



Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat

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Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society AGM

July 15, 2016

The Terrace-Kitimat wrapped up its 2016 Annual General Meeting Wednesday June 29. The Society was formed in 1998 to take over the local airport from the Federal Government. Members of the Society are, the City of Terrace, Kitimat Chamber of Commerce, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Hickman Director at Large returns as President, Gary MacCarthy Director at Large returns as Vice President and Curtis Billey, representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine returns as Secretary Treasurer.

Owners representatives in attendance were, Jessica McCallum-Miller representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, Stacey Tyers representing the City of Terrace, Val Gauvin representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce and Wendy Kraft representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce.

Val Gauvin chaired the meeting and thanked the directors and management of the Airport Society for another year of successful growth.

Bert Husband Director for the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce and William Eynon also a Director at Large returns for another year.

Director Ron Burnett of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce has stepped down and has been replaced with Derick Stinson of Kitimat. Director Charlie Graydon of the City of Terrace has also stepped down and has been replaced with Paul Bjourn of Terrace.

Ron and Charlie were thanked for their many years of support and leadership of the Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society. Directors are not paid for their participation it is strictly by donation of their time and knowledge.

The 2015 – 2016 fiscal year has seen changes to the facility with the beginning of construction on the Air Terminal Building, the construction of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting shelter as well as the arrival of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting vehicles. Passenger numbers declined slightly from 249,251 to 236,399 a 5% drop. This decline although somewhat brought on by the completion of construction such as the Rio Tinto Modernization and the transmission project have resulted in, lower travel costs which has resulted in long term changes to the Airport passenger volumes. The growth of the mining industry and other factors are expected to maintain these numbers.

The 20 year master plan commissioned by the Society in January 2014 is playing an important part in the roll out of the development plans. Since the transfer of the airport in 1991 the Airport has seen in excess of \$43 million invested by the Airport Society, \$24 million from funding sources and the remaining from Airport Revenue reinvested directly



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back into the facility. The Airport continues to be self-sufficient and is not dependent on the local tax base.

The management and staff at the airport, were complimented on their professionalism and innovation.

The Terrace-Kitimat Society does business as Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat (YXT).

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