



An Open Letter to
Algonquin Highlands Council

SUBJECT: Cross-wind Runway Forum Sept. 20, 2008

It is the position of our association that this forum will not serve the interests of the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County.

The Township needs to quickly *inform* the rate-payers of the results of the most recent studies. However we feel strongly that the opportunity for *truly informed* opposition is a right which must be respected.

The two days allowed between the official presentation to council and the Dorset forum is clearly insufficient for the public and the councilors to properly review the documents.

The Association does not ask that this forum be delayed, but we do insist that the meeting not be used by the Township to gauge public support

Any such expressions of support would be based on insufficient knowledge of the plan and its impact on taxpayers.

The Association requests and would publicly support a second public meeting on the issues raised by these reports under the following conditions:

- The Township make available to the Association, by September 18th, *all* reports, drawings, supporting documents and pertinent notes relating to the “Preliminary Runway Design and Cost Estimate...” to be presented by Richardson Foster Ltd. (includes full reports, etc. from Peto-MacCallum, Northway Photo-Map, MDA Aviation and Beacon Environmental) for our and possible third-party review.
- Competent representatives are available at the public meeting to answer questions.
- The date for this public meeting is announced by September 18th.
- The public meeting be fully open, include public questions, publicly answered and that the meeting is moderated to assure reasoned discussion.

If a meeting of this format is not scheduled the taxpayers of this county can only conclude that the township feels that their business case is not strong enough to stand public scrutiny

In order that we be able to support or oppose the September 20th forum we need to have your answer to this proposal by September 5th.

Paul MacInnes - President