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Premier welcomes Canada's North Summit delegates to Yukon

WHITEHORSE—Hundreds of delegates are in Whitehorse to discuss northern economic and social issues at the Canada's North Summit 2013, October 15-17.

"The Canada's North Summit brings together, business, government, Aboriginal and community leaders to consider the unique challenges and opportunities of the North," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "It is an honour to host this year's delegates and provide our visitors with a first-hand look at how Yukon approaches these issues."

The summit is presented by the Centre for the North, an initiative of the Conference Board of Canada. The Centre for the North examines issues from a northern perspective, by bringing together experts and stakeholders, in order to deliver practical solutions to challenges facing Canada's northern communities.

Delegates at the summit will participate in discussions on economic development, housing, health, education, governance, treaties, and foreign direct investment. These discussions will be informed by success stories from northern organizations and the connections, community, and commerce that make such successes possible.

"Communities lie at the heart of the culture and economy of the North," Centre for the North director Anja Jeffrey said. "Ensuring that northern and Aboriginal communities are thriving and adaptable in the face of change is paramount. This is why the central theme of the summit is community resilience. In our discussions, we will identify actions that can be taken to ensure that communities are secure, well-functioning economic contributors today and in the future."

The event is sponsored in part by the Department of Economic Development. Pasloski will deliver opening remarks on October 16. Government of Yukon officials will also be in attendance to partake in information and networking sessions.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Northern Networking Exchange to meet with delegates, speakers and sponsors and view exhibits from local and national organizations with northern operations. The exchange will take place at the Yukon Convention Centre on October 16, from 4 to 6 p.m.

More information about the Canada's North Summit, including the agenda and list of speakers, may be found at The Conference Board of Canada website.

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