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Mayor/Warden & Councils of:

Town of Yarmouth Municipality of Yarmouth Municipality of Argyle

(via e-mail)

YQI as a self-sustaining entity

The Board of the Yarmouth Int'l Airport Corp (YQI) has seen positive moves forward in efforts to improving financial results and client service. The Board does however, have concerns about the future operational sustainability of YQI under the present operating format.

Beyond day-to-day operational liquidity, which in itself is challenging, there is a tremendous amount of physical infrastructure in place that is critical to long term sustainability from an operational perspective, and this demands re-investment if it is to remain in service and up to operational standards.

The airport has been identified as critical infrastructure by provincial medivac operators and we all believe it is critical to search and rescue operations; in fact, DND, from its air base in Greenwood, N.S., is paying closer attention to the site for critical military and search and rescue exercises.

The importance of this infrastructure to agencies such as those cited above lends itself to conversations with federal and provincial authorities around the necessary support that they need to bring to the table to help sustain the YQI operation.

The Board, in its most recent discussions, have identified a need for a focused, concerted effort, to reach out to these agencies and engage in these types of supportive discussions.

The Board is asking you at this time, for your concurrence and support in forming a "Task Force", with the mandate to seeking out long term, stable financial support from the federal and provincial governments. The Board will identify Task Force members, create the mandate and oversee the delivery of specific tasks designed to accomplish the identified objectives.

Budget implications are unknown at this time as the Board is only beginning to embark on this initiative and needs to develop more clearly the mandate and objectives of its "Task Force".



At this point the Board wants to provide you with early advice of this initiative and, as the primary stakeholders, seek out your support in principle for the endeavour.

Sincerely;

John Cunningham, Chair

Yarmouth International Airport Corp

Cc: YIAC Board