



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

December 22, 2020

Neil R. Wilson  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Nav Canada  
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VIA EMAIL: wilsonn@navcanada.ca

**RE: Removal of Windsor International Airport from NAV Canada Closure List**

At its meeting of December 14, 2020, Council passed the following recommendation for your consideration:

***“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the County of Essex requesting that Navigation Canada (NAV Canada) remove Windsor International Airport from their list of airports currently being studied for possible removal of air traffic controllers, and noting the economic impact that loss of air traffic would have on the region.”***

Enclosed is a copy of the County of Essex correspondence for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

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December 2, 2020

Neil R. Wilson  
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**Sent via email:** wilsonn@navcanada.ca

Dear Mr. Wilson,

**Re: Removal of Windsor International Airport from NAV Canada closure list**

Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, December 2, 2020 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

**263-2020**

**Moved By:** Tom Bain

**Seconded by:** Richard Meloche

**That** County Council send a letter to Transportation Minister Garneau, requesting that Navigation Canada (NAV Canada) remove Windsor International Airport from their list of airports currently being studied for possible removal of air traffic controllers, and noting the economic impact that loss of air traffic would have on the region.

**Carried**

The Windsor International Airport is a popular point of entry into Canada, providing business and general aviation options, and serving Essex County as well as the City of Windsor and surrounding communities.

Removal of the air traffic controllers would result in a closure of the Windsor International Airport, which would have a detrimental economic impact on the region.

On behalf of Essex County Council, I am writing to express our strong opposition to the review by Navigation Canada (NAV Canada) for the possible removal of Windsor International Airport air traffic controllers.

Further, on behalf of Essex County Council and by copy of this letter, we formally request that the local MP's and MPP's support the above motion.

Your consideration on this resolution is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Gary McNamara  
Warden, County of Essex  
Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

CC:

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