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Government to improve Cambridge Bay Airport

CAMBRIDGE BAY, Nunavut (May 12, 2008) - Premier Paul Okalik along with Cambridge Bay MLA Keith Peterson have announced plans to improve the airport runway in Cambridge Bay.

"This government is committed to listening and responding to community needs. By improving the Cambridge Bay airport we will ensure that it meets the present and future needs of the hamlet and our growing economy," said Premier Okalik.

The airport improvement project will lengthen and widen the runway which will increase the facilities overall safety and capacity. An expanded airport will also have a positive impact for surrounding communities which rely on Cambridge Bay as a transshipment point.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time. A new runway will improve airport safety, allow bigger planes to visit Cambridge Bay, and the economies of scale should reduce transportation costs for goods and people. I'm really looking forward to the start and completion of this important project," said Cambridge Bay MLA Keith Peterson

The project is in the design phase this year with construction to follow over three years.

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