

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Mayor Yu and Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Prince George Airport Authority (PGAA) to request a resolution of support from the City of Prince George during the Regular Council Meeting Scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 regarding our imminent application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Infrastructure Program. The PGAA will be requesting a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Prince George Regional Development Account to be used for the PGAA's Equipment Storage Expansion project.

This project is a necessary expansion of the current PGAA airfield maintenance equipment storage area to accommodate a new runway sweeper arriving in summer 2023, as well as to allow for heated storage of current maintenance equipment in the winter months. This will extend the life of the equipment and ensure it is available to keep the airfield safe and operational. Without this project, it is expected that outdoor storage of equipment will contribute to increased mechanical failures and potential airfield closures. This will affect all economic activity in Prince George driven by commercial passenger service, as well as noncommercial flights used for workforce movements and essential services (RCMP, medical evacuation, and air tanker operations, for example). Heated storage will also decrease the need for equipment to idle in the cold winter months to remain functional, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The PGAA hopes that you will recognize the importance of this project to the ongoing operation of the airport and, by extension, its ongoing contributions to our local economy. This project also demonstrates alignment with the Official Community Plan, specifically:

Objectives: 5.1.3, 8.7.2, 8.7.43, 8.7.45

Policies: 5.1.19, 6.1.1, 6.1.3, 13.2.39

The requested wording of the resolution is as follows:

*THAT, the City of Prince George supports the Economic Infrastructure program application to Northern Development Initiative Trust submitted by the Prince George Airport Authority for a grant of up to \$300,000 for the Equipment Storage Expansion project.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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