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First Minister calls on Province to provide reduced air passenger, freight rates while ferry service is delayed

The later than anticipated start of the shipping season along the north coast of Labrador has prompted Nunatsiavut's First Minister Melva Williams to call on Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Elvis Loveless to subsidize air travel in the region.

“The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has an obligation to ensure Labrador Inuit communities have a dependable and affordable freight and passenger service,” says the First Minister. “Our shipping season is delayed because of adverse ice conditions and, as per our understanding from officials within the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, air services should be put in place at rates comparable to that of the *MV Kamutik W.*”

The First Minister notes that subsidized air services were previously provided to the community of Black Tickle, and that “it is only fair for people and businesses within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area to be afforded the same treatment.”

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