

**Canadian Owners & Pilots Association  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
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Bev Buckway Mayor,  
City of Whitehorse,  
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December 12, 2006

**Re: Meeting for Discussion - Development at Whitehorse Airport**

Dear Bev;

Congratulations on your recent election as Mayor.

The members of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (Flight 106 Yukon) are intimately involved in use and operations at the Whitehorse Airport. Aside from being airport users it is also our intention to encourage private economic investments there, and to monitor to ensure that the Federal government budgets that are allotted to airport operation and maintenance are actually spent on the airport itself. On an annual basis we like to meet with the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse, the Minister from the Yukon Government, and from our Federal MP to review the best use of our efforts.

Studies conducted by Canadian municipalities that have proven that the construction of aviation related facilities and the provision of aviation related services result in an increase in the use of the airport and bring significant economic benefits to the community. Our rough estimate is that there are over 200 full time jobs in and associated directly with our airport, and that the direct economic benefits to the community from this employment alone are nearly 10 million dollars. This does not include tourism spin-offs and other associated economic multipliers. From the practical perspective the airport is the key transportation link to the Yukon, and one of the major features of the Whitehorse landscape. For all these reasons we know that the continued operation and improvement of the facility is extremely important.

What we would like to do is invite you to our regular meeting at the Yukon Airport upstairs meeting room Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We simply propose to brainstorm common objectives and discuss ways to overcome any resolvable issues. We can't guarantee that the discussion won't become spirited but we are a civilized lot, (apart from the float plane pilots who also show up from time to time), and we recognize cooperation is needed to make progress. It is not our intention to push you to make any commitments or make any decisions at this meeting; rather the objective is learning on all sides.

If you have an alternative time please let us know and we would make adjustments to allow us to meet your schedule. Please feel free to bring along whoever you feel may be interested in this discussion.

We have included some background information that is yours to read or distribute as you see fit. We sincerely hope it doesn't scare you away from attending.

Sincerely

For J MacPhearson  
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