



CANADIAN OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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The Honourable Richard Mostyn  
Minister of Highways & Public Works  
Government of Yukon

Dear Minister Mostyn:

We write to you today to provide you with comments with respect to the *Yukon Aviation System Review*.

We have not provided any formal feedback to your contractor (Stantec) on the aforementioned project for a number of reasons but as part of a national organization whose purpose is promote and preserve the rights of Canadians freedom to fly and to provide local government advice and insight of the benefits of general aviation we would like to offer up the following comments:

- COPA #106 like other Yukon aviation stakeholders is very concerned with what appears to be the degradation of aviation infrastructure throughout Yukon as it applies to smaller airstrips located throughout the territory.
  - These smaller strips while not mainstream infrastructure, are nonetheless important to the economic development of Yukon given that the use of these strips by light aircraft facilitates recreational flying and also, commercial fixed wing charter utilization for any number of services and reasons.
- COPA #106 worries that the *Yukon Aviation System Review* appears to be poised to make a quantitative argument based on airport/airstrip utilization on where infrastructure dollars can be best spent.
  - It is not clear to us that these types of decisions can be predicated on the findings of the final *Yukon Aviation System Review* report because it is not clear to us that the objectives or the mandate fully address the aforementioned concerns.

We would appreciate the opportunity as an organization, along with other Yukon aviation stakeholders and businesses, to be made privy to the *Yukon Aviation System Review* draft report in the hopes that we could provide specific comments that may prove useful to the government of Yukon in ensuring the best decisions are made in the future with respect to Yukon-wide aviation infrastructure.

Yours truly,  
**Canadian Owners & Pilot's Association Flight #106**

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President

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