



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: March 2, 2017

TO: Donna Mikkelson, Interim CAO

CC: Board Chair Alison Sayers and Board Members

FROM: Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

SUBJECT: **CCRD Licence of Occupation #5402268**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the CCRD Board of Directors support the application application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to obtain a Forestry Licence to Cut and to amend the area of CCRD Licence of Occupation #5402268 (Snootli Creek Regional Park) by adding additional area of approximately 43.2 ha's.

BACKGROUND

The Bella Coola Airport is not in compliance with the Canadian Aviation Document (Certification Document) due to a number documentary issues and safety directives and obstacles in the flight approaches and along the sides of the runway. To resolve some of these issues a large number of obstacle trees need to be removed from Crown Land and private land. In order to remove the trees from Crown Land a cutting authority is needed and in order to manage these areas better in the future it is desirable to obtain longer term tenure over the areas with problem obstacles. A resolution of support is required from the CCRD in order to apply under the Community/Institutional land use policy of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO).

DISCUSSION

Since approximately 2013, Transport Canada, the regulatory authority for the Bella Coola Airport has noted obstacles within airport areas not permitted to have obstacles for safe operation of fixed wing aircraft, primarily the flight approaches on the east and west ends. The vast majority of these obstacles are trees not on property controlled by the Airport. The land on which the obstacles are situated is Provincial Crown Land and some private land. On the Provincial Crown Land a cutting authority is needed as soon as possible in order to cut and remove the wood. In discussions with FLNRO Front Counter BC staff it was determined that the most desirable and efficient tenure would be to amend the existing Licence of Occupation #5402268 which was granted more than 30 years ago for trails and recreation at Walker Island as a number of the obstacle trees are within the Licence of Occupation. It has been determined as per the attached map that 4 additional areas on the west and east ends of the runway are needed in order to manage the land for long term control of obstacles in the airspace on both

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approaches and sides of the runway. Separate discussions will be held with private land owners to gain access to cut trees on their property.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Currently the annual fees are nil for the Licence of Occupation #5402268. As per the Licence agreement, annual fee amounts are at the discretion of FLNRO. On an annual basis they may adjust the fee amount. Because we are potentially doubling the size of the existing Licence of Occupation, any future fees imposed by the province could be double what we would otherwise pay. There will be a small fee associated with the application process.

There will be some stumpage costs associated with the Forestry Licence to Cut, but they are not known at this time. It may be possible to recover some of the stumpage through sale of merchantable timber from the areas being cleared.

RISK MANAGEMENT

At present the Bella Coola Airport is not in compliance with Transport Canada. We are at risk of losing our Certification which affects scheduled air service into the Bella Coola Airport. Loss of certification will also make CCRD ineligible for the federal government Airport Capital Assistance Program which funds major capital projects like the paving of the runway/aprons or the purchase airport maintenance equipment.

The tree obstacles pose a real safety risk and to not move forward to eliminate them could result in reduced air services including chartered, scheduled and medivac flights. The funds to remove the obstacles and clear land have been identified and grant funding is partially in place at this time. Advancing this project is still contingent on receipt of grant funding from the province through the BC Air Access Program. Staff hope to hear from the province regarding our grant funding proposal before the middle of March in order to avoid compromising the project schedule.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board of Directors endorse the application to FLNRO for a Forestry Licence to Cut and amendment to the existing Licence of Occupation for the purposes of managing critical airspace on the approaches into and out of the Bella Coola airport.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken McIlwain, RPF
Operations Manager

New LoO Area (Ha)	
Area 1	4.3
Area 2	14.3
Area 3	2.7
Area 4	22.1



Bella Coola Airport LoO# 5402268 - Site Specific -

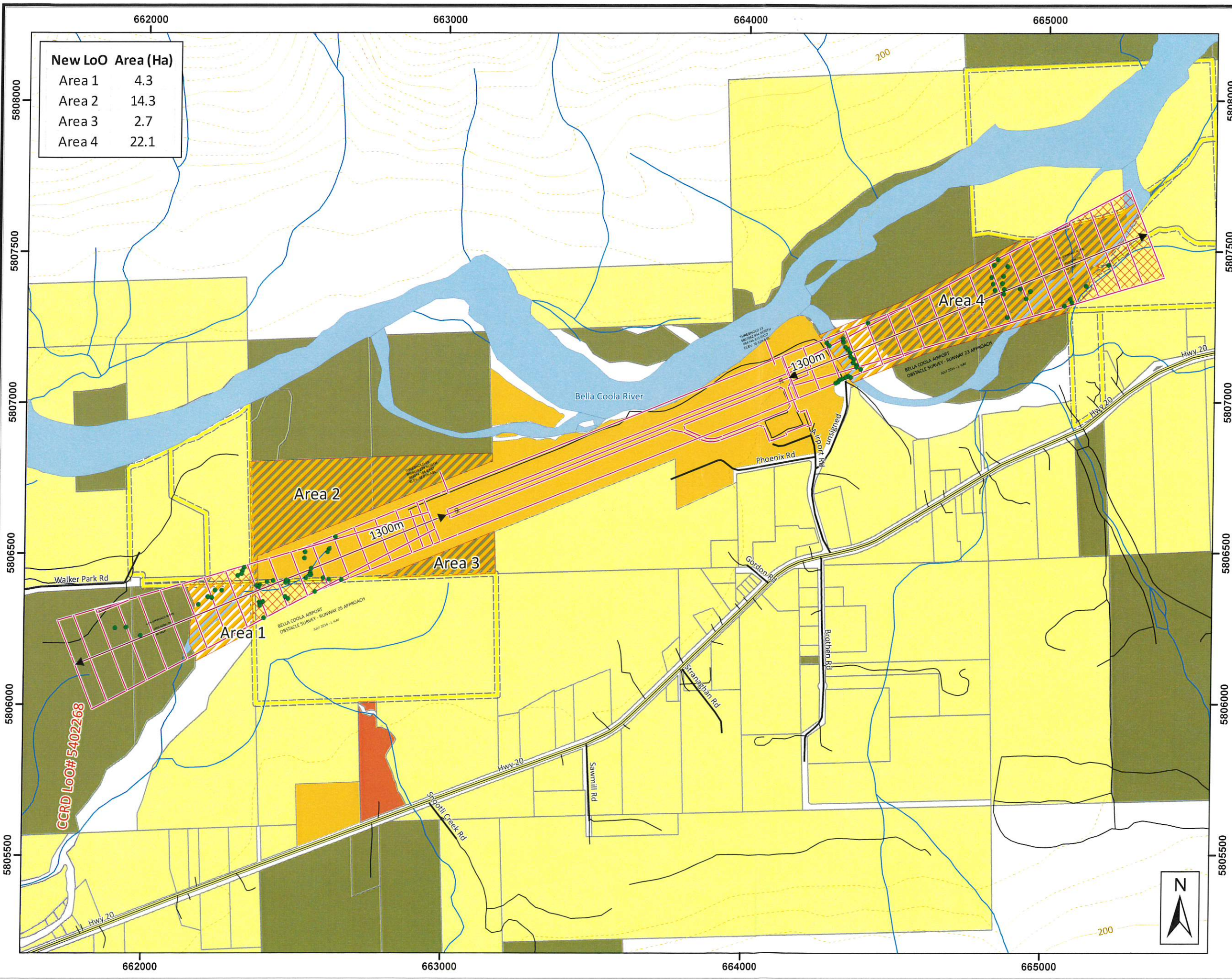
- New LoO Areas
 - Survey Lines
 - Distance
 - Tree Removal
- Ownership**
- Federal
 - Municipal
 - Provincial
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 - Private Property Overlap
- Roads**
- Highway
 - Local
 - Unclassified
- Contours**
- Index
 - Intermediate
 - River
 - Stream

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 False Easting: 500,000.0000
 False Northing: 0.0000
 Central Meridian: -129.0000
 Scale Factor: 0.9996
 Latitude Of Origin: 0.0000
 Units: Meter

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017





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Encompassing the Coastal Communities of Ocean Falls, Bella Bella, Denny Island, Oweekeno and the Bella Coola Valley

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Union of BC Municipalities

I attended UBCM Advocacy Days in February, in my role as Director At Large for the UBCM Executive. This year, members of the Executive met in teams of three with 30 MLAs and provincial Ministers. We advocated in person for UBCM's election year priorities, which can be found in an upcoming issue of The Compass, on UBCM's website:
<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/resources/past-issues-compass/2017-archive.html> I appreciate being able to bring the perspective of rural and remote communities to the attention of MLAs and Ministers, while advocating for issues of importance to all local governments in BC. Many MLAs are from more urban areas of our province, and may not have had the opportunity to develop this perspective and take it into account when making decisions that affect all local governments. It is my hope that my continued work with UBCM informs better decision-making at the provincial level.

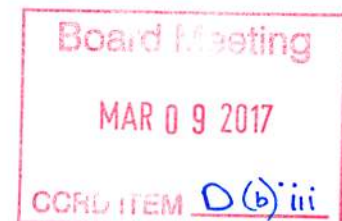
CAO Hiring Committee

The committee has been working hard on all aspects of the hiring of a new CAO: advertisements, application review, interview and hiring process and procedures, and interview questions. Stay tuned for more updates in future meetings.

Update for Area C constituents

I've created a written update for Area C constituents outlining some of my work as their elected official over the past two years. It should be in PO boxes by the end of the week.

Alison Sayers, Chair
Director, Area C
CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Donna Mikkelson

From: Alison Sayers <asayers@ccrd-bc.ca>
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Subject: fw: Help Celebrate Canada 150 Inclusively

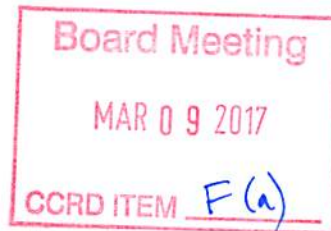
Hi Donna

Please include this on the March meeting agenda, under general correspondence if you can.

Thanks

Alison Sayers
Central Coast Regional District
Chair and Director Area C

From: "Elizabeth Murphy" <emurphy@inclusionbc.org>
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Chair Alison Sayers
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Dear Chair Sayers:

This year Inclusion BC will present the first ever Disability Pride celebration and parade in British Columbia as part of Canada 150+. Disability crosses every demographic so on June 15th, 2017, thousands will gather to celebrate the pride we have for Canadian citizens of all abilities. Self-advocacy and family groups, youth, multi-cultural and community living organizations, the Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Canadian Heritage and various social movements will gather at Richmond, BC's City Hall and parade the streets moving to a location where we will host a huge pancake breakfast.

While we are excited to take it to the streets and celebrate the disability identity as part of sesquicentennial celebrations, our pride celebration is aspiring to be truly inclusive, self-determined by people with intellectual disabilities and their families, and a model of connectedness and belonging so, our celebrations are twofold.

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Throughout 2017 we will be giving grants to individuals, families, and community organizations to participate in existing celebrations, parades and marches in their own communities around the province. These grants will provide opportunities for people historically not included to become civically and socially engaged outside of our movement.

We are proud to lead the country in advancing a new culture of pride, strength and freedom for people with intellectual disabilities in Canada. We welcome Central Coast to be part of the celebrations.

In order to make the community granting dollars needed, we are asking every municipality in the province to make a contribution of \$1,000. Be an Inclusive Communities Partner with a contribution of \$1,000 and get included on our geo map at <https://www.disabilitypride.ca/> and have your local events featured. Your support will help build communities where we all belong and celebrate Canadians of all abilities throughout this anniversary year.

Sincerely,



Faith Bodnar

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