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Premier builds strong support for Yukon in Ottawa



WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa on Friday to discuss common priorities and interests as well as challenges affecting Yukon.

"The prime minister and I spoke about a number of issues that are important to Yukon and the North, such as the territorial health agreement, infrastructure, resource revenue sharing and mining industry training," Pasloski said. "This was my first official visit to Ottawa as premier and an important one in the process of maintaining a good working relationship and exploring opportunities for collaboration."

The premier also met with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Duncan, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Peter Penashue and Minister of State for Finance Ted Menzies.

The bilateral meetings coincided with Yukon Days, a two-day event at Ottawa's Winterlude festival that featured performers and artists from the territory.

"I would like to thank Groundwork Sessions, Brandon Isaak, Diyet, Donald Watt, Michael Lane and Terry Gunderson for being such terrific ambassadors for Yukon at Winterlude. These talented and entertaining artists helped showcase Yukon to the rest of Canada," Pasloski added.

While in Ottawa, the premier was a guest on CBC's Power & Politics with Rosemary Barton where they discussed the key role Yukon is playing in meeting global demands for resources.

Yukon government ministers Mike Nixon, Brad Cathers and Currie Dixon also met with their federal counterparts and discussed issues important to Yukon ranging from economic development to Canada's upcoming role as chair of the Arctic Council in 2013.

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