focus of Premier Darrell Pasloski's welcome to delegates at the 2014 Opportunities North Conference taking place in Whitehorse from October 6 to 8.

"I want conference delegates to know that the Yukon government is supporting business and industry by building infrastructure, fostering northern-focused research and supporting skills training and education," Pasloski said.

The annual conference is attended by northern businesses as well as those interested in making connections in the North. This year's theme is Pushing Boundaries.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent, who is also responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation, will speak on the first full day of the conference.

"I will be talking about the future of hydro in Yukon," Kent said. "The Next Generation Hydro for Yukon work plan is now underway and is the first step in the comprehensive investigation of a new large-scale hydroelectric power facility that will bring long-term benefits to the territory."

Minister of Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon will speak on the second day of the conference about the North's unique business environment.

"The territories offer distinct challenges that lead to exceptional opportunities," Dixon said. "The Yukon government is creating a sustainable and diversified economy that helps Yukoners make the most of what we have to offer to the world."

Minister of Education Elaine Taylor will also attend and speak about labour market initiatives delivered by the Yukon government.

Opportunities North is a joint initiative of the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Edmonton Chambers of Commerce. The Yukon Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2014 conference at the Yukon Convention Centre, Coast High Country Inn in Whitehorse. The main conference sponsors are the Government of Yukon and the City of Edmonton.

Learn more: Opportunities North '14

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