MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A PETITION DEALING WITH THE MATTER OF:

## Returning Fort Smith Regional Airport Runway to Former Specifications

MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITION CONTAINS 550 SIGNATURES INCLUDING 127 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND 344 WRITTEN SIGNATURES OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RESIDENTS, AND, MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITIONERS REQUEST:

## Material Allegations:

That the Government of the Northwest Territories return the main airport runway at Fort Smith Airport to its former width for reasons of public safety and economic growth.

MEMBER'S NAME:

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

(To be attached to original of Petition)

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Recipient: Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories Minister of Infrastructure

Letter:
Greetings,
Returning Fort Smith Airport Runway to Former Specificificatiins!

On June 17, 2019 the leadership of the community of Fort Smith wrote a letter to the Minister of infrastructure regarding narrowing of the Main Runway at the Fort Smith Regional Airport due to lighting replacement. The leadership felt that with the narrowing of the runway disastrous results could happen in the event of Forest Fires or Natural Disaster.

The Department of Infrastructure made a unilateral decision without consent or consultation of the community of Fort Smith.

We, the undersigned, petition the Government of the Northwest Territories to return the main airport runway at the Fort Smith Airport to the former width for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your support!

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

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In accordance with Rule $46(9)$ of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, please find attached Petition 1-19(2), which was presented to the House on February 25, 2021 by the Member for Thebacha, Frieda Martselos.

By virtue of Rule 46(10), it is the responsibility of the Minister or Speaker to respond within 60 calendar days of its presentation.


Glen Rutland
Acting Clerk
Attachment

## Signatures

| Name | Location | Date |
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| Don Webb | Canada | 2021-01-26 |
| Bradley Brake | Fort Smith, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Bryce Young | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Vikas Yadav | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Claudette Lalonde | Fort Smith Nt, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Patrick Sanderson | Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Doug Robertson | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Megan Bertrand | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Leah Wasylyshyn | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Carlene Robertson | Forster, Australia | 2021-01-27 |
| Xavier Robertson-reynolds | Sydney, Australia | 2021-01-27 |
| Molly McAllister | Fort Smith, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Ernest Leguerrier | Fort Smith NWT, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Mary Benwell | Calgary, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
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| Lisa Unka | Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Jim Hood | Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Richard Michaud | Saint Catharines, Ontario, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Minh Tran | Fort smith, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
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| Thomas Mabbitt | Canada | 2021-01-27 |
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| Mike Sinclair | Fort Smith, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Shawna Kendi-McDonald | Fort Smith, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
| Allison McArthur | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
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| Bryan Foye | Fort Smith, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-27 |
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| Maren Jackson | Red Deer, Alberta, Canada | 2021-01-31 |
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| Susan Webster | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada | 2021-02-03 |
| Richard Mercredi | Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-02-03 |
| Stephanie Vermillion | Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-02-05 |
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| Bruce Freund | Ft smith, Northwest Territories, Canada | 2021-02-11 |
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REGARDING: Returning Fort Smith Regional Airport runway to Former Specifications

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