



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

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Hon. Nils Clarke  
Minister of Highways and Public Works  
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Dear Minister Clarke,

We continue to hear concerns from stakeholders and leaseholders along Taxiway Golf at Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport (ENWIA).

The most significant and immediate of these concerns is the lack of proper drainage along the taxiway. During spring melt, as well as following significant rain, there are significant issues with water that hampers the ability of the affected stakeholders from using the taxiway at all. Furthermore, the flooding and water issues create some safety issues as well, as the subsurface fire hydrants are often either flooded or frozen completely solid, to the point of being unusable. Can you please explain why drainage was not considered in the construction of the new taxiway, despite stakeholders repeatedly raising this with Yukon Government? What steps will the Yukon Government take to address these concerns?

We would also like to inquire about stipulations in the leases along Taxiway Golf. Can you confirm that leaseholders are not allowed to construct permanent hangers on these lots? If this is the case, why was underground sewer and water infrastructure installed along the taxiway? Can you provide further information about the nature of the lease conditions for these lots?

We note that there have been several contracts totalling over \$200,000 awarded from 2018 to 2022 regarding design aspects of the taxiway. This include a specific contract for "Taxiway G Plus Subdivision Drainage Plan preparation." Can you please provide whatever the results of this contract were? We also note that several of these contracts related to Taxiway Golf were directly awarded to a company called HM Aero Aviation Consultants. Can you provide an explanation for why this company was so frequently awarded "Direct Award" contracts for work at ENWIA?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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