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Subcontractor Profile – Wasaya Airways



Established in 1989, Wasaya Airways LP is a First Nations owned fullservice airline partnered with Exchange Income Corporation to be the leading provider of air transportation services in Northwestern Ontario. With its roots in Northern Ontario, the airline is majority owned by 12 First Nations :

Bearskin Lake First Nation – Fort Severn First Nation – Kasabonika Lake First Nation Keewaywin First Nation – Kingfisher Lake First Nation – Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Muskrat Dam First Nation – Nibinamik First Nation – Pikangikum First Nation Sandy Lake First Nation – Wapekeka First Nation – Wunnumin Lake First Nation

Wasaya has built its Mission and Vision based on direction from the Chiefs of the owner First Nations and input from our Elder's committee. Wasaya values this input from our communities to tailor our services to the needs of our customers. The culture at Wasaya believes in educating all our staff through cultural awareness training on the importance of understanding the Indigenous communities which form our ownership group and to acknowledge the traditional lands we operate on. Wasaya contributes significantly as a sponsor, volunteer and participant in local Indigenous events and ceremonies and works collaboratively in partnership with many community initiatives and projects.



Wasaya Airways has a contract with Valard to fly rotating crews in and out of various locations and First Nation communities working on the Wataynikaneyap Project! These charters typically take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays weekly and are available for additional work when required.

Wasaya provides air transportation for passenger, charter, and freighting requirements and prides itself on providing our clients with safe, reliable, and economical air transportation services. For over 32 years of operation, we have maintained one of the best safety records in the country. We are the largest airline based in Northwestern Ontario, designated as a Transport Canada 705 carrier, and are proud to operate at the highest level of on-time performance.

Wasaya serves 25 destinations operating from four bases in Thunder Bay (Main Headquarters), Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake and Red Lake, Ontario and employs more than 375 dedicated people (many who are Indigenous) at our bases and in the 25 northern communities. Our fleet provides the versatility and dependability required for the extreme weather conditions and short runway lengths encountered when flying in the north. As part of our commitment to our northern communities, all of our bases in the North are equipped with de-icing equipment, baggage carts, wheelchair assistance and in some communities, fueling depots.

To obtain a quote for your charter services, you can contact our Sales Team at <u>SalesTeam@wasaya.com</u> . For more information on Wasaya Airways, you can visit us at <u>www.wasaya.com</u> .