



**NATIONAL AIRLINES COUNCIL OF CANADA**  
**CONSEIL NATIONAL DES LIGNES AÉRIENNES DU CANADA**

Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal  
1002, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Bureau 2400  
Montréal (Québec) H3A 3L6

**Subject: Public consultation for CIAM's Fuel Terminal Project**

Dear Environment Commission,

I am writing to express the National Airline Council of Canada's (NACC) support for the new aviation fuel delivery system located in Montréal-Est, as proposed by the Corporation Internationale d'Avitaillement de Montréal (CIAM).

The NACC is the trade association representing Canada's largest passenger air carriers: Air Canada, Air Transat, Jazz Aviation LP and WestJet. We promote safe, environmentally responsible and cost-competitive air travel.

NACC discussed the project recently with representatives of CIAM, who provided a briefing on their proposed fuel delivery system and why it is needed. The current system can be strained and unable to sustain the long-term needs of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto's International airports. With approximately 50% of the fuel demand at these airports being supplied through marine terminal infrastructure, there is a greater potential that a disruption in operations would occur if this infrastructure would become unavailable, even temporarily. Any significant disruption would have a ripple effect on several airlines and airports in both Quebec and the rest of Canada. The proposed new system would improve the security of fuel supply to airports by increasing redundancy and flexibility.

Our understanding is that CIAM undertook an evaluation of a number of alternate long-term jet fuel delivery systems and the proposed project was identified as the one that best meets safety environmental, technical and financial criteria, and offers a long-term, reliable fuel supply.

The airlines operating out of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto are no different than those operating anywhere in the world – they require reliable and competitively-priced fuel supply to operate effectively and efficiently.

I am confident that potential impacts of the proposed project have been identified and are being addressed through the environmental assessment review process, and that stakeholders will conclude that the project is a sustainable, long-term solution for airport fuel requirements.

In closing, I would like to strongly express NACC's support for this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Marc-André O'Rourke  
Executive Director