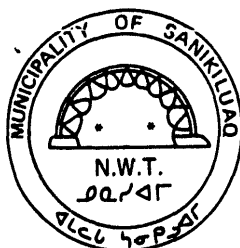


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FILE NO.

Mr. John Crichton
Executive Vice President
First Air Ltd.
Carp, Ontario KOA 1LO

October 17, 1984

Dear Mr. Crichton:

I am writing to you in regards to your application to the Canadian Transport Commission to operate a scheduled air service between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa. I will brief you on a bit of the history first on our air transportation service.

Ever since Air Inuit took over from Austin Airways serving our region with air transportation in January of this year, there has been a big change. Air Inuit's service is very much poorer than that of Austin's. The people of Sanikiluaq have been having a lot of problems with the air services rendered by Air Inuit. The problem areas are in passenger services, freight, mail, and food supply plus other kinds of problems.

Some of the different kinds of foods we used to get never come to Sanikiluaq because they are just sitting in Great Whale River, P.Q. Essential heavy equipment parts take two or three weeks to get in and sometimes even longer. We are not satisfied with these kinds of problems.

Other problems we don't like is that we have to travel all the way down to Montreal just to get to Frobisher Bay. People having to go to conferences or just going for holidays just don't bother with the high cost of travel. Non english speaking people never travel to Baffin Island because they are afraid of having to travel through Montreal.

A flight service such as the one proposed by First Air would be of great benefit to our community. Air transportation costs would be cut down considerably if there was a scheduled air service from Sanikiluaq to Frobisher or Ottawa.

If perishable material or foods could be ordered from Ottawa, that would be very good for the stores and people of Sanikiluaq because the food would arrive in Sanikiluaq at a reasonable faster rate than 2 weeks.

Automobile parts would be able to get in faster rather than taking 3 or 4 weeks.

Sending things to southern Canada would also be speeded up. Mail that is to be rushed to other parts of Canada would reach their destination faster. The Mitig Co-op would also benefit through the service proposed by your company. They have to send carvings to the south and their freight bills would be ~~blat~~blatdown a lot.

There are other things we will not mention, but we know if your proposal to operate between Baffin Island and southern Canada were to be approved, it will do a lot of good to our community.

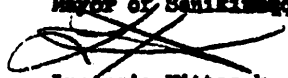
Once again the Council give First Air their full support to open a scheduled air service between Frobisher and Ottawa if they can make enroute stops at Sanikiluaq. We learned of your proposal after hearing that you wanted the support of the Baffin Region Council at their conference in Pond Inlet.

When the people of Sanikiluaq heard about First Air's plans they requested the Council to represent them to propose that First Air include Sanikiluaq in their application to the Canadian Transport Commission. Again we would want First Air to stop at Sanikiluaq only as required by passenger traffic and freight to be sent away.

Finally the Council would like to tell you that if you got approval from the C.T.C.; it would be of great benefit to the people of Sanikiluaq and organizations.

We hope that we have gotten our message across to you and thank you very much for hearing our views and hope that can accommodate our concerns. Good Luck.

Johnassie Arragutainaq
Mayor of Sanikiluaq



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