

An new Yukon Airports Act

At a public meeting with Aviation stakeholders in the winter of 2014 Deputy Minister Alan Nixon stated to me; “I need an Airports Act. That way we can avoid this... I’m tired of going to Lands for permission to hang a sign”.

Those words have trouble me since that night. When we think about it logically, what he is complaining is that his Yukon Government group encounters difficulty doing their job, because of the rules of another Yukon Government group. And, he then proposes to create a whole new Act, and subsequent Regulations, and policies, in order to make his job easier. Something is very definitely wrong with this thinking.

From his very influential point of view;

- He confirms the existence of operational problems
- He proposes a solution that adds complexity
- that certainly increases costs
- that will increase bureaucracy
- that will have uncertain, usually unanticipated consequences
- all this to resolve a problem was only INTERNAL to Government

Mr Nixon is no fool, he is likely a very competent Civil Servant, but in this case he falls victim to a pattern of reasoning typical of Government. I urge your Government to avoid this in this case, and whenever possible.

Sincerely

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