



I.D. 349 Regional Fund: 2018 Request for Funds

Purpose

The City of Cold Lake requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs consider the disbursement of \$1 million dollars from the Minister's Regional Fund to the City of Cold Lake for use of developing regional passenger air services and airport improvements, as agreed to by the Elected Officials Group, mandated and convened by the Minister for this purpose.

Background

At the Minister of Municipal Affairs' Elected Officials Group meeting, held on November 26, 2018, with the purpose of disbursing funds from the Minister's Regional Fund, it was agreed to by consensus that six (6) projects be proposed. The City of Cold Lake's project is as follows:

Cold Lake has been included in the Government of Canada's Cost-Recovery Option for the provision of CATSA screening services for passengers and services.

For over (5) five years, the City of Cold Lake has been working with the Government of Canada and 4 Wing Cold Lake to bring CATSA-screened commercial air service to the region. These flights would allow seamless connections to and from Cold Lake to any airport in the world through a major hub such as Calgary or Edmonton.

Both facilities – YOD and CEN5 – have been approved for inclusion in this program. Because of its proximity to CFB Cold Lake, the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range and the City of Cold Lake, The Cold Lake Regional Aerodrome, also known as CEN5, is also uniquely situated to serve as a regional hub for a wide variety of aerospace businesses. Demand for space at the facility has steadily grown and a measure of investment is required before private enterprises will begin to invest in the facility as well.

Both endeavors – commercial air service and aviation businesses – bode well for increasing economic activity throughout the region, diversifying the region's economy, and supporting regional initiatives such as Cold Lake First Nations' plans to expand its tourism operations. Investment at the regional aerodrome is scalable to the funding available and is guided by the master plan.

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Request


The City of Cold Lake respectfully requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs disburse \$1 million dollars from the Minister's Regional Fund to the City of Cold Lake for use towards aerodrome/airport enhancements in the development of commercial air services and/or aviation businesses, as agreed to by consensus by the Elected Officials Group meeting, mandated and convened by the Minister for this purpose, as development at the Regional Airport supports economic diversification and commercial air travel benefiting northeast Alberta.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Kevin Nagoya, CAO

On the 11th of January, 2019.



Craig Copeland, Mayor

On the 11th of January, 2019.