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Yukon to chair the Council of the Federation starting in 2016

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski announced today that Yukon will be the first territory to chair the Council of the Federation, and host the Annual Premiers Conference in 2016.

"The opportunity to chair the Council of the Federation is a significant and historic achievement," Pasloski said. "I have great confidence that Yukon is ready for the considerable duties and responsibilities of this national leadership role."

The premiers of each of Canada's 13 provinces and territories will gather in Whitehorse in 2016 for the 57th annual summer meeting of Canada's Premiers. Prior to the meeting, Yukon will also host a premiers meeting with Canada's national Aboriginal organizations.

"As host, I will be pleased to share our beautiful territory with my colleagues in 2016. I know that Yukoners will welcome the opportunity to display our rich history and vibrant culture," Pasloski added. "Chairing Council of the Federation and hosting Canada's Premiers conference as well as national Aboriginal leaders' meetings in Yukon will be an excellent opportunity to advance issues of importance to northern people and to Canada."

Premier Pasloski has agreed to continue as co-chair of the Health Care Innovation Working Group, along with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Prince Edward Island Premier Robert Ghiz. The working group was first established in 2012 to drive health system transformation and innovation. Progress has been made in achieving lower prices for brand name and generic drugs, and efforts continue to address the challenges of Canada's seniors.

The Council of the Federation enables premiers to work collaboratively to strengthen the Canadian federation by fostering a constructive relationship among the provinces and territories and with the federal government.

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