

**Subject: Request for Advocacy - Bill 201 - Strategic Aviation
Advisory Council Act****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Alberta and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation in support of Bill 201 – *Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act*.

Summary and Background:

With the economic downturn and the COVID-19 pandemic, Alberta Airports are experiencing an unprecedented reduction in air travelers. The purpose of the proposed Strategic Aviation Advisory Council is to develop and build Alberta's aviation industry into a world leader in the aviation sector by supporting economic growth, tourism, and enhancement of services to remote communities within the province.

Bill 201, the *Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act* was introduced as a Private Member Bill and received first reading by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on February 27, 2020. On April 28, 2020, a request was received from the City of Lethbridge requesting that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo consider endorsing Bill 201.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Support for Bill 201, *Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act* aligns with Council's strategic priority to support economic development within the region.

Strategic Priorities:

Regional Economic Development

Attachments:**1. Letter of Support MLA Gotfried, Richard - Bill 201 2020-04-28**

2. Private Member Bill 201