

REGIONAL AIRPORTS – GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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WHEREAS regional community airports are of strategic national importance and play an essential role in Canada's air transportation sector, providing vital services and connecting remote communities with the rest of the country and the world; and

WHEREAS regional community airports like the Sault Ste. Marie Airport are part of a larger multimodal transportation system, maintaining trade and the flow of goods and providing life-saving access to emergency transport through medivac services; and

WHEREAS regional community airports provide a public benefit that extends far beyond the communities in which they are located and are critical to the overall social and economic health and well-being of local communities; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the aviation industry, resulting in dramatic reductions in revenue for regional airport operations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Sault Ste. Marie requests that the federal and provincial governments provide regional community airports with financial assistance needed to ensure their continued operation until domestic, trans-border and international travel resumes and the industry recovers;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport; the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages; Terry Sheehan, MP for Sault Ste. Marie; Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Rod Phillips, Ontario's Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Ontario's Minister of Energy, Mines, Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs, the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce; The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Canadian Airports Council and Airport Management Council of Ontario.