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TO: LMMA MEMBERS
FROM: Eydie Fraser, Executive Coordinator
DATE: MARCH 1, 2005
RE: VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RESOLUTIONS

Enclosed please find two resolutions regarding the Vancouver International Airport. The Executive of the Lower Mainland Municipal Association has endorsed these resolutions.

The Executive supports the City of Richmond in the intent of these resolutions and agrees that the Vancouver International Airport is an integral economic generator not just for the Lower Mainland but also for the entire province.

The LMMA Executive would ask that you consider the attached resolutions. Letters supporting the intent of the resolutions should be forwarded to the LMMA office at the above address. The letters of support will form a package, which will then be delivered to the Prime Minister Paul Martin, the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre, Minister of Transport, the Honourable Raymond Chan, MP, and the Honourable John Cummins, MP, the Federal Standing Committee on Transport, Premier Gordon Campbell, Minister of Transport, Kevin Falcon, the Honourable Geoff Plant, MLA, Linda Reid, MLA and Greg Halsey-Brandt, MLA, UBCM, the LMMA, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting their support, and the provincial and federal governments.

Letters of support for the resolution are requested by March 31st.

Email: info@lmma.bc.ca

OPEN SKIES AND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS

Richmond

WHEREAS the Vancouver International Airport is an economic generator and facilitates job creation province wide with the most recent economic impact study showing that the airport is responsible for a total economic output of \$5.183 billion and 54, 182 person years of employment;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver International Airport Authority has paid over \$660 million in rent to the federal government for a facility which had a historical cost of \$255 million;

AND WHEREAS the return from Vancouver International Airport Authority has paid over \$660 million in return to the federal government for a facility which had a historical cost of \$255 million;

AND WHEREAS the return from Vancouver International should be provincial and national economic growth, not rent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond call upon the federal government to adopt a new rent policy that is fair, equitable, transparent and sustainable and includes: a 50% reduction of total rent throughout the airport system; the elimination of rent entirely for all but the eight largest airports, and tying future increases directly and proportionately to changes in passenger and freight traffic;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be conveyed to Prime Minister Paul Martin, the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre, Minister of Transport, the Honourable Raymond Chan, MP, and the Honourable John Cummins, MP, the Federal Standing Committee on Transport, Premier Gordon Campbell, Minister of Transport, Kevin Falcon, the Honourable Geoff Plant, MLA, Linda Reid, MLA and Greg Halsey-Brandt, MLA, UBCM, the LMMA, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting their support, and the provincial and federal governments.

FEDERAL AVIATION POLICIES AND BC'S COMPETITIVENESS

Richmond

WHEREAS the Vancouver International Airport is an economic generator and facilitates job creation province wide with the most recent economic impact study showing that the airport is responsible for a total economic output of \$5.183 billion and 54,182 person years of employment;

AND WHEREAS the connectivity provided by the airport is essential both to keeping British Columbia companies competitive in a global economy and to attracting new economic development and high quality jobs to the Province;

AND WEHREAS only 40% of Canada's current bilateral air treaties with other nations allow access by foreign carriers to YVR;

AND WHEREAS this restrictive international Aviation Policy put the Vancouver International Airport at a competitive disadvantage with U.S. West Coast airports and

prevents it from maximizing its potential as a Gateway between Asia and North America:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond urge the federal government to:

- (1) enter into immediate negotiations with the United States for a true Open Skies agreement including fifth freedom rights;
- (2) pursue planned aviation negotiations with the Government of China to seek substantial liberalization and improved market access; and
- (3) introduce Canada's own Open Skies aviation policy and pursue it on a global basis with its trading partners:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be conveyed to Prime Minister Paul Martin, the Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre, Minister of Transport, the Honourable Raymond Chan, MP, and the Honourable John Cummins, MP, the Federal Standing Committee on Transport, Premier Gordon Campbell, Minister of Transport, Kevin Falcon, the Honourable Geoff Plant, MLA, Linda Reid, MLA and Greg Halsey-Brandt, MLA, UBCM, the LMMA, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting their support, and the provincial and federal governments.