



# **Press Release**

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### **Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society AGM**

July 14, 2011

The Terrace-Kitimat wrapped up it's 2010-11 AGM Thursday June 23<sup>th</sup>. The officers for the next year will be Ron Burnett representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce - re-elected as President, Peter Lansdowne a director at large - re-elected Vice President and Curtis Billey representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine – re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Filling the remaining seats of the board are Charlie Graydon (City of Terrace), Steve Smyth (Director at Large), Dr. David Try (Terrace Chamber of Commerce), and Bill Hickman (Director at Large).

Ron Burnett gave thanks to the representatives of the 4 member owners of the society for their participation and assistance, the City of Terrace and their staff for their assistance in completing the acquisition of the airport lands through a free crown grant, these lands will protect the approaches to the runways from unwanted obstacle, and the sitting Directors for their participation and the dedication to the communities and organizations they represent.

Carol Leclerc representing the City of Terrace, Ted Ramsey, representing the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and Derick Stinson representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce also thanked the Directors and complimented them on the “work they had done”.

The management and staff at the airport were complimented on their professionalism and innovation, by completing the years activities 4% under budget.

Since the transfer of the airport in 1998 the Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat has processed in excess of 1 million passengers and invested close to \$17 million in capital improvements. These improvements have resulted in a phenomenal 99.7% landing completion for incoming flights.

A major goal this year will be to convince the Federal Government of the necessity to reestablish a Canadian Boarder Service here in our community. This will assist not just the airport but the entire region with much needed economic development options.

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

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