

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

TO: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Cheryl Waugh, Transportation Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Transportation Services Report – February 28, 2014

Recommendation:

That the Transportation Services Report dated February 28, 2014 be received.

Bella Coola Airport

Daily Runway Inspections

The daily runway inspection duties have been taken over by Stuart Harrison. Transport Canada regulations require daily runway inspections for airports with scheduled flight service and it is also beneficial to other air operators. Daily inspections give attention to the runway surface, taxiways, aprons, clearways and check for foreign objects on the surfaces, condition of signage, windsocks, wildlife activity, etc. Daily logs are kept and any attention required is noted and reported to the CCRD for action.

N/E Terminal Office

A minor electrical upgrade was required to accommodate the new tenant in the northeast office of the terminal building as the breaker was tripping during routine operations. Though only being open for one month, Wildman Coffee and Gifts appears to be a welcome addition to the airport community.

While the upgrade was underway the electrician noted some electrical maintenance issues in the crawlspace of the building and these will be attended to promptly.

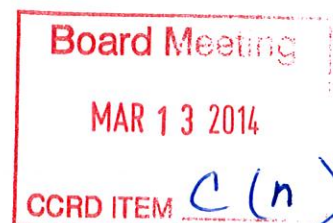
West End Trees/Airport Development Funding

The Bella Coola Airport may be eligible for a grant funding the tree removal project at the west end of the airport. An application has been submitted to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) through their capacity building fund. An application has also been made to the NDIT to fund an update to the Bella Coola Airport Development Plan. The two applications will be requesting a combined total of approximately \$47,000 from the CCRD's annual grant allocation to implement and complete these urgent projects.

The first phase status of the tree removal project finds us currently waiting for the snow and winter conditions to abate before further survey work and falling can begin. This is now scheduled for late March.

Transport Canada

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




Miscellaneous

-The Wildfire Management Branch requested airport landing fees and tie-down rates for the upcoming fire season. Although the Bella Coola Airport does have landing fees we do not have staff at the airport to track the movements or collect the fees. Assistance in this regard was requested of the Wildfire Management Branch but they responded that collection/payment of landing fees is outside of their realm.

-One new windsock was ordered and installed

Denny Island Airport

The Denny Island Airport Commission met on February 27th and welcomed some new members and discussed airport projects for the coming year. These include further brushing and tree removal on the runway and apron and construction and installation of an outhouse for public use. The airport vicinity is used for occasional recreation and the need for a public facility has become evident. *See separate item containing the minutes from that meeting.*



Transportation Services Coordinator