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## **Yukon representatives raise the territory's profile in Ottawa**

WHITEHORSE—The sights and sounds of Yukon will be on display at Yukon Days, as part of the 34th annual Winterlude celebration in Ottawa. Yukon musicians, dancers and visual artists will showcase the territory's talent and cultural diversity during the first weekend of festivities, February 4 and 5.

In addition, a series of meetings between federal and territorial ministers will take place in Ottawa.

Premier Darrell Pasloski will meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. A delegation of Yukon ministers including Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers; Economic Development and Environment Minister Currie Dixon; and Tourism and Culture and Justice Minister Mike Nixon will meet with their federal counterparts.

"We are looking forward to raising Yukon's profile in Canada's capital, both by discussing Yukon issues with the federal government and by giving people a chance to experience and appreciate the richness of Yukon culture," Pasloski said. "Every year hundreds of thousands of visitors enjoy the festivities of Winterlude and we are pleased to be part of this wonderful celebration."

Yukon Days is a partnership between the Government of Yukon and the National Capital Commission (NCC) and was proclaimed by Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson.

This year's cultural contingent includes musicians Brandon Isaak and Diyet, as well as Yukon breakdance crew Groundwork Sessions. Yukon snow sculptors Donald Watt, Michael Lane and Terry Gunderson will create a sculpture at Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park, January 31 to February 3. Their snow sculpture of white water rafting will capture the adventurous spirit of Yukon's past and present.

Winterlude takes place February 3 to 20 in Ottawa.

Visit Winterlude for more information

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