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2022/2023 BC Air Access Program – Funding Grant Application

DATE:

December 12, 2022

DEPARTMENT:

Recreation & Culture

PREPARED BY:

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1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The City has been notified that applications are now being received by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure under their BC Air Access Program ("BCAAP) for local governments to apply for funding grants for Airport improvement projects. The notice advising of this funding program is attached as Appendix "A".

Magnum Management Inc., the City's contractor who manages the Chilliwack Airport has requested that the City submit a grant application for their planned runway extension and runway light replacement project estimated to cost \$2,000,000.00, of which the City would be responsible to 25 percent of this cost if the grant is approved.

As a requirement to submit a BCAAP application, a resolution of Council is required to be submitted along with any application for funding.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize City Staff to submit a BC Air Access Program application to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the proposed runway extension and runway light replacement project; and that a copy of this resolution be included with the application to be submitted.

Ryan Mulligan,

Director of Recreation & Culture

3. FINANCE COMMENTS

Should the grant application be successful, the 2023 draft Financial Plan has funding allocated for airport improvements that would cover the City's portion.

Glen Savard, Director of Finance

4. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

Supports recommendation.

Chris Crosman, CAO

APPENDIX "A"

BC Air Access Provides Small Airport Funding, Supports Medevac, Firefighting



BC's 300 aviation facilities have critical roles to play, like wildfire suppression and medical evacuation (medevac), and we're helping to support them with small airport funding from the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP).

BCAAP contributes funding for large or small improvements to airport aprons and runways (paving shown above at the Squamish Municipal Airport), avionics such as hazard beacons and runway lighting, air terminal or parking facilities, and for greenhouse gas baseline inventories. To be eligible, the applicant must operate a public use air facility that serves fewer than one million passengers annually and be the facility operator (local government, non-profit operating society or a contracted operator). Airports, heliports and water aerodromes can submit proposals for the 2022-23 fiscal year until Dec. 22, 2022.

