



CHESTERFIELD INLET, N.W.T. XOC 0B0
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Peter Ernerk
Member of the Legislative Assembly
Aivilik Riding
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Dear Peter;

In regards to your letter dated November 16, 1988 referring to the use of aboriginal languages on flights, terminal buildings and on the quality of flight services presently being provided to our community.

This subject was discussed at the Hamlet Councils' regular meeting held on November 28, 1988. Council has given their wholehearted support in your efforts to have aboriginal languages used on both flights and in terminal buildings. In councils' discussion on this matter a couple of incidents were brought forward where elderly unilingual Inuit were on aircraft when announcements were made in regards to connecting flights and persons having to disembark so that aircraft may refuel. Other passengers would have to translate for the elders so as they are always getting information second hand.

In regards to the quality of flight services presently being provided to Chesterfield Inlet. In the summer of 1988, Calm Air provided seven flights a week to Chesterfield Inlet. Then in the Fall of 1988, this was substantially reduced, two flights per week. On several occasions the Hawker 748 had been pulled off in favour of the King Air. This reduces the number of passengers and also means that no freight or mail will be coming in.

It seems with the approval of First Airs' licence to fly within the Keewatin, mainly the larger settlements, Calm Air is boosting operations in the larger settlements and communities like Whale Cove and Chesterfield Inlet are getting the short end of the stick.

I sincerely hope that this information will help you in your efforts in having more and better quality air service for all areas of the Keewatin.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roy Mullins". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Roy Mullins
Senior Administrative Officer
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet

c.c. Brian Zawadski
Calm Air Agent
Chesterfield Inlet