



Resolution: Urgent Support for 24/7 Weather Observer Services at Nunavut Airports

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WHEREAS

1. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities' members recognize the critical role that reliable, continuous weather observations play in ensuring the safe and efficient operation of airports across the Territory, and;
2. The absence of 24/7 weather observer coverage directly affects airport operations, particularly for essential services such as overnight medevac flights, which are often vital for timely medical response and community health, and;
3. The current weather observer function is outsourced to a third-party contractor, and existing employment terms for weather observers seems to present challenges, including under compensation, lack of eligibility for overtime or on-call pay, and difficulties in staff retention and recruitment due to these factors, and;
4. The continuity of airport services and the health and safety of our communities depend on well-compensated, adequately supported weather observers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Nunavut Association of Municipalities strongly encourages the Government of Nunavut to urgently address the weather observer function at airports across the Territory by:

1. Reassessing and ensuring adequate funding and deliverables in the contract with the third-party service provider to support fair compensation and 24/7 coverage for weather observer positions to reflect the importance and demands of the role.
2. Working with the contracted third-party provider to review employment conditions, ensuring they allow for fair pay and consideration for overtime or on-call compensation where applicable, to improve recruitment, retention, and reliability.
3. Prioritizing measures to ensure uninterrupted weather services that facilitate continuous airport operations, especially to support the safety and accessibility of critical services like medevac flights for our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Nunavut Association of Municipalities offers its assistance in discussions or planning efforts to achieve these goals in collaboration with the Government of Nunavut and the contracted service provider.