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Honorable Richard Mostyn
Minister of Highways and Public Works
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Dear Minister Mostyn,

During this Legislative Assembly, there has been a bill passed to change the Public Airports Act. The Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce is concerned with the consultation process regarding changes to this act.

The Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce is developing an airport improvement plan in an effort to increase the use of the airport facilities in Watson Lake. Watson Lake is a stop over for many private, charter and commercial flights and any changes to this act could adversely affect our airport and use of the airport. There has been a strong outcry from business that are directly affected by this bill and this concerns the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce. It is our understanding that this change is based on one similar in the Northwest Territories, right now the NWT government is instituting tariffs and fees for airports. The changes to the Public Airports Act allows Yukon Government to implement fees without consultation and this is worrisome.

The Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to invite you to meet with us regarding this matter. Our meetings are every second Tuesday of the month. Please let us know when you would be available to meet.

Sincerely,

Cheryl O'Brien
President
Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce

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