



Decommissioning of VOT facilities

NAV CANADA, the country's provider of civil air navigation services, recently evaluated the requirement for VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) receiver test facilities (VOT) in Canada.

The review concluded that VOT sites are underutilized and no longer required. This fact is partly because of the increased use of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) for primary navigation and partly because many VOR receivers are equipped with an internal self-test function.

Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC 36/08) was published requesting customer feedback to determine a decommissioning schedule that is aligned with customer requirements.

Based on the feedback received all VOT facilities at the following sites are scheduled for decommissioning.

Abbotsford, BC	Calgary Intl, AB	Castlegar, BC
Churchill, MB	Cranbrook / Canadian Rockies Intl, BC	Edmonton City Centre (Blatchford Field), AB
Edmonton Intl, AB	Fort Nelson, BC	Gander Intl, NL
Goose Bay, NL	Halifax / Stanfield Intl, NS	Iles-de-la Madeleine, QC
Iqaluit, QC	Kamloops, BC	Kelowna, BC
Kenora, ON	Kuujuuaq, QC	Oshawa, ON
Penticton, BC	Pickle Lake, ON	Prince George, BC
Prince Rupert, BC	Québec / Jean Lesage, QC	Regina Intl, SK
Resolute Bay, NU	St John's Intl, NL	Val-D'Or, QC
Sault Ste Marie, ON	Sept-Iles, QC	Sioux Lookout, ON
Smithers, BC	Sydney, NS	Terrace, BC
Thunder Bay, ON	Toronto / City Centre, ON	London, ON
Toronto / Lester B. Pearson Intl, ON	Moncton / Greater Moncton Intl, AB	Saskatoon / John G. Diefenbaker Intl, SK
Mont-Joli, QC	Vancouver Intl, BC	Montréal Intl (Mirabel), QC
Ottawa / Macdonald-Cartier Intl, ON	Montréal Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, QC	William Lake, BC
North Bay, ON	Victoria Intl, BC	Windsor, ON
Winnipeg / James Armstrong Richardson Intl, MB		

These changes will take effect 27 August, 2009 at 09:01 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The appropriate aeronautical publications will be amended.

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