

August 27, 2017

The Honourable Brian Gallant, M.L.A.
Premier of New Brunswick
Chancery Place
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Dear Mr. Premier,

We are writing you today as a result of a recent stakeholder meeting designed to achieve full clarity and unanimous community consensus for our Greater Fredericton regional investment priorities moving forward.

As a result of this meeting, we are confirming to the Province of New Brunswick that the proposed expansion of the Fredericton International Airport is the most important development for the continued growth and sustainability of our region.

While each of us as community stakeholders have key projects we continue to work towards, the signatories to this letter are confirming that the terminal expansion is a key building block towards continued economic growth and development for our entire region. The terminal building is a catalyst for continued economic investment in all of our communities, a tool for continued export growth, and a foundation for continued partnerships with regional businesses and organizations.

As well, with previously identified issues with the airport being able to access federal funding programs now resolved, moving forward with expansion plans is fully achievable. This project is shovel-ready, and is only awaiting confirmation of funding to proceed. Construction will create **572 FTE jobs. Within six years, both the Province and the Government of Canada will see their investment returned to them** in the form of tax revenues.

With this unanimous community focus, we trust that the Province will be eager to partner with the Fredericton International Airport Authority (FIAA) and the Government of Canada to ensure this important economic development project begins as soon as possible.

This community consensus shows how important this planned project is for central and western New Brunswick. It shows a community committed to regional prosperity and growth and a community willing to work together for the greater good. We understand that by building the right tools, such as terminal expansion, we can build the necessary foundation for ongoing growth, development and opportunity for generations to come.

We are calling on you and your government to publicly commit to this project as soon as possible so that other levels of funding can be finalized and project construction can move forward this year.

Yours truly,

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Mayor, City of Fredericton

Robert Powell
Mayor, Town of Oromocto

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Mayor, Village of New Maryland

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Mayor, Village of Stanley

Arthur Slipp
Mayor, Town of Woodstock

cc: Hon Stephen Horsman, Deputy Premier, Province of NB; MLA Fredericton North

cc: Matt DeCoursey, MP Fredericton

cc: Andrew Steeves, Board Chair, Fredericton International Airport Authority