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Taloyoak air terminal building officially opens

TALOYOAK, Nunavut (September 12, 2018) - The Government of Nunavut (GN) officially opened the new air terminal in Taloyoak today. Nunavut Premier Joe Savikataaq, Economic Development and Transportation Minister David Akeeagok and Netsilik MLA Emiliano Qirngnuq were in Taloyoak to celebrate the official opening.

“The opening of this new air terminal shows the GN’s commitment to connecting Nunavummiut to one another through strategic investment in transportation,” said Minister Akeeagok. “Aviation plays a critical role for our communities in the North. Airports are essential in Nunavut and this facility will greatly benefit the people of Taloyoak.”

The two-storey, $6.3 million air terminal building is larger than the previous building that was over 35 years old. There is more space for the public, airline staff and Community Aerodrome Radio Operators, and is more accessible for people with disabilities.

“The new Taloyoak air terminal improves access to cargo, and domestic and medical travel, and improves passenger safety,” added Minister Akeeagok. “This is an example of how our territory’s transportation infrastructure supports economic growth.”

Flights are now arriving at the new terminal. The GN is considering using the building design for other air terminal buildings in small communities in the territory.

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