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Press Release
NWT Business Advisory Council
GNWT Funding For Aviation Industry

The NWT Business Advisory Council congratulates the Government of the Northwest Territories on allocating \$20.145 million to support the Northwest Territories' Aviation Sector to continue essential air services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aviation industry has been hit very hard as a result of COVID19 with flights being scaled back or eliminated completely. It has been challenging for the aviation industry in the Northwest Territories to maintain connectivity with remote and Indigenous communities and getting essential goods to these communities. The Northern Air Transport Association would like to thank the GNWT for supporting its NWT member air operators and demonstrating their commitment to ensure remote and Indigenous community critical supply chains along with essential services remain uninterrupted. This is of critical concern in normal times and has become even more urgent during the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty it brings.

The air transportation sector industry has played a critical role in opening up northern Canada and this funding will allow the aviation industry to continue to survive and do the critical work that it does supporting communities and supporting essential passenger and medical travel.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the GNWT and the Federal Government to proactively work with and identify challenges that the business community is facing as the NWT continues to grapple with the effects of COVID on the economy.

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