

YLW Airport Advisory Committee – October 29, 2019

I attended the YLW AAC on October 29 as the City of West Kelowna's representative.

The meeting reviewed the YLW Strategy "Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers" AIF program.

The AAC passed four recommendations for **Kelowna Council**:

1. THAT the Airport Advisory Committee supports, in principle, the proposed Soaring Beyond 2.5M Passenger AIF program as presented to the Airport Advisory Committee on October 29, 2019.
2. THAT the Airport Advisory Committee supports obtaining the approval of Council for a capital budget request in the amount of \$69,910,000 for the Soaring Beyond 2.5 Million Passengers AIF Program in the 2020 Financial Plan.
3. THAT the Airport Advisory Committee supports obtaining the approval of Council for the amendment to the Airport Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7982 to increase the Airport Landing and Terminal Fees by 2%, effective January 1, 2020, as presented to the Airport Advisory Committee on October 29, 2019.
4. THAT the Airport Advisory Committee supports obtaining the approval of Council for the amendment to the Airport Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7982 to increase the Airport Improvement Fee to \$25.00 per departing passenger, effective March 1, 2020, as presented to the Airport Advisory Committee on October 29, 2019.

These financial recommendations are designed to address short and long-term capacity issues at YLW in all areas (except another runway) as the airport passenger and aircraft volume is growing significantly. The expansion is a 4 phase 10 year \$220m project to expand the terminal, runway apron, self-serve baggage, a new operations building, and additional passenger loading bridges.

Kelowna Council considered the increases on November 4th and passed them unanimously.

It is notable that the increases are essentially user fees of one kind or another. The AIF would remain similar to comparable levies at similar sized Canadian airports.

Attached is a Fact Sheet produced by YLW.

Airport Manager Sam Samaddar will present at City of West Kelowna Committee of the Whole November 19, 2019

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