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RE: Funding for Alberta Airports

Dear AAMA Member,

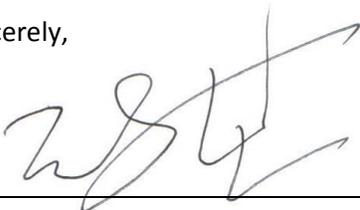
The Alberta Airports Management Association exists to assist airports across Alberta with a vast array of issues and needs. One item that has been brought forward time and time again has been the need for funding of the smaller airports in the province. We have seen an improvement in funding with the reintroduction of the Community Airport Program (CAP). However, funding from the CAP program is limited to only \$2 million dollars per year and limited to funding 75% of the project cost. Take into consideration that the resurfacing of a runway can run into the territory of \$15 million dollars and it becomes painfully obvious that the program is underfunded. Especially when you consider the 72 paved community airports in Alberta. Municipalities that have been forced to endure the costs of running these community airports are not seeing the support that they need to do so safely.

I, as the Chair of AAMA, have twice met with representatives of Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation for the province of Alberta and have been informed both times, “there will be no increase in funding or expansion of scope for the program.” These airports are often used by the province itself with Alberta Health Services Medivac flights and/or Alberta Agriculture and Forestry forest fire fighting operations. Yet funding from these branches of the government are limited only to the payment of landing fees.

The AAMA Board of Directors have decided that we as an organization must take action. We are asking you, as a member of AAMA, to contact your local MLA and voice your concern. The AAMA has 54 Members and with our voices united we can make a difference. Attached to this email is a letter to assist you in that contact. Please feel free to use all or part of this document as you see fit. Through lobbying from our membership, we are confident that the Province will work with us and provide the necessary increase in funding required to provide safe airports province wide.

If you require further information or have questions about this campaign, please don't hesitate to contact me directly via email at chair@albertairports.ca or via phone (780) 618-6531.

Sincerely,



William Stewart, A.A.E., Chair
Alberta Airports Management Association