



Resolution Number 4

Funding for Northern Airports

Whereas the Territorial governments operating airports in the Northern regions of Canada have a distinct lack of revenue base compared to the Provinces, and;

Whereas many of the airports in the North have shorter gravel runways designed for older generation aircraft and are not suitable for modern fuel efficient aircraft, and;

Whereas many Northern airports face a significant potential of runway degradation due to climate change, and;

Whereas regulation changes and new regulations imposed post devolution of the airports from the Federal Government are resulting in financial hardship for the airport operators to comply with, and;

Whereas many of the terminal facilities at the airports no longer properly serve the need of the communities, and;

Whereas many of these requirements fall outside the eligibility requirements of the existing Federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), and;

Whereas many of these Northern airports serve remote communities with no other year-round means of transportation and are the lifeline to the community and are key elements to both Northern Sovereignty and the search and rescue infrastructure;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federal Government create a Northern Airport Capital Assistance Program (NACAP) with a broader eligibility criteria and additional funding to the existing ACAP to ensure the updating and long term viability of this essential Northern infrastructure.

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This is an update and re-affirmation of Resolution 4 from 2010