



# Haliburton-Stanhope Airport Tenant FAQs

Township of Algonquin Highlands

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## What's happening at the Airport?

We're building!

In July 2013, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced its \$12.2 million investment in the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport for the relocation of its Forestry Fire Fighting Headquarters from Haliburton Village. This long-awaited announcement was the culmination of much hard work and perseverance on the part of Council and staff to see this project come to fruition.

In July the Township and the MNR hosted an Open House at the airport to show the new drawings and plans to the public.

Negotiations and discussions around the details of the project took up most of the fall and the Township of Algonquin Highlands signed the contract with the Provincial government in late November, 2013.

Approval of the Scope Change around the Build Canada Fund money was approved in late December, 2013.

In January 2014, tenders were advertised for tree clearing and grubbing of a 4 hectare (10 acre) parcel of land to accommodate the MNR; and also for the design-build of the new hangars.

The resolution to build a cross wind runway has been rescinded by Council.

## So, what are the details of the project?

The MNR is building a 17,000 square foot facility that will become the permanent home to the full time staff from the Haliburton base, as well as 2 helicopters and 2 Twin Otters.

Seasonal firefighting staff will number around 50. This year (2014) will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year that MNR firefighters have been based out of the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport.

The MNR building has already been designed by the ministry's architects. The MNR will use its own General Contractor. The Township has ensured that local contractors have an opportunity to price the sub trade work, but the Township has no role in the tendering or awarding of any such work.

Before the MNR can get on the land to start their construction, the Township will be doing the following in 2014:

- Clearing and grubbing the 4 hectare (10 acre) parcel of land where the MNR building will be located.
- Contracting the design-build of the new hangars.
- Building a new entranceway, road and parking lot to provide access to the new hangar site.
- Building new vault privy toilets for the tenants, close to the hangars (no water).
- Building 20 new 42' closed T-hangars (these will be in four buildings of five hangars each).
- Building new taxiways from the new hangars to the existing runway.
- Expanding existing taxiways to allow MNR access to the existing runway.
- Refer to the attached engineer's drawing to see how it will look and when each phase will be completed.

The Township expects that the work noted above will be complete by late summer 2014, after which the MNR will begin their construction. The MNR anticipates being in their new facility in 2015.

As well as building the above-noted new infrastructure, the Township currently is reviewing a Land Use and Development study it commissioned with financial assistance from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). This study is meant to assist in determining any next steps for the business park that Council would like to see developed on the lands along Stanhope Airport Road to the north of the new MNR facility.

Another piece of exciting news is that the Township of Algonquin Highlands has been included in a project of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) that will see high-speed fibre located at the airport and throughout the anticipated business park. This high-speed is at no cost to the municipality or the taxpayer.

The Township will also be installing a webcam at the airport for the dual purposes of security and marketing. Anyone interested in the various stages of construction at the airport will be able to view it through the new webcam.

## How does this affect me?

The Township of Algonquin Highlands faced some challenges in finalizing the details of the agreement with the provincial government and as a result, some significant delays have occurred in the timing of the various components of the project.

Due to the tight timelines we face, we will be unable to have the new hangars built before the existing ones are demolished. We will ensure that you are kept up to date with your role in helping improve the airport, and ask for your patience and understanding.

During the construction:

- From July 31<sup>st</sup> to approximately August 18<sup>th</sup> tenants of hangars B,C and D will have no access to their hangars while the new taxiway is built, and the grading, ditching and electrical installation is completed. Tenants of these hangars do have the option of leaving their aircraft and/or other contents in the hangar for this period of time until the taxiway is constructed. However, it is important to stress that access will not be granted during this timeframe.
- From July 31<sup>st</sup> to approximately October 17<sup>th</sup> (11 weeks) tenants of the T-hangars will be required to move out of the existing hangars and use temporary tie-downs, during which all items in the existing hangars must be removed and stored elsewhere. Both asphalt and grass tie-downs will be utilized for this purpose at no cost.

In exchange for this inconvenience, the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be adjusting your annual leases to accommodate the amount of time you are not able to use your hangar in 2014.

## What about the lease rates?

Tenants of the existing row of T-hangars will get a brand new, 42' closed hangar! Attached is a conceptual floor plan illustrating the layout of each new hangar building as well as photos of similar hangars located at the Oshawa Airport, to give you an idea of what they will look like.

Each new hangar building will be constructed with a steel frame and will have exterior and interior metal cladding. In addition each one will be insulated to minimize condensation. Interior finishes will be white or light coloured including the floor. One hand winch system suitable for towing aircraft into the hangar (horizontal pulling application) with a 2,000 lb. capacity will be installed on the rear wall in each unit.

The new hangars are also designed for future installation of solar panels.

New lease rates have been determined and will be in effect as soon as you occupy your new hangar space.

The annual lease rates for the new T-hangars will be \$2,500.00 per year.

## How will my new hangar space be determined?

To provide equity and fairness to all, tenants will be assigned the same hangar number they have now. For example, Hangar #A1 will be assigned to Hangar #1 in the new hangar.

You will see that all hangars have additional storage space within the hangar unit, with the exception of the middle hangar. Storage space for each middle hangar will be accessed from the outside at the end of each building (see the hangar layout attached).

## How will I know what's going on?

Township staff will be updating the website ([www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)) on a regular basis. You are encouraged to visit and see the latest news. As mentioned above, the new proposed airport webcam will be an excellent tool to get a bird's eye view of what's happening at the airport.

You can always call the airport at 705-754-2611. Alternately, feel free to contact your Council representative or the CAO, as noted below.

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