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## *West Kootenay Regional Airport* **IS "UP TO SOMETHING"**

Council has awarded a \$97K contract to Stantec Consulting to complete a first-ever Airport Master Plan for the West Kootenay Regional Airport. The Plan will guide airport expansion and safe, secure and efficient operation for the next 25 years, and includes review and planning for airport ground access, runway, taxiways, aprons, terminal building and services, hangars, vehicle and aircraft parking, air navigation infrastructure, utilities and services, airport maintenance buildings, emergency response services, noise management, environmental planning, security, and land use.

Airport enhancement (grow flight numbers, reduce cancellations) is one of Council's major strategic priorities given the airport can be a primary economic driver for both the City and the West Kootenay region. Airports are an important locational consideration for some of the folks we are working to attract. Cargo/courier traffic supports business interests. Charter flights offer tourism development opportunity.

The importance of the airport has led to numerous City initiatives: airport renaming and rebranding in 2012; \$100K investment in design and infrastructure improvements in 2013. The City has completed study work and is currently pushing hard with airlines and Nav Canada to implement a Registered Navigation Procedure (**GPS- based navigation program using software installed in planes that allows for curved approaches rather than the current straight-line approaches**) that would very significantly reduce winter flight cancellations (up to 85%).

## *Service to Seniors*

The Castlegar Area Senior Services Directory has been updated and can be found here:

[www.kb.fetchbc.ca](http://www.kb.fetchbc.ca)

**THIS IS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE  
LIST OF SENIOR SERVICE  
CONTACTS IN THE REGION.**

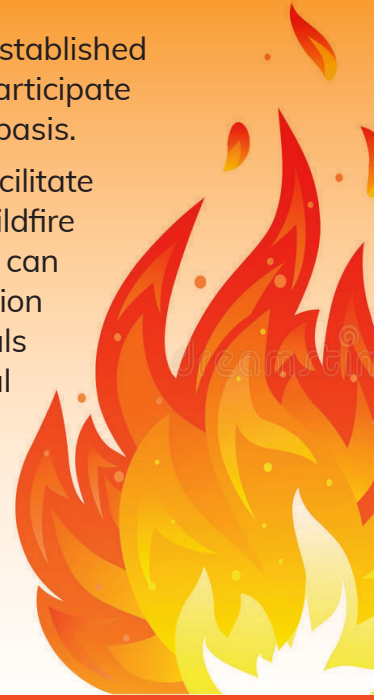


# A WILDFIRE MITIGATION DECISION

Council has declined to join a Wildfire Mitigation Service that is proposed to be established by the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). The City will continue to participate in the RDCK Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program on an annual contribution basis.

While the proposed service offers advantage by enabling the RDCK to facilitate possible restructuring of Fire and Emergency Services by removing the wildfire component and creating a stand-alone wildfire service, the City feels that it can have better input into wildfire mitigation with an annual financial contribution that is tied to annual deliverables and objectives. If the objectives and goals of the program bear out over the next several years and there are additional benefits shown to joining a service, the City can at that time request inclusion in the RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Service.

This decision in no way compromises strong City interest in wildfire mitigation planning. Nor does it change the RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Program the City is currently participating in together with numerous other communities in central Kootenay.



**IN 2018, THE CITY BUDGETED \$22,000 TO THE RDCK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM.**

## *From the Mechanics File ...*

“Crossing i’s and dotting t’s” is rather dry, but the quiet, largely unseen workings of government smooth waters so that we as a community can get on with making a living and enjoying life.

This week, Council processed the following:



### **APPROVED A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT**

(for situations where existing land use doesn't align with a proposed use) so Castlegar Sports Centre and Fly Shop could relocate to 2245 6th Avenue (industrial area).



### **THREE READINGS TO COUNCIL RELATED BYLAWS**

Bylaws were given three readings to amend the Council Indemnity and Remuneration Bylaws. As previously covered in the July 16 Council Brief, these bylaws increase Council remuneration and expenses to offset the tax implications of the federal government decision - effective in 2019 - to no longer exempt the tax-free allowance (1/3 of remuneration) elected officials have received.



### **THREE READINGS TO COLUMBIA AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE REDEVELOPMENT TEMPORARY BORROWING BYLAW 1275**

An interim measure to finance the Columbia Avenue Infrastructure Redevelopment project while awaiting receipt of provincial funds.