

Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 25, 2021
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – NAV Canada – Air Traffic Services
File:	0101

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

A decision on Air Traffic Services will directly affect a few of our northern municipality members, it will also impact all of us in the region. A collective voice from us may help retain our much needed mobility and socio-economic connectivity in the region. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Chair Jim Rennie is suggesting all municipalities in our region send a letter to Mr. Neil R Wilson for a review of air traffic services.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council send a letter to Mr. Neil Wilson on consideration of keeping Air Traffic Services to Northern Alberta.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>fw</i>
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Mr. Neil R. Wilson
President and Chief Executive Officer
NAV Canada
Head Office/Siege Social
77, rue Metcalf Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5L6

Re: Review of Air Traffic Services

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We understand that NAV Canada has considered a few options including Air Traffic Services (ATS) facility closures, overnight Flight Services Station (FSS) closures, and elimination/reduction of hours – Remote Aerodrome Advisory (RASS) to its current rural northwestern aviation services. We are encouraged that you have initiated the aeronautical studies and stakeholder consultations regarding this with the directly affected municipalities.

You are no doubt aware that the air-services from a few of the sites under these considerations encompass most of northern Alberta supporting its regional as well as inter-provincial connectivity. As a northern municipality, we would like to take this opportunity to write and ask to reconsider your options and help avoid detrimental effects on northerners' mobility and overall socio-economic wellbeing.

We know that this has been a very difficult year for the aviation sector but as we all know no one has been immune of the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for your understanding and continuous services to our rural northern communities. We are happy to discuss further, should you have any questions or require further information regarding how and why aviation services are critical to our region. Please feel free to contact Leanne Walmsley at cao@hinescreek.com or call at 780-494-3690.

Sincerely,

Hazel Reintjes
Mayor
Village of Hines Creek