



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: ENG2022-010

Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Title: **Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee Annual Report and 2022 Work Plan**

Description:

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Recommendation(s):

That Report ENG2022-010, **Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee Annual Report and 2022 Work Plan**, be received;

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee was established in January of 2019 to replace the former Kawartha Lakes Airport Board to provide advice and recommendations to the Airport Manager and Council on the operation and strategic development of the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Airport.

The updated Terms of Reference (2019) for the Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee stipulates that an annual report be provided to Council by the end of Q1 each calendar year and to present their upcoming work plan for the upcoming year.

Rationale:

In 2021 the Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee achievements were as follows:

- Fuel prices are at an all-time high
- All T-hangars remain full at this time
- Tie down tenants have increased. There are now 23 tied down aircraft, putting the Airport very near capacity
- The Airport View Restaurant has resumed regular business
- WM Aero has continued operations through 2021
- The City has entered into a new lease agreement with a start-up flight school to occupy the front office of the terminal building. They have also leased one of the private hangars for aircraft storage and one tie down spot from the airport.
- The Airport has received interest from Bill Davidson regarding the construction of 100' x 100' hangar for commercial purposes
- Hydro connections to all the private hangar lots have been made
- Tenants on the land are currently working on a sale of the hangar and transfer of the land lease to Zimmer Air Services. Zimmer Air is intending on using the structure to seasonally store 2 Thrush Aircraft designed for agricultural spraying
- The Loomex Group has relocated their operational equipment staging area behind the fuel system at the airport. This area is relatively out of sight from groundside and frees up space in the Northern private hangar area
- The Airport is still awaiting the internal tank cleanout of the fuel system from Raymar Equipment Service. They have been touring Northern Ontario airports for the past few months and have been unable to accommodate the Airport until now
- The majority of the new taxiway signs have been installed; currently awaiting the opportunity to backfill 2 of the remaining locations to complete the project
- The Horizon Aircraft lease has been drafted and they have requested a meeting to discuss some potential changes

In the upcoming year the Kawartha Lakes Airport Advisory Committee will continue with the following:

- Runway 03/21 (multi-year cash flow project)
- Runway 13/31 (multi-year cash flow project)
- Airport commercial area (hydro upgrades, engineering, paving and tie-down relocations)

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives are recommended.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendations within this report directly align with all Strategic Goals, through our Value of Collaboration namely:

1. Healthy Environment
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life
3. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
4. Good Government

Financial/Operation Impacts:

This is a volunteer Advisory Committee with no financial/operation impacts. Both the Operating and Capital Budget for the Airport were approved during the 2022 Council Budget process.

Consultations:

The Loomex Group (Airport Management Contract)

Attachments:

N/A

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