

## **Manitoba Airports Capital Assistance Program – June 14, 2004**

In the late 1990s, the Department initiated the Manitoba Airport Capital Assistance Program (MACAP) to assist small airports that no longer had access to Transport Canada's capital assistance program. Since the introduction of MACAP, Manitoba has contributed in excess of \$1.4 million for 68 projects at 23 airports.

Due to financial pressures, the Department has had to make the difficult decision of canceling MACAP in an attempt to address its primary responsibility of operating and maintaining its 24 airports in remote communities in northern Manitoba. As these communities do not have year-round access, they are extremely dependant on their airports for their transportation needs; especially in addressing emergency requirements.

MACAP has given many small airport owner/operators the opportunity to mitigate some of the financial pressures that were in existence prior to its implementation.