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Town of Peace River

Interoffice Memorandum

From the desk of:

**Sally Beaven,
Airport Manager**

To: Kelly Bunn, CAO

Date: December 5, 2002

Re: Study of the Viability of Smaller Canadian Airports

Good Day Kelly

I have reviewed the above study and it basically recognizes the need for external financial support as an ongoing requirement for many smaller airports across the country. The information provided showed that 18 of 24 airports were operating in a deficit in 2000.

In the cover letter it has been requested that we allow the information collected on the Peace River Airport be shared with other provincial and federal departments. Due to the fact that Transport Canada declined to participate in this study in its conception, at this time we should decline the request. I have contacted 4 other participants of the study and they will also be declining the request. It is felt that because Transport Canada does not like the outcome of the study they now want to conduct their own to ensure a more favorable outcome.

It would be appreciated if we would confirm our position to John Pearson – Program Director by telephone at (613) 247-9347 or by email at jpearson@comt.ca.

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HAVE INDICATED

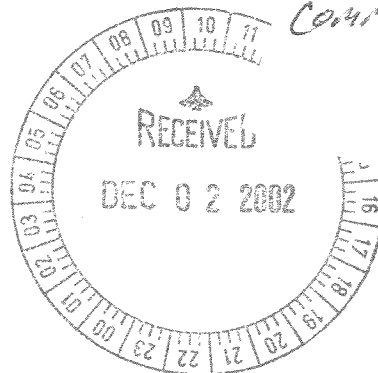
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COMMENTS.

November 28, 2002

Mr. Kelly Bunn
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Dear Mr. Bunn:

Re: Study of the Viability of Smaller Canadian Airports

In late 2001 the provincial government departments responsible for transportation commissioned a study of issues which are affecting the viability of smaller airports in Canada. The consulting firm of Sypher:Mueller International Inc. was retained for this initiative, based on a review of the operations and experience of 26 smaller airports located across the country.

On behalf of the study's sponsors, I would like to thank you for having participated in this work, and for your generous assistance in providing the information and perspectives which were used as the basis for the study's analysis and conclusions.

I am pleased to include herewith a copy of the study's final report in the hope that you will find it of interest. Please note that copies of the report are also available in electronic format (English and French) on the internet at www.comt.ca.

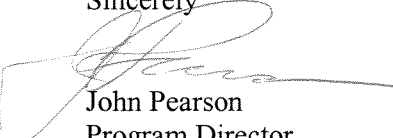
In keeping with the approach agreed to at the outset, the information which you provided to Sypher:Mueller has been kept confidential, and has only been shared with the representatives of the transportation department in your province. As interest has been expressed by other government departments in having access to the full set of operational and financial data collected from all 26 airports in the study, it would be appreciated if you could indicate whether you would be prepared to allow the information collected on your airport to be shared with:

- representatives of other provincial government departments of transportation, and/or
- representatives of Transport Canada

It would be appreciated if you could confirm your position on release of the data to other government departments by telephone at (613) 247-9347 or by email at jpearson@comt.ca. Please be assured that if you do not support broader release of information on your airport's operations, it will remain confidential.

Thank you again for your assistance and for your support for this study. If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely


John Pearson
Program Director

*See Study in
File*

STUDY OF THE VIABILITY OF SMALLER CANADIAN AIRPORTS

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