



**Press Release – For Immediate Release**

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## The Bathurst Regional Airport will have its extension and expansion!

It is with great excitement that the Bathurst Regional Airport announces that their anticipated upgrades, including the extension of its runway and the expansion of its terminal, will go forward. Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of the Bathurst Regional Airport, received confirmation that the federal and provincial governments have each committed to contribute a third of the cost for this important project for northern New Brunswick.

"We are so very pleased with this announcement. The airport is a vital part of economic development in Northern New Brunswick. The expansion of our terminal and lengthening of our runway will allow for a safer and more comfortable experience for all using the airport. We would especially like to underline our partnership with the Government of Canada and the Government of New Brunswick for making this project a reality. Thank you to Ms. Jennifer Henry, our Executive Director who has worked countless hours to achieve the successful outcome of this file. In addition, we would like to thank current and past board members and key community leaders who have worked and supported this project over the past years." Said Colin Brewster, President of the Northern New Brunswick Airport Authority inc.

The Bathurst Regional Airport serves a population of 150,000 and more than 5,500 businesses within a one-hour radius by car. This makes the region one of the most important in New Brunswick, after the southeast. The airport was originally built to accommodate 30,000 passengers annually. In 2015, the airport served a total of 51,888 passengers; this increase in passenger numbers clearly demonstrated the need for these upgrades.

The Bathurst Regional Airport expansion project aims to double the size of the current terminal and extend the runway by 900 feet. This project is expected to cost approximately \$6.3M, and will be spread over a period of 12 to 18 months.

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