

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

TO: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Cheryl Waugh, Transportation Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Transportation Services Report – July 2, 2013

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Recommendations:

That the Central Coast Regional District enter into a lease agreement with Mark Sudweeks for Lot 12 at the Bella Coola Airport, provided that payment and insurance documents for 2013 have been received.

That the Transportation Services Report dated July 2, 2013 be received.

Bella Coola Airport

NAV Canada

A representative from NAV Canada contacted our office for information on local contractors who could perform tree topping and brushing. This was provided by quoting two advertisements in the Coast Mountain News that promote these professional services.

Lease Lot 12

A signed lease agreement has been submitted by Mark Sudweeks for Lot 12 at the Bella Coola Airport and it is my recommendation that the CCRD enter into this agreement. The standard lease will allow for the tenant’s proposed construction of an airplane hangar for his use and will provide added revenue for the airport. The fence line, which encroaches from the neighbouring property to the west, may be moved by those property owners before or after a lease agreement is fully executed for Lot 12.

BC Air Ambulance

The office received a call asking for an airport weather check for the air ambulance service, which was planning a medevac. There is an online weather service available for this information but when a call to Pacific Coastal Airlines at the airport went unanswered they called the CCRD and requested a visual update. Although not standard procedure, we obliged by looking out the window and reporting as asked. Two hours later the medevac was completed successfully.

Signage

Updated airport signage has been mounted this week at three entry points and on the east end dike gate. Signs will message danger, no trespassing on an active airport, no animals allowed, no unauthorized vehicles, no dogs or persons permitted on fields or runway. These signs will supplement those already in place with similar messaging.

The purpose for the added signage is to meet the recommendations for airport perimeter security and risk management and to eliminate runway and airfield incursions. There have been repeated unauthorized occurrences of people crossing the field or runway, unleashed dogs, horses being ridden airside and all-terrain vehicles running along the perimeter.

It is accepted by the local populace that the dike along the east and north boundaries are publicly accessible and have long been the routes to the river for fishing and other activities. We hope to reduce the occurrences and also expectation of access. We wish to communicate to the public that certain activities in proximity to an active airport are not permissible and the signage is a first step towards this education.

Crack Sealing

A services agreement has been forwarded to Sealtec Pavement Maintenance Ltd. of Langley for crack sealing at the airport. Once the agreement has been executed it is anticipated the work will commence in early August to complete approximately 9,500 meters of crack sealing for the budgeted amount of \$17,000. This is to be done in conjunction with similar work taking place at Anahim Lake Airport by Sealtec in order to reduce mobilization costs.

Maintenance

Paint touch-ups will be completed at the front of the terminal building subsequent to repairs done last fall. The cool weather at the time precluded completion of the project and it was deliberately postponed. Now we wait for more sunshine than rain during the warm months for the contractor to finish the job.

Safety Management System

The latest draft of the SMS Plan was submitted to Transport Canada on June 14 with items still outstanding in the areas of quality assurance and emergency response plans. The liaison with Transport Canada continues with the goal to finalizing an overall plan that works for an airport of our size and structure.

Denny Island Airport

The Denny Island Airport Commission did not meet in June.

It was necessary to fumigate the terminal building due to wood damage attributed to large ants.

Pacific Coastal Airlines, Bella Bella contacted the CCRD office for an update on landing fees and runway data for the Denny Island Airport in preparation for possible upcoming charters.



Transportation Services Coordinator