



Date: January 19, 2024

From: The Economic Development Officer – Town of Fort Frances

Subject: Important Announcement - Changes to Air Services in Fort Frances

Esteemed Stakeholder,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you of a recent development that has the potential to affect air services within our district.

Bearskin Airlines has declared the cessation of passenger and cargo services to and from Fort Frances Airport, Kenora, and Dryden, effective May 11, 2024. As a result of this determination by Bearskin Airlines, passenger and cargo flights will no longer be offered by this carrier.

This change pertains exclusively to the Bearskin Airlines services and in no way signifies the decommissioning of Fort Frances Airport. While the airport infrastructure continues to function normally, deliberations are continuous to examine possible alternatives and resolutions to tackle this transition in air services.

We understand that the discontinuation of Bearskin Airlines may raise questions and concerns, and we are committed to keeping you informed about any developments related to the future of air transportation in Fort Frances.

We would greatly value your input and request your participation in a concise survey to provide us with insights into the potential impacts of this change on you, your community, and the district at large. By assessing the requirements and concerns of our stakeholders, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of the implications and be able to consider potential solutions.

https://www.fortfrances.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/fillable_pdf_survey_-_bearskin_airlines.pdf

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this transition period. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the Town of Fort Frances at (807) 274-5323 or town@fortfrances.ca.

Best regards,

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