



June 5, 2025

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Dear Jim Beardy:

Subject: Summary of Issues for the York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling Aerodrome Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) conducted a comment period from May 5 to May 26, 2025, inviting participants to provide their perspective on any issues that they considered relevant in relation to the York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling Aerodrome Project (the project). All submissions received are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry), Reference [#89488](#).

A Summary of Issues (SOI) document, attached to the transmittal email, provides the key issues within federal jurisdiction that IAAC considers necessary, at this time, to support decision-making on whether an impact assessment is required, under section 16 of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA). A summary of other comments, advice, and recommendations from participants for consideration is included as Appendix I to this letter.

If an impact assessment is required, the SOI and your response will inform the scope of the impact assessment, and the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and plans, as appropriate.

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As the SOI provides high-level summaries of comments received, IAAC encourages York Factory First Nation to review the original submissions posted on the Registry to facilitate the preparation of responses.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the IAA, York Factory First Nation must provide IAAC with a response that sets out how it intends to address the key issues provided in the SOI. A high-level description is sufficient. Where relevant, the proponent is encouraged to identify if the key issues will be addressed through existing legislative and regulatory frameworks, by proponent commitments to best practices, policies or standards, or both.

IAAC is not requiring York Factory First Nation to submit a Detailed Project Description at this time, given the information provided in the Initial Project Description for the project. If the scope or design aspects of the project have, or will be, changed from what was presented in the Initial Project Description, York Factory First Nation should contact IAAC to discuss whether those changes affect the need for a Detailed Project Description.

IAAC is requesting your response to the SOI by **June 25, 2025**. York Factory First Nation is encouraged to contact IAAC in the next few days to discuss how much time will be required to produce the response to the SOI. If more than 20 days is required, please notify IAAC in writing and request that IAAC suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

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York Factory First Nation is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and posted on the Registry site for the project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-222-1391 or tenshilling@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Sent electronically

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Enclosure:
Attachment I – Summary of Issues – York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling
Aerodrome Project

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Appendix I - Comments, Advice, and Recommendations

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is providing the following comments, advice, and recommendations for information purposes only. The proponent is encouraged to consult the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the project (Reference Number 89488) to review the original comments.

Accidents and malfunctions

- Concerns were raised about the potential project effects to human health from accidents and malfunction scenarios.

Acoustic environment

- Concerns were raised about the potential effects of noise and vibration on human health, marine organisms, and the Classified Federal Heritage Building at the York Factory National Historic Site.

Alternative means of carrying out the project

- Concern was raised about the methodology and rationale for the project location and design that was selected.

Atmospheric environment

- Concerns were raised about potential project effects on human health from air contaminant emissions.

Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions

- Concerns were raised about project design in relation to the project's resilience to future climate change.

Fish and fish habitat

- Concerns were raised about potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat from project-related changes to water quantity and quality.

Human health and well-being

- Concerns were raised about the health and safety of construction workers, including the capacity and sanitation of existing infrastructure to accommodate workers.
- Concerns were raised about the adequacy of existing health infrastructure, including health centres and nursing stations located in nearby First Nations communities, to support worker and visitor influx into the area as a result of the project, and who would have access to the medical flights that would be facilitated by the project.

Indigenous Peoples' current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes

- Concern was raised about potential adverse effects to terrestrial vegetation, terrestrial species at risk and species of cultural importance.

Indigenous Peoples' health, social and economic conditions

- Concern was raised about the risk of gender-based violence and sexual harassment for Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of detailed description of the potential health and social effects of the project on Indigenous Peoples, including children and youth.
- Concerns were raised regarding the socio-economic effects of the projects including the composition of the workforce and employment opportunities for First Nation communities.

Indigenous Peoples' rights

- Concern was raised about potential cumulative effects of the project within the context of planned and existing projects in the area and the potential impacts on the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Migratory birds and their habitat

- Concerns were raised regarding project effects to migratory birds and their habitat.

Species at risk, terrestrial wildlife and their habitat

- Concern was raised about potential project effects on wildlife and their habitat, including species at risk.

Vulnerable population groups (GBA+)

- Advice to integrate GBA plus into the planning stages of the project, including recruitment.

Permits and guidance

- It is important to consult Transport Canada regarding the *Aeronautics Act* and its associated Canadian Aviation Regulations.
- It is important to consult Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the *Fisheries Act*, the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations*, and sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*.
- Advice to consult Health Canada guidance documents on assessing risks to human health.
- It is important to follow the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* and Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations.