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PREMIER TO DISCUSS NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT MEETINGS

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie will meet with his provincial and territories colleagues at the 44th Annual Premiers’ Conference July 9 to 11 in Charlottetown, PEI.

Fentie will discuss the renewal of northern economic development agreements between territories and provinces and the federal government as well as health care, responding to emergencies such as SARS and BSE, Canada-US relations and federal-provincial-territorial relations.

“This government has been working hard to take a co-operative approach to improving our economic opportunities,” Fentie said. “I’ll be continuing discussions on this issue with my colleagues in the North and the West and this will be a great chance to further that discussion with the premiers in central and eastern Canada.”

The theme of the conference is: Toward a New Era of Co-operation. PEI Premier Pat Binns will chair the meetings.

Other agenda items to be considered by premiers include improving programs and services as well as fiscal imbalance.

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