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Calin Rovinescu
CEO
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Closure of North Bay Air Canada Office & Service

We were informed earlier today that Air Canada was indefinitely suspending services between North Bay (YYB)-Toronto (YYZ) and closing its operations in North Bay. As you can imagine this news along with the many other communities throughout Canada that have also been closed or suspended indefinitely, is not good news for our collective communities. We wish to express our disappointment and concern over this announcement.

As you know, with the past service reductions and changes that have taken place with flight schedules, the business community was concerned with any reduction in service as Air Canada was the only air transportation option available for business travellers, to connect to Toronto. With the closure and indefinite suspension of services, these concerns now create a barrier for future growth and attraction of industry to North Bay and surrounding communities..

Air Canada has been part of our community since 1939 and Air Canada was an integral partner in the growth of our area, for the past 81 years. The North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce is extremely disappointed in this decision and we would ask that you reconsider your decision to pull out of North Bay. As we are well aware, Air Canada will be asking the Federal Government to support them as we come out of COVID-19 and that will be funded by the businesses/employees and taxpayers from North Bay and area. If there is no service, please do not expect us to support your future requests to the Federal Government.

On behalf of the business community in North Bay & District, we would ask that the decision be reversed and that consideration for re-instatement of flights to and from North Bay (YYB)-Toronto (YYZ), be given. Air Canada has been part of this

community for almost a century and the residents and businesses have supported your airline through many challenging periods.

We need your help, just as you will need our help in returning Air Canada to pre-COVID-19 stability. We are available to discuss at anytime.

Regards,



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