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CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

TO: Donna Mikkelson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Cheryl Waugh, Transportation Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Transportation Services Report - March 28, 2013

Recommendation: That the Transportation Services Report dated March 28, 2013 be received.

Bella Coola Airport

The recent tree removal project adjacent to the terminal building (to the east) went very well with minimal to no impact on airport operations. The brushing between the dike and Klonnick Creek was more thorough than anticipated but the end result should see several years pass before approach clearing at that end of the runway is required again. Both projects were completed on March 26th.

Safety Management System

Final phases of the Bella Coola Airport Safety Management System have yet to be submitted to Transport Canada for approval. Although the last of the document revisions were nearing completion the planned submission has been temporarily set aside as immediate attention was required to prepare for the upcoming airport dike referendum.

Cariboo Regional District-Anahim Lake Airport Bylaw

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) phoned to confer about any service agreement the CCRD may have in place with Pacific Coastal Airlines. There is no agreement to my knowledge other than a standard leaseholder agreement. The CRD is also interested in collecting landing fees for the Anahim Lake Airport and have referred to the CCRD's Rates and Charges Bylaw for guidance. Information was shared on these two topics and it is hoped the discussion was helpful to the CRD's bylaw design.

Winter Maintenance – Denny Island and Bella Coola

A response was received from the Area Manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) following a letter the CCRD sent in February about the possibility of using their services for winter maintenance at both the Bella Coola and Denny Island airports. Although the MoTI understand the CCRD's desire in this regard, they are unable to accommodate the request as their mandate is to manage and support their current infrastructure needs within their current budget allocations. The response further states that the ministry is not prepared to add inventory and associated costs that are presently outside of its jurisdictional authority to the maintenance contract.

Bella Bella Airport

A representative from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations contacted our office regarding landing fees for the Bella Bella Airport. They were redirected to the manager at that location. It is not uncommon to receive inquiries about the Bella Bella Airport as it is within the CCRD.

Board Meeting
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General Activities

A North Vancouver hydraulics company working in the Snootli Creek Hatchery area needed access to the benchmark at the airport to calibrate their survey instruments. As the benchmark is airside, a meeting was arranged and they were escorted to the site.

435 Squadron based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba contacted our office asking for the pavement load rating of the Bella Coola Airport runway. In early April they hope to land a C130 Hercules aircraft during a search and rescue (SAR) exercise whereby parachute drops are made by the SAR techs giving them experience in mountainous terrain. The Hercules is undoubtedly the heaviest aircraft to land at this airport and although the runway can accept the weight the taxiways and ramp are restricted to less than 12,500 lbs. The Lockheed C130 is a four engine turboprop military transport aircraft with a 132 foot wingspan. The plane from Winnipeg would weigh in at 120,000 lbs.

We look forward to receiving further information from the engineers and project manager for the proposed Bella Coola Airport dike upgrade with regards to practical and financial implications as well as any potential impact the project may have on regular airport operations.

Denny Island Airport

The Denny Island Airport Commission will not be meeting until April.



Transportation Services Coordinator