

## **STOP** Closure of Your Waterville Airport



Kings Council will close **YOUR** airport on September 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Your Waterville airport:**

- Is the 2<sup>nd</sup> **busiest airport** in Nova Scotia.
- Provides **full time employment** for 20 people and
- Spin off employment for **100+ more** in the county and beyond.
- Brings in over **1.2 million** for a subsidy of \$60,000
- Provides **pilot training** for commercial and other airlines including **Air Canada, Westjet, Canjet and Porter**
- Provides a serviced landing strip with facilities for **Medevac, DNR, and business aircraft.**
- Provides an provincial entryway for **fly-in tourists** from across North America.
- Provides a landing strip in the event of an **emergency** for small to medium aircraft
- Provides a waypoint and possible refueling stop for **pilot training** from Moncton.
- Provides a base for a **Parachute Jump School** that attracts people from Nova Scotia and elsewhere
- Provides **recreational flying and tourist sight-seeing flights**

The Reason for the closure claimed by the Municipality of Kings Council is to provide land for the **REMOTE POSSIBILITY** of Michelin plant expansion! But....

Michelin Canada:

- Could **expand in directions** other than north onto airport lands
- Has **NOT** guaranteed any such expansion within the next 1 to 10 years.
- Has **not signed** a Memorandum of Understanding with KINGS Council
- Has let **200** go from its Granton plant and will let a further **300** go in 2015
- Must **compete for expansion** with other Michelin plants in North America especially in South Carolina where power, land and labour are cheap

### **What will happen if the airport is closed?**

Land for the relocation of your airport will be difficult to find and it is expensive to rebuild an airport. (Estimates are in the 10 million dollar range). CFB Greenwood **cannot** accommodate a full service public airport.

Closing the 70+ year old Waterville airport will destroy a small but valuable economic asset. Your airport **MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CLOSE!**

**PLEASE WRITE, PHONE OR EMAIL YOUR LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO SAVE WATERVILLE AIRPORT**

**Kings County Council Contact Information is available at <http://county.kings.ns.ca/council/directory.htm>**

This information is provided by the Annapolis Valley Flying Association. For more detailed information on the Waterville Airport and its closure go to <http://www.avfa.ca>