



Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat

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Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society Annual General Meeting 2018

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The Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society wrapped up its 2018 Annual General Meeting Thursday June 21. The 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 were, Ted Ramsey representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, Carol Leclerc representing the City of Terrace, Michelle Taylor representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce and Wendy Kraft representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce.

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 begins her first year representing the City of Terrace as the Secretary Treasurer, and Bill Hickman Director at large returns as Vice President. Tom Keller begins his first year as Director representing the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, William Houghton begins his first year as Director representing the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce, John Bandstra begins his first year representing the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, and William Eynon also a Director at Large returns for another year.

The 2017 – 2018 fiscal year has seen changes to the facility with the opening of the new Pre-board screening area in the newly renovated Terminal and the projected completion of construction on the remainder of the Air Terminal Building. The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting service steps up one category as of August 2018 which means an increase in staffing. Passenger numbers leveled early in 2016 and the fiscal year of 2017 finished off with an increase of 2%, 217,720 passengers up to 222,054 passengers per year. Increases are due in part to the increase in mining activity, cost savings for the average traveler and the convenience the airport has created in the region.

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 \$54 million invested by the Airport Society, \$35 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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