

## Niagara District Airport

# Drone Policy

Drones, also known as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), present amazing opportunities but they can also be a hazard to aircraft, especially when operated in the vicinity of airports.

Niagara District Airport is committed to the safety of all airport users and guests. We work closely with both NAV CANADA and Transport Canada to ensure this airport is, and remains, a safe place to fly.

Canadian Aviation Regulation 901.73 states that “No pilot shall operate a remotely piloted aircraft system under this Division if the aircraft is within three nautical miles from the centre of an airport or within one nautical mile from the centre of a heliport unless the operation is conducted in accordance with the established procedure with respect to the use of remotely piloted aircraft systems applicable to that airport or heliport.”

**If you plan on flying a drone within three (3) nautical miles of Niagara District Airport you will need authorization from NAV CANADA.**

**When that authorization is received, send the following information to [info@niagaradistrictairport.ca](mailto:info@niagaradistrictairport.ca) at least 48 hours prior to your flight.**

1. Operator’s name and contact information.
2. Drone registration information.
3. Date, time, and duration of proposed drone operation.
4. Detailed description of drone operation including area and altitude.
5. Proof of authorization from NAV CANADA.

The airspace surrounding the airport is controlled airspace. You may require authorization from NAV CANADA, even if your planned operation is beyond three nautical miles from the airport. We encourage you, as the drone operator, to be aware of all applicable rules and regulations prior to your operation, or you could be subject to significant penalties.

Thank you for your commitment to flight safety at Niagara District Airport!