

PREMIERS' MEETING

January 23, 2003

Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. The subject discussed was:

- Health care

First Ministers Attending

Delegates

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves	23
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry	18
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	8
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	7
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	7
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	4
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5

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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqué

- First Ministers' Accord on Sustaining and Renewing Health Care for Canadians
 - Committed to Medicare
 - Sustainable Funding
 - Aboriginal Health Care
 - Priorities for Renewal
 - Increasing Accountability to Canadians
 - Meeting Needs Across Canada
 - Premiers Propose Health Accord

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Nova Scotia Premier John Hamm was not present but participated by teleconference call.
- Prince Edward Island Premier Patrick G. Binns was elected to chair the meeting on behalf of Premier John Hamm.
- Hon. Jane Purves, Nova Scotia's Minister of Health attended the meeting.

PREMIERS' MEETING

February 4, 2003

Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario

Agenda

No agenda issued.

First Ministers and Heads of Delegation Attending*

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry
Nova Scotia	Hon. Jane Purves, Minister of Health
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

No Conference communiqué issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- In the absence of Premier Hamm of Nova Scotia the meeting was chaired by Premier Binns of Prince Edward Island.
- This meeting was held prior to a private dinner hosted by the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex Drive on February 4, 2003, before the February 5th First Ministers' Meeting on Health Care.

44TH ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

July 9-11, 2003

Delta Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

1. Revitalizing Federal-Provincial-Territorial Relations: Dialogue for Change
2. Jobs and the Economy
3. Responding to Emergencies: SARS and BSE
4. Canada-United States Relations
5. Cooperation to Improve Programs and Services for our Citizens
 - a) Health
 - b) Fiscal Imbalance
6. Other Issues

First Ministers Attending

Delegates

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	18
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves	20
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	16
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	11
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	8
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	5
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	10
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	7
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	7

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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqués

- Premiers Announce Plan to Build a New Era of Constructive and Cooperative Federalism
 - Council of the Federation
 - Annual First Ministers' Meetings
 - Consultation on Federal Appointments
 - Devolution of Powers to the Territories
 - Establishment of Federal/Provincial/Territorial Protocols of Conduct

- Jobs and the Economy
 - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)
 - Insurance
 - Interest Rate Policy
 - National Diamond Strategy
 - Northern Economic Development
 - Shrimp Quota Allocation
- Canada-United States Relations
- Health Care Remains Premiers' Number One Priority
 - Health Council
 - Responding to Public Health Emergencies
 - Equalization
 - Cooperation to Improve Programs and Services for Our Citizens

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Premiers agreed in principle to create a Council of the Federation, comprised of the thirteen Premiers.
- Premiers agreed to meet in Québec City on October 24, 2003 to finalize the mandate and structure of the Council of the Federation.

MEETING OF PREMIERS ON THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

October 23-24, 2003

Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Québec, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Council of the Federation
- Meeting with Paul Martin

First Ministers and Heads of Delegation Attending

Delegates

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. Dalton McGuinty	17
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	13
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	5
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	5
Saskatchewan	W. Brent Cotter, Deputy Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs	2
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	Barbara Knight, Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat	2
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	7
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	2

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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqué

- Premiers Move Forward on the Council of the Federation
 - Council of the Federation
 - Meeting with Paul Martin

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Although Premiers had agreed at the 2003 APC in Charlottetown to meet in Québec City on October 24, two governments were not represented by their Premiers. Saskatchewan was in the middle of an election campaign and Newfoundland and Labrador was in the midst of a transition after recently completing an election.
- Premiers agreed to meet in Charlottetown on December 5 to complete work on the Council when all Premiers were in attendance.

MEETING OF PREMIERS ON THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

December 4-5, 2003

Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

No public agenda issued. The subject discussed was:

- Council of the Federation

First Ministers Attending

Delegates

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	10
Ontario	Hon. Dalton McGuinty	15
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	4
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	5
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	8
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Danny Williams	7
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	6
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5

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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqués

- Premiers Look Forward to Next Meeting with Paul Martin
- Premiers Create the Council of the Federation
- Council of the Federation Founding Agreement
 - Preamble
 - Creation and Composition of the Council of the Federation
 - The governments of the 10 provinces and of the three territories of Canada, as represented by their premiers, are members of the Council.
 - Objectives
 - Strengthening interprovincial-territorial co-operation, forging closer ties between the members and contributing to the evolution of the Canadian federation;
 - Exercising leadership on national issues of importance to provinces and territories and in improving federal-provincial-territorial relations;
 - Promoting relations between governments which are based on respect for the constitution and recognition of the diversity within the federation; and
 - Working with the greatest respect for transparency and better communication with Canadians.

- Mandate of the Council
- Organization of the Council
 - Representation on the Council
 - Chair
 - The premiers of the provinces shall take turns chairing the Council according to the rotation established by the Annual Premiers' Conference. The term of office of the chair is one year. The chair shall act on behalf of the Council according to the mandates received from it.
 - The deputy chair shall be the premier who will chair the Council the following year.
 - Meetings
 - There will be an annual meeting of the Council of the Federation each summer in the province of the incoming chair. In addition, there will be at least one other meeting to be held in a province or territory each year in a location to be determined by the Council.
 - Committee of Ministers
 - Steering Committee
 - Secretariat
- Funding
- Other Bodies
- Final Provisions

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The meeting concluded with a formal signing ceremony of the Council of the Federation Founding Agreement.
- The focus of the Council will be health care for Canadians and the strengthening the economic union.