



## **Resolution Number 4**

### **Funding for Northern Airports**

Whereas the Territorial governments operating airports in the Northern regions of Canada have a distinct lack of revenue base compared to the Provinces, and;

Whereas many of the airports in the North have shorter gravel runways designed for older generation aircraft and are not suitable for modern fuel efficient aircraft, and;

Whereas many Northern airports face a significant potential of runway degradation due to climate change, and;

Whereas regulation changes and new regulations imposed post devolution of the airports from the Federal Government are resulting in financial hardship for the airport operators to comply with, and;

Whereas many of the terminal facilities at the airports no longer properly serve the need of the communities, and;

Whereas many of these requirements fall outside the eligibility requirements of the existing Federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), and;

Whereas many of these Northern airports serve remote communities with no other year-round means of transportation and are the lifeline to the community and are key elements to both Northern Sovereignty and the search and rescue infrastructure;

**Therefore, be it resolved:**

**That the Federal Government create a Northern Airport Capital Assistance Program (NACAP) with a broader eligibility criteria and additional funding to the existing ACAP to ensure the updating and long term viability of this essential Northern infrastructure.**

Passed at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Whitehorse, April 30, 2014

This is an update and re-affirmation of Resolution 4 from 2010, re-affirmed in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Although there is satisfactory intent shown in this area, it is still not resolved.