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Pitt Meadows Airport Society Approves Safety Upgrade and Runway Enhancement Project

Project to bring YPK up to the most current safety standards

Pitt Meadows, B.C.; February 15, 2016 – The Pitt Meadows Airport Society (PMAS) today announced the approval of YPK's Safety Upgrade and Runway Enhancement project.

The project will have four main elements:

- The addition of new cabling and runway lighting, including precision approach instruments for landing.
- The installation of a new lighting control panel in the Control Tower.
- A 300-foot extension to the primary runway from 4,700 ft. to 5,000 ft.
- The addition of Runway End Safety Areas (RESAs) to the primary runway.

“Safety is paramount at YPK. With Transport Canada changing safety regulations in 2015 we want to bring YPK up to the most current standards,” says PMAS Board Chair Murray Day. “The addition of Runway End Safety Areas, as well as upgrading landing instruments, lighting and cabling, will improve safety for the airport community. The runway extension will allow YPK to safely accommodate a wider variety of aircraft.”

The board made its decision after reviewing information gathered from a thorough review process which included a feasibility analysis, noise study, environmental review, archaeological study, and a public open house.

“The project ties in with our mission to develop YPK for economic and social benefit to Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, the North Fraser Region, and adjacent communities,” continues Day. “YPK contributes directly to employment and the economy in the region through our operations and activities. This project supports the existing on-site businesses and can help open up new opportunities that benefit our local economy.”

The Pitt Meadows Airport Society will be funding the project. It is expected to cost approximately \$2.2 million.

The project will be tendered in the spring, with construction slated to begin in the summer. It is expected that the project will be complete in the fall of 2016.

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ABOUT YPK

The Pitt Meadows Regional Airport opened in 1963. It was transferred from Transport Canada to the Pitt Meadows Airport Society effective May 1999. The Society owns and operates the airport and, as a not-for-profit organization, reinvests all earnings back into YPK in order to improve the airport for the community.

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