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## Parking lot changes at the Whitehorse airport will alleviate traffic congestion

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is taking measures to alleviate traffic congestion and parking issues at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport.

As of today parking rates at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport are set at a maximum of \$5 a day and long-term parking is now limited to 30 days. Parking for the first 60 minutes continues to be free.

"This congestion frustrates passengers looking for a parking spot for their vehicle when their departure times are looming or they are picking up visitors," Minister of Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. "Even with this rate increase our airport parking fees are still among the lowest in Canada."

Increased parking rates and established parking zones with enforceable restrictions will discourage excessive long-term parking and provide more parking close to the air terminal building for day-use patrons.

"As the first hour of parking at the airport remains free-of-charge, we encourage those picking up and dropping off passengers to use the parking lot to ensure traffic in front of the building can flow freely," Istchenko added.

## Learn more:

Visit Eric Nielsen Airport - Parking or call 1-800-661-0408, extension 8440

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