



“Revitalizing the Federation” Tops Premiers’ Meeting Agenda
Council of the Federation set to meet in St. John’s for annual summer meeting

July 20, 2006 – When Premiers meet in St. John’s on July 26 to 28, 2006, their discussions will focus on ways to rejuvenate the federation.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues as we strive to build a strong and vibrant country from coast to coast to coast,” said Danny Williams, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and incoming Chair of the Council of the Federation. “Our agenda in St. John’s will include issues such as economic opportunities and challenges, as well as ways to revitalize the federation by tackling fiscal imbalance. We will also discuss the important issue of the promotion of healthy living and wellness throughout Canada.”

Premiers will show leadership in the federation by addressing several other issues that are vital to the health and prosperity of Canadians including postsecondary education and skills training, transportation infrastructure, energy, and global pressures on traditional resource industries.

Premier Williams noted that the conference is a tremendous opportunity for the rest of the country to experience the diverse culture and welcoming spirit of Newfoundland and Labrador.

“I look forward with great anticipation to hosting the premiers, their families and staff, national media and other guests,” added Premier Williams. “Canada’s youngest province has so much to offer, and we plan to take this opportunity to showcase the unique culture, rich history and magnificent natural beauty of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Council of the Federation is comprised of all thirteen 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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