



Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat

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Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society Annual General Meeting 2024

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The Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society wrapped up its 2024 Annual General Meeting Thursday June 20. This year's AGM was held in the Rio Tino Board Meeting Room located at the Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat.

The Airport Society was formed in 1998 to take over the local airport from the Federal Government. Members of the Society are, the City of Terrace, Kitimat Chamber of Commerce, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce. The Airport operations was transferred in August 1999 which makes this year the 25th year of operations by the Society. Celebrations will be held August 10 at the airport, stay tuned for more information.

Owners' representatives in attendance were, Sean Bujtas representing the City of Terrace, Golnoosh Namazi representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce and, Laurel D'Andrea representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce. Ted Ramsey representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine sent regrets.

The chair of the meeting Sean Bujtas thanked the directors and management of the Airport Society for another year of successful growth in a challenging aviation economy.

The directors for the 2024-2025 year are; Paul Bjorn representing the Regional district of Kitimat and Stikine sits as President, Julie San Juan returns representing the City of Terrace as the Secretary Treasurer, and Thom Meier joins as a new director for the Chamber of Commerce of Kitimat, Joshua Papke returns as Director representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, Ron Burnett, Debbie Oviatt and Michael Doyel all return as Directors at Large for another year.

The 2023 – 2024 fiscal year has not seen the return of scheduled traffic to pre covid numbers. The airport is sitting at 95% of the pre covid all time high. Airport development plans began to take place again with the completion of the Air Terminal building and the Arrivals Area adding almost 2,000 square feet of space for the arriving passengers and the long-term lot saw paving and the first ever covered walkways to provide convenience and comfort to the travelling public.

The 20-year master plan continues to be the guide of the strategic planning and will carry the airport into the next decade. Finances continue to be an important part in the roll out of the development plans. Since the transfer of the airport in 1999 the Airport has seen in excess of \$78 million invested by the Airport Society, \$48 million from funding sources and the remaining from Airport Revenue reinvested directly back into the facility. The Airport continues to be self-sufficient and operates independent of the local tax base.

The management and staff at the airport were complimented on their professionalism and innovation.

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

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