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^{r} revised
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Analysis

In February 2016, take-offs and landings at 122 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers reached a total of 34,162 movements. Five airports accounted for 23% of the month's activity: Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (2,136 movements), Peterborough, Ontario (1,712), Pickle Lake, Ontario (1,448), Red Lake, Ontario (1,357) and Comox, British Columbia (1,292).

Total aircraft movements for the 112 airports for which year over year comparisons were possible rose slightly to 32,381 from 32,305 in February 2015. Some of the growth in aircraft movements can be partially attributed to the extra day for the leap year. The airports with the largest increases were Pickle Lake (+372 movements), Tillsonburg, Ontario (+316) and Trois-Rivières, Quebec (+310).

During February 2016, there were 27,811 itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) reported by 104 airports with Goose Bay (2,136 movements) recording the greatest number.
Forty-three airports reported 4,414 local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport). Peterborough remained the most active site with 1,431 take-offs and landings, representing 32% of the total local movements reported.

Factors influencing the data

1. Aggregate data only are available for the following 19 airports reported by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation:

   - Berens River
   - Bloodvein River
   - Brochet
   - Cross Lake
   - God's Lake Narrows
   - God's River
   - Ilford
   - Lac Brochet
   - Little Grand Rapids
   - Oxford House
   - Pikwitonei
   - Poplar River
   - Pukatawagan
   - Red Sucker Lake
   - Shamattawa
   - South Indian Lake
   - Tadoule Lake
   - Thicket Portage
   - York Landing

2. Aggregate data only are available for the following 12 airports reported by the Kativik Regional Government in Quebec:

- Akulivik
- Aupaluk
- Inukjuak
- Ivujivik
- Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Kangiqsujuaq
- Kangirsuk
- Puvirnituq
- Quaqtaq
- Salluit
- Tasiujaq
- Umiujaq

3. Aggregate data only are available for Tillsonburg, Ontario.

4. When comparing monthly data for the current year versus the previous year, please note that:

   a. Data for the following airports were included in the report for February 2015 but were not available at the time of the release of this report.

      Akulivik, Quebec
      Clyde River, Nunavut
      Déline, Northwest Territories
      Eureka, Nunavut
      Fort Frances Municipal Airport, Ontario
      Kimmirut, Nunavut
      Kugluktuk, Nunavut
      Watson Lake, Yukon

   b. Data for the following airports are included in February 2016 but not in February 2015.

      Aklavik, Northwest Territories
      Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories
      Kangiqsujuaq, Quebec
      La Romaine, Quebec
      Pikwitonei, Manitoba
      Puvirnituq, Quebec
      Quaqtaq, Quebec
      Tasiujaq, Quebec
      Wemindji, Quebec

5. As per the November 2015 NAV CANADA Flight Supplement, the name of the airport in Repulse Bay, Nunavut was changed to Naujaat. The community's name was officially changed on July 1, 2015.