

Development at YLOW

Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers AIF Program

Background

YLOW is expanding and rehabilitating the airport to better meet the needs of our growing region. Our multi-year expansion and rehabilitation plans include our largest terminal expansion to date, new food and beverage options, safety and sustainability upgrades, and much more.

- Between 2013 and 2018, YLOW's passenger numbers increased 38 per cent. This increase in passengers has resulted in capacity constraints throughout the airport.
- In addition, some of the Airport's existing infrastructure is reaching end-of-life and requires rehabilitation or replacement.
- YLOW's Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers capital development program includes development projects that are anticipated to be built between now and 2029.

Funding the airport

- YLOW is the busiest municipally owned airport in Canada and it is funded entirely through its own revenues. Even though it is owned by the City, it has no impact on taxation.
- To help fund the largest terminal expansion to date, YLOW is recommending a \$5 increase in the Airport Improvement Fee (AIF) to \$25 per departing passenger, effective March 1, 2020.
- To help recover the increasing costs associated with running the Airport, YLOW is recommending a 2 per cent increase to its landing and terminal fees.
- AIFs are common among Canadian airports and are used to fund capital projects and the cost of associated debt.
- Airports are also funded by non-aeronautical revenues such as parking, car rental and food and beverage sales.

Benefits

Passengers will benefit from the following projects as part of the Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers AIF Capital Program:

- Expanded Departures Lounge and arrivals area
- Additional loading bridge to accommodate international and domestic arrivals at the same time
- Expanded pre-board security screening to reduce wait times
- Removal of the airside corridor to improve wayfinding and reduce walking distances
- Additional airport snow clearing and firefighting equipment

- Expanded apron to accommodate more aircraft
- Additional washroom facilities before and after security
- A new pet relief area after security

What's next?

- On Monday, November 4, Kelowna City Council will be asked to support YLW's Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers Airport Improvement Fee Program and to advance amendments to YLW's Fees Bylaw for reading consideration. If advanced, the first, second and third reading of YLW's Fees Bylaw would occur on November 4.
- If advanced, the fourth and final reading of YLW's Fees Bylaw would occur on Monday, November 18.
- All projects included in the AIF program for 2020 are subject to budget approval, with budget deliberations taking place on December 12.

Have questions?

Please contact **Shayne Dyrdal**, Senior Manager, Airport Finance & Corporate Services, at 250-807-4303 or sdyrdal@kelowna.ca, if you have questions about the AIF program at YLW.