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BC Air Access Program (BCAAP)  
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### **Re: Letter of Support for the Prince George International Airport's application for BCAAP funding**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Prince George International Airport and their application for fuel inventory and safety upgrades, acquisition of a new fuel truck, and a runway lighting upgrade.

As a vital hub in the North, YXS plays a pivotal role in connecting rural communities and our broader region to the rest of the world. Considered a lifeline for remote areas, the airport facilitates essential transportation, enabling residents to access critical services, businesses, and healthcare. The airport's strategic location and operational capabilities make it an indispensable asset in fostering connectivity, resilience, and the overall well-being of our community and the surrounding region. Here are some key reasons why we endorse this funding request:

**Fuel Safety Upgrades:** The safety of airport operations is a top priority, especially considering the heightened risk of wildfires in our region. The proposed fuel safety upgrades, including safety upgrades to the tanks and equipment for the fuel operation, will significantly contribute to risk mitigation, ensuring a secure environment for both air travelers and airport personnel.

**New Fuel Truck Acquisition:** The acquisition of a new fuel truck is essential for the reliability and efficiency of fuel services. In emergency situations, quick and efficient fueling is critical for supporting medivac flights and facilitating emergency response efforts.

**Runway Lighting Upgrade:** Upgrading runway lighting is crucial, not only for the safety of regular air travel but also for emergency response operations during periods of reduced visibility, such as those caused by wildfire smoke. Improved lighting will enhance the capability of [Airport Name] to function effectively during emergency situations.

Given the recent wildfire activity in our region, city recognizes the pivotal role that YXS plays in emergency response, including medivac operations. The proposed improvements align with our commitment to ensuring that our community is well-prepared to respond to emergencies and that critical services, such as medivac flights, wildfire operations and RCMP can operate seamlessly. As we continue to experience the increasing impacts of climate change, including wildfires, the importance of a well-equipped and efficient airport cannot be overstated. The proposed improvements are an investment not only in the safety and well-being of our residents but also in the continued growth and prosperity of our community.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support to the Prince George International Airport and we hope that their application for trail establishment will receive favourable consideration.

Sincerely,



Mayor Simon Yu  
City of Prince George

