



August 11, 2017 Via Email

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Mr. Michael Saunders
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Re: Winnipeg Airport Authority's lack of occupancy permit

I am writing today to ensure that you are aware of a serious safety issue that may compromise the safety of the travelling public at the Winnipeg Airport Authority (WAA). This incident has only just been brought to the attention of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

We are informed that on July 20, 2016, there was an incident reported through the safety management system to WAA involving the non-passenger screening vehicle facility that is used by both CATSA and airport employees. The incident involved the lifting of the tent structure due to high winds. Of grave concern is the fact that the structure is located within 500 meters of a runway and less than 20 meters of a taxiway.

We were advised that a complaint was formally submitted to the City of Winnipeg Fire Inspection Office regarding building code compliance in some of WAA's facilities. Of concern to the Public Service Alliance of Canada is the fact that the facility has still not been inspected or approved for occupancy despite the building being in use for over a year.

By advising you of this situation, we are hoping that actions will be taken quickly to ensure the safety of all employees at the airport and, more important, the aircraft personnel and passengers using the aerodrome.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hladun', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Marianne Hladun
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Cc: Barry Rempel, President & CEO
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