



British Columbia Hosts Council of the Federation Meeting

July 19, 2011 – Canada's Premiers will meet in Vancouver July 20-22 for the Council of the Federation summer meeting. The meeting will take place at Vancouver's Pan Pacific Hotel.

"I am very pleased to welcome my colleagues to British Columbia to discuss issues that are important to Canadians," said B.C. Premier Christy Clark, who assumes the chair of the Council at the summer meeting. "By working together, it is my hope that we will be able to address a number of pressing issues facing all Canadian families including healthy living and job creation."

On Thursday, July 21, discussions will focus on families and family health. Premiers will also discuss jobs and the economy, including a strategy for Canada in the global economy.

On Friday, July 22, discussions will center on innovation and sustainability in health care. Premiers will also discuss disaster mitigation assistance in light of recent flooding and other disasters in many areas of Canada. Christine Gregoire, Governor of Washington and immediate past chair of the National Governors Association, and Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the United States, have accepted an invitation from Premier Clark to join Premiers for a discussion on Canada-U.S. Relations on Friday.

A closing news conference is planned for the afternoon of July 22, where Premiers will report on the progress of their discussions.

For more information, visit the official website for the 2011 Council of the Federation Summer Meeting at <http://www.cof2011.gov.bc.ca>.

The Council of the Federation is comprised of all 13 provincial and territorial Premiers. It 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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