

= Hasvik Airport =

Hasvik Airport (Norwegian : Hasvik lufthavn ; IATA : HAA , ICAO : ENHK) is a regional airport serving Hasvik Municipality in Finnmark county , Norway . The airport is located in the village of Hasvik on the island of Sørøya . In 2012 , Hasvik Airport had 7 @, @ 629 passengers , making it the third @-@ least busy airport operated by the state @-@ owned Avinor . The airport consists of a 909 @-@ meter (2 @, @ 982 ft) runway and is served by Widerøe with Dash 8 @-@ 100 aircraft .

Planning started in 1972 for an airport to serve air taxi and air ambulance services . The original 421 @-@ meter (1 @, @ 381 ft) gravel runway opened on 17 May 1973 , allowing Norving to operate flights with their Britten @-@ Norman Islanders . The airport was upgraded with a longer runway and a larger terminal in 1983 , allowing Norving to start scheduled services to Alta and Hammerfest . Widerøe took over the routes in 1990 , at first using the de Havilland Canada Twin Otter . The runway was asphalted in 1995 , allowing Widerøe to introduce the Dash 8 . The airport was nationalized two years later .

= = History = =

The first aircraft in Hasvik was an emergency landing carried out en route to Svalbard in the early 1970s . The plain where the aircraft landed , located near the village , became the site of the airport . The regional airline Norving took the initiative in 1972 to construct a simple airfield at Hasvik ; they hoped to finance along with the municipality , the National Insurance Administration and the local chapter of the Norwegian Red Cross Search and Rescue Corps . In addition to being able to operate an air taxi service and land air ambulances , locals hoped that the construction would be a first step to becoming part of the state @-@ financed construction of regional airports in Finnmark . However , Hasvik was not selected as one of the original regional airports .

The initial airport consisted of a 421 @-@ meter (1 @, @ 381 ft) gravel runway and a spartan terminal consisting of no more than a shack . The airport opened on 17 May 1973 and Norving started an air taxi service using the eight @-@ passenger Britten @-@ Norman Islander . Grants of 3 @. @ 5 million Norwegian krone (NOK) were issued from the state in 1981 , which was supplemented with funding from Norving , the National Insurance Administration , Kommunalbanken and local interests . The new facilities opened in early 1983 , consisting of a larger terminal and control tower and a lengthening of the runway ? although it retained the gravel surface . The upgrades cost NOK 5 @. @ 8 million ; they allowed Norving to operate a daily scheduled taxi route to Hammerfest and Alta , and for the first time Hasvik was able to receive same @-@ day newspapers . The flights corresponded with Scandinavian Airlines System 's Oslo @-@ flights at Alta Airport .

Norving operated at the airport until 1990 , when the route was taken over by Widerøe , who initially used the de Havilland Canada Twin Otter . The Ministry of Transport and Communications announced in February 1993 that they were considering taking over ownership and operations of the airport through the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA , later renamed Avinor) . Along with Båtsfjord Airport and Vardø Airport , Svartnes , Hasvik Airport was one of three regional airports in Finnmark with government @-@ subsidized routes which did not receive state operating grants . In December Widerøe articulated that Hasvik Airport did not meet the demands for future operation as it lacked proper instruments and did not have an asphalt runway . Widerøe stated that with the introduction of the Dash 8 they would no longer be able to serve the airport . Additional navigation aids were installed in 1993 and the runway was asphalted in 1995 , subsequently resulting in Dash 8 services being introduced . The state and the Civil Aviation Administration took over ownership and operations of the airport from 1 January 1997 . The runway lights were upgraded in 2008 and 2009 , followed by the installation of the Global Positioning System @-@ based landing system SCAT @-@ I.

Avinor wants to extend most short airports to 1200 m by year 2030 , because they see a lack of aircraft types which have more than 19 seats able to use 800 @-@ meter runways . Dash 8 built after 2009 can 't use them . Few countries apart from Norway have such short airports . There is

however no room for this at Hasvik , so the plan here and for some other airports with few passengers , is to use small planes with less than 20 seats .

= = Facilities = =

Hasvik Airport has a simple terminal building with a capacity for 20 passengers per hour . It has a 909 @-@ by @-@ 30 @-@ meter (2 @,@ 982 by 98 ft) asphalt runway aligned 11 / 29 . The tarmac has a place for one airliner . There is a harbor southeast of the runway which limits any expansion . The airport is located two minutes drive from the village center ; free parking is available .

= = Airlines and destinations = =

The airport is served by Widerøe , who operates flights based on a public service obligation contract with the Ministry of Transport and Communications . All flights are operated using 39 @-@ seat Dash 8 @-@ 100 aircraft . Flights are flown to Tromsø and Hammerfest and can continue to other villages and towns in Finnmark . In 2014 the airport served 7 @,@ 629 passengers , 1 @,@ 272 aircraft movements and handled 0 @.@ 2 tonnes of cargo . Hasvik is the third @-@ least busy airport operated by Avinor , ahead of Berlevåg Airport and Fagernes Airport , Leirin .