

## **Increased Flights and Air Service out of the Lloydminster Airport (CYLL)**

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### **ISSUE:**

Presently, the Lloydminster Airport (CYLL) only provides scheduled passenger service to and from Calgary (YYC). Two flights per day are offered: one in the morning and one in the late afternoon, five days per week. More flights and destinations need to be offered from CYLL to accommodate business in Lloydminster.

### **BACKGROUND:**

1. The Lloydminster Airport's primary market area relevant to air travel is approximately a 50-kilometre radius around Lloydminster. The population in the primary market area is estimated at 54,628 people and 18,523 households.
2. For business travelers, the most frequently used airports are Edmonton, Lloydminster, and Saskatoon.
3. Business travelers stated the factors important for choosing an airport to fly from are as follows: minimizing connecting flights, ticket price, and schedule flexibility.
4. Ninety-four percent of respondents surveyed stated that they would use CYLL if flights of interest were offered.
5. Respondents stated that desired destinations from CYLL include: Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Vancouver/Abbotsford, Regina, Toronto, Winnipeg, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Mexico.
6. The estimated total value of the airline travel market for the Lloydminster area is approximately \$44.3 million of which about 11% or \$4.8 million is realized with flights from CYLL.
7. There are currently no flights going east to Saskatchewan.
8. To attract business and employees to Lloydminster, Lloydminster should have a higher level of air services at a reasonable fair rate.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce requests that the City of Lloydminster work with new and existing airline service providers to offer increased flights and destinations to accommodate business in Lloydminster.

## **Fair and Equitable Funding for and Timely Implementation of Health Care Services in Lloydminster**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Lloydminster and its surrounding community is unique because it straddles the boundary of both provinces and serves as a center for health care services for citizens from both provinces. The Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan need to agree to formally recognize the Lloydminster Bi-Provincial Health Care Services Area as described in the 2014 Bi-Provincial Health Services assessment an accurately defined bi-provincial health care area of joint provincial responsibility. This is required in order that fair and equitable services be appropriately funded. Furthermore, the Alberta and Saskatchewan Provincial Health Ministries must agree to actively participate in the ongoing integrated operational health care services planning and agree to contribute appropriate planning resources and financial funding for the Lloydminster Bi-Provincial Health Care Services Area. Both provinces must mutually agree and be accountable for fair and equitable funding to support the service planning, capital expenditures and operational and administrative costs of the Lloydminster Bi-Provincial Health Care Services Area.

Lloydminster has not received funding from Alberta Health Services based upon the same formula as other regional health centers in Alberta and for that reason Prairie North Health Region has fallen drastically behind in its ability to provide the required basic services for Lloydminster and surrounding area. There are also discrepancies between Saskatchewan regions and Lloydminster, with Lloydminster receiving less per capita than other Saskatchewan regions. Thus, both provinces need to ensure the financial economic well-being of this interprovincial health service area. This lack of funding and inability of the two provincial health authorities to work in a collaborative fashion delays the development and implementation of required health services for the Lloydminster population. The Bi-Provincial Working Group was developed to deal with these issues, but to date, there has been little to no collaboration between leadership in Saskatchewan and Alberta to work within this new governance system. Due to the restructuring of health care areas in Saskatchewan and the beginning of a 15-year health planning cycle in Alberta, we feel that it is imperative that this is dealt with in an expedient manner. Otherwise, the Lloydminster Health Services area will be left on the fringe again with taxpayers from both provinces not being able to access appropriate and equitable health care.

The ability of the community of Lloydminster to attract a labour force to meet the demands of business is limited by the fact that Lloydminster does not offer equitable health services to other areas of similar size in either province.

The Chamber of Commerce business community and the community as a whole are no longer willing to be the “fringe” of either province, but rather want to be recognized as the “core” of a dynamic,

prosperous region that adds significantly to the government coffers each year, including those health care dollars that are distributed throughout the provinces. We are not asking for special treatment, just equitable treatment.

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce demand both the Government of Saskatchewan and Government of Alberta through their respective Health Ministries;

- Abide by their signed Memorandum of Understanding dated 2014 in regards to provincial responsibilities for health services for the Lloydminster Service area, and
- Adhere to the governance structure as outlined in the Bi-Provincial Health Services and Infrastructure Assessment, and
- Commit the necessary finances to, as expediently as possible, correct the inequities in health services funding and ensure the timely implementation and enhancement of the services required to bring health services in Lloydminster to the level that could be expected by citizens in other areas of either Alberta or Saskatchewan of comparable size.
- Implement an accountability structure to ensure funding received for the Lloydminster Health Services area is utilized to provide service for citizens residing in this bi-provincial jurisdiction.