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**PREMIER TO DISCUSS PIPELINE WITH COUNTERPARTS**

WHITEHORSE - Premier Dennis Fentie will chair a meeting Monday with Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell and Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski to discuss ways to advance the Alaska Highway Pipeline project.

The meeting will take place in Vancouver on Oct. 31.

The four leaders will talk about how they can work co-operatively to move the project ahead, to ensure that the affected jurisdictions have their interests represented, and to engage the Government of Canada in advancing the Alaska Highway Pipeline project.

The Yukon government recognizes that the Yukon has a distinct advantage because it has a pipeline corridor protected in law.

“We know that the Alaska Highway Pipeline project has many far-reaching benefits for all of our jurisdictions and a united effort demonstrates a willingness and commitment to work together to ensure progress,” Fentie said. “I’m looking forward to some productive discussions with my counterparts.”

The construction and operation of this pipeline is expected to generate up to 375,000 person years of employment within the Yukon and Canada over a 24-year period, and pump billions of dollars into the Canadian and Yukon economies.

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