



Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat

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Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society Annual General Meeting 2021

June 23, 2021

The Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society wrapped up its 2021 Annual General Meeting Thursday June 23. This year's AGM was held both on line and in person to maintain physical distancing. 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.

Owners' representatives in attendance or online were, Carol Leclerc representing the City of Terrace, Michelle Taylor representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, Tracey Hittel representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce and Bruce Bidgood representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine

Carol Leclerc chaired the meeting and thanked the directors and management of the Airport Society for another year of successful growth in a challenging economy.

Gary MacCarthy Director at Large returns as President, Julie San Juan returns representing the City of Terrace as the Secretary Treasurer, and William Houghton representing the Chamber of Commerce of Kitimat returns as Vice President, Tom Keller returns as Director representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, John Bandstra returns representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, Ron Burnet Director at Large returns for another year and Debbie Oviatt is welcomed to the first of her two year term as a Director at large.

Bill Hickman served his final year and a fond farewell was communicated. Bill served 15 years on the board in total, serving one year as president in which the lions share of the Air Terminal Building Renovation was completed. Thank you Bill

The 2020 – 2021 fiscal year has not seen changes to the airlines and passenger numbers. Airport development plans took a back seat to maintaining operations due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Initially passenger numbers fell 85% and airline flights fell from 8 flights a day to 5 flights per week. With travel restrictions in place the Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat lived up to its name and became the only airport in the Northwest open to air travel.

The 20-year master plan commissioned by the Society in December 2014 continues to be an important part in the roll out of the development plans. Since the transfer of the airport in 1991 the Airport has seen in excess of \$65 million invested by the Airport Society, \$45 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 does business as Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat (YXT).

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