

Introducing the new accountable executive



Steve Loutitt
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On December 22, 2020, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Premier Caroline Cochrane announced Mr. Steve Loutitt as the Deputy Minister for the Department of Infrastructure.

In this role, Mr. Loutitt will also serve as the accountable executive for the airport Safety Management System (SMS) program.

The SMS program is the GNWT's approach to managing safety at airports, including an organizational safety policy and ways to identify hazards.

With over 30 years of public service experience, including many years as regional airport manager for the Yellowknife Airport and four community airports in the North Slave Region, Mr. Loutitt has extensive knowledge and experience in the airport environment.

Prior to joining the GNWT, Mr. Loutitt also worked for Transport Canada for eight years.

"In the North, air travel is an essential part of life," he says. "Our safety management system plays a key role in maintaining these connections, by ensuring the airport environment is safe for travellers and workers alike. I'm thrilled to serve as the new accountable executive and look forward to working closely with our dedicated team members."

The Department would like to thank Dr. Joe Dragon, the previous Deputy Minister and accountable executive, for his insight and dedication to the SMS program.

