

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

TO: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer
 FROM: Cheryl Waugh, Transportation Services Coordinator
 DATE: 2 October 2014
 SUBJECT: Transportation Services Report-Bella Coola & Denny Island Airports

- 1. Recommendation: That the Transportation Services Report dated 2nd October 2014 be received.**

Bella Coola Airport

West End Clearing Cleanup/Field Renovation

An invitation to tender was issued for cleaning up the tree debris felled earlier this year at the west end of the airport and also for renovation of the field area in the same vicinity. There was exceptional response from several local contractors. The land clearing contract was awarded to Elemar Enterprises Ltd as low bid in the amount of \$9870.00. The field renovation contract was awarded to Mitch Lorimer as low bid in the amount of \$2099.50 per hectare for the 6.29 hectare area. At the time of this writing work is underway and will proceed as weather conditions allow with completion expected by late fall or early winter. These projects are funded by a generous grant received from the Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Development Capacity Building Program.

Brushing

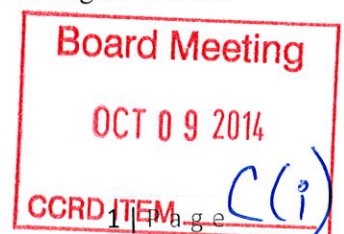
A previous inspection of the east end dike area revealed that vegetation cleared in early 2013 had grown back on the creek-side bank of the dike. Once again, volunteer time and effort was provided by members of the Initial Attack Crew of the Wildfire Management Branch and the new growth has been brushed down completely. Thank you crew! Vegetation on the east side of the creek on the approach to Runway 23 will be targeted for brushing in 2015.

Lease Lot 12

A lease agreement has not yet been secured for Lot 12, however, it is anticipated details will be finalized by mid-October.

Environment Canada Weather Station

Representatives from the Atmospheric Monitoring Section of Environment Canada attended the airport at the end of September to review land availability. They are proposing to install a weather station in the general vicinity of the NAV Canada instrument compound to the east of Taxiway A. If an agreement can be reached the installation will take place in the spring of 2015.





Brian Bonn continued the legacy of his late father, Willi Bonn, by designing, building and installing a new ‘Welcome’ sign for the Bella Coola Airport. The sign has proven a popular photo spot for arriving and departing passengers since its unveiling in mid-September. The previous sign was destroyed by a freak windstorm that hit the airport last December. The new sign is a uniquely stunning piece that consists of natural and reclaimed materials with depictions that speak to iconic valley symbols. It is also purposely informal and free-flowing to reflect the relaxed nature of the people here. Brian promises the sign comes with a lifetime maintenance guarantee and he expects no formal recognition or compensation for his creative efforts. It is difficult to appropriately respond to such generosity so we offer a heartfelt thank you to Brian and the Bonn family for enhancing the air traveller’s experience to the Bella Coola Valley. Well done!

Transport Canada

A planned trip to Fort Nelson to participate in an airport wildlife control seminar, as required by Transport Canada, was cancelled due to unforeseen personal circumstances. We will take advantage of any future training opportunities.

Work continues to conclude the Corrective Action Plans to remedy items cited during the Transport Canada Program Validation Inspection of October 2013.

Miscellaneous

- in-bound military aircraft phoned for after-hours refueling information
- NAV Canada will be installing a wireless antenna for camera activation mid-November
- fallen taxiway sign was reported due to rotten posts and was re-set with the assistance of Stuart Harrison
- window frame hardware to be replaced/repared at Wildman Coffee & Gifts in the terminal building
- individual attended the office to discuss his concerns as a pilot and the airport’s landing fees

Denny Island Airport

The Denny Island Airport Commission did not meet in September.

The next meeting will be in October at which time the commission will review their rates and charges bylaw.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cheryl Waugh'.

Transportation Services Coordinator