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Fentie Will Take Yukon Priorities to Prime Minister

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie is looking forward to productive discussions in Ottawa with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, his provincial and territorial counterparts and national Aboriginal leaders.

“Premiers are meeting with the prime minister to discuss economic issues of importance to Canadians and make recommendations for consideration in the upcoming federal budget,” Fentie said.

Sitting down with the prime minister enables the premier to voice Yukon priorities before national decisions are made that will have an effect on the territory.

“I look forward to bringing Yukon issues to the attention of the prime minister, including the development and diversification of the economy in the North and again highlighting the need for appropriate levels of implementation funding for First Nation governments,” Fentie added.

The first ministers’ agenda includes competitiveness, infrastructure and labour market issues.

All Canada’s premiers and Prime Minister Stephen Harper will attend the first ministers’ meeting on January 16. On January 15, Fentie will meet with territorial premiers to discuss northern priorities, followed by a Council of Federation meeting with all premiers. That evening, Fentie will also take part in a first ministers’ meeting with national Aboriginal leaders.

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