

X Wind Runway Update

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Background

- Second runway is part of a 20 year, estimated 12 million dollar plan
- Cost estimate not based on any solid engineering data, and on outdated labour, fuel and material prices
- Over the last 20 years the increase in predicted use and revenues have not been met
- Some progress; there are a few commercial operations based at the airport

ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE *NET COSTS* TO TOWNSHIP
(DATA PROVIDED BY ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS, AUG., 2008)

1984 TO 2007	TOTAL	AVERAGE
REVENUE	\$3,225,911.15	\$134,412.96
EXPENSES	\$4,024,510.66	\$167,687.94
NET COSTS	(\$798,599.51)	(\$33,274.98)
1997 TO 2007	TOTAL	AVERAGE
REVENUE	\$1,577,057.10	\$143,368.83
CAP EXP'S	\$574,417.31	\$52,219.76
MAIN. EXP'S	\$1,626,681.98	\$147,880.18
NET COSTS	(\$624,042.19)	(\$56,731.11)
2002 TO 2007	TOTAL	AVERAGE
REVENUE	\$1,158,273.04	\$231,654.61
EXPENSES	\$1,670,836.33	\$334,167.27
NET COSTS	(\$512,563.29)	(\$102,512.66)

- 1999-2001 Township identified “a demand” for the airport expansion as the solution to economic development
- Money has been spent on this project based on optimistic or completely unfounded claims of economic benefits
- Taxpayers never given the option of maintaining the status quo
- There has been no meaningful public consultation

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Summary of Activities

- March 15, 2007 – Council authorizes expenditure of \$105,000 for purchase 84 acres of land to the north and east of the airport for expansion plans (runway and “airport residential development”)
- March 15, 2007 – After careful consideration of a report presented that very day, Council authorizes construction of cross-wind runway “based on established need and demand”
- September 20, 2007 – Council authorizes “purchase” (expropriation) of Middleton lands for \$200,000
- November 26, 2007, Council approves studies for “preliminary design and costing” of cross-wind runway
- April 17, 2008 – Council adopts motion supporting ban on Uranium Mining and Exploration in Highlands East and elsewhere
- July, 2008 – Township Representatives approach landowner for “easement” to cut trees in managed forest that is zoned “Environmentally Protected”

Since March 2007 Council has spent

- **A minimum of Half a Million dollars and**
- **Acquired 200 acres of land – more then half by legal force, which may never be required for the airport.**

The real question, which has not been addressed, is:

WHY?