



## CORPORATE REPORT

To: Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission

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From: Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation

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**Subject:** NAV Canada Licence of Occupation FVRD Regional Airpark

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission recommend that the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to extend a Licence of Occupation with NAV Canada for the presence of three digital aviation weather cameras at its regional airpark effective August 1, 2020, to August 1, 2025.

#### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy  
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community  
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

#### PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism  
Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

### BACKGROUND

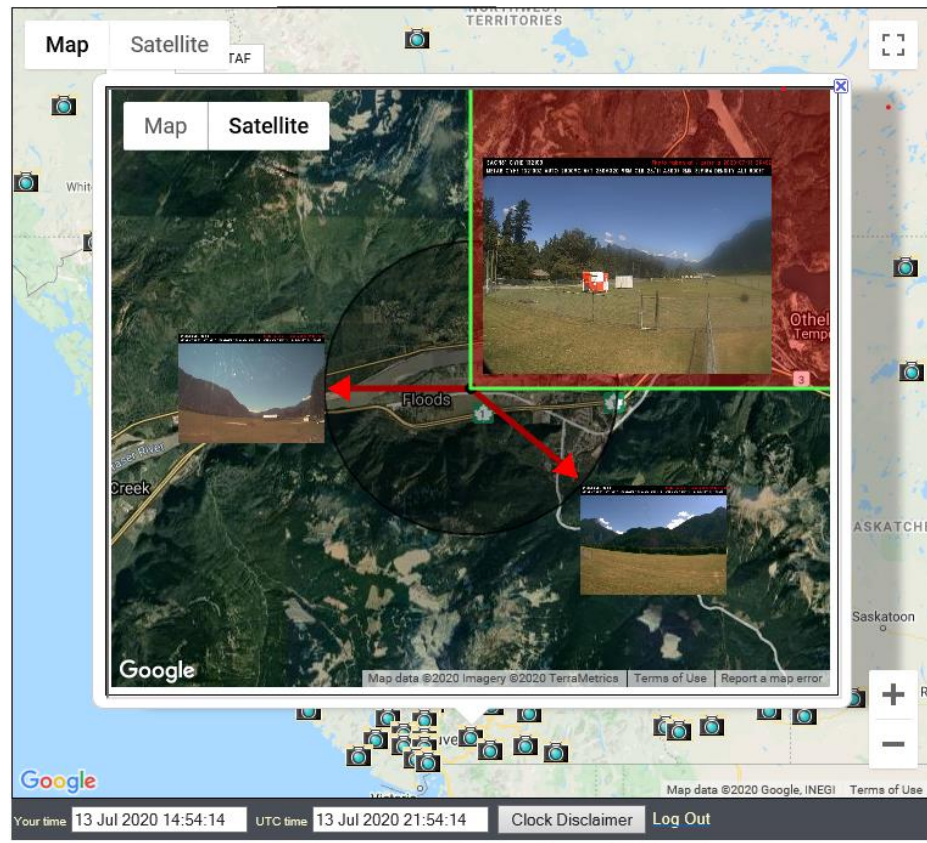
NAV Canada (Canada's air navigation service provider) manages, operates and maintains civil air navigation services and facilities throughout the country, including digital aviation weather cameras (DAWC). These cameras are a key component to NAV Canada's aviation weather website which provides flight-planning capability applicable to flight operations within Canadian domestic airspace.

In August 2010, a Licence of Occupation was signed with NAV Canada to install and operate two DAWC's at the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Regional Airpark located in Hope. This agreement was extended in August 2015, for a further five years, and a modification to install an additional camera occurred in December 2015. The Licence of Occupation is now up for renewal, and NAV Canada is requesting an extension of the agreement until August 1, 2025.

### DISCUSSION

Digital aviation cameras are an important part of planning flights in Canadian domestic air space as they provide real time information of weather conditions at any given site. The airpark in Hope has three of

these cameras mounted on the office/welcome centre that display weather conditions for people who may want to utilize the facilities. The picture below is a screenshot of the live weather conditions at Hope at the time of writing this report. This information is available at most airports across Canada.



As is allowed under the current Licence of Occupation, NAV Canada has expressed its wishes to renew for additional five-year term under the same terms and conditions as the original licence dated July 12, 2010. All parties are pleased with the conditions and are committed to the continuation of this important safety service.

## COST

There is no cost associated with this agreement.

## **CONCLUSION**

Three digital aviation weather cameras are in operation at the FVRD's Regional Airpark which are managed by NAV Canada. The service provides essential flight-planning capability to pilots who research weather conditions before flying in the area. Having these cameras at the airpark enhance the site as a destination for local air traffic. The current licence is up for renewal and requires authorization from the FVRD Board.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services:** Reviewed and supported.

**Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Financial Services:** Reviewed and supported.

**Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:** Reviewed and supported.