



Minutes of Meeting
BROCKVILLE - 1000
ISLANDS REGIONAL TACKABERRY
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Earl Brayton, Elizabethtown Council Rep.....earlbrayton@bell.net
Mr. Brian Williams.....briwilliams401@gmail.com
Mr. Mike Bowen.....mwb@ripnet.com

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Wilsie Hatfield – Chair.....whatfie@myhighspeed.ca
Mr. Allan Dunn.....info@1000islandsdocks.com
Mr. Colin Dyke.....cdyke@ripnet.com

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Kent Wharton - Brock Air Services.....kentwharton_brockair@sympatico.ca
Mr. Matthew Locke – City of Brockville.....mlocke@brockville.com

1. Minutes

No Quorum present. June minutes to be presented at next meeting.

2. Meeting Disclosure of Interest

No conflicts declared.

3. Brock Air Services June 2017 Monthly Report

A copy was attached to the agenda.

4. Summary of June 2017 Air Traffic Movements

A copy was attached to the agenda.

5. Summary of June Airport Revenue

A copy was attached to the agenda.

6. Summary of June 2017 Airport Fuel Revenue

A copy was attached to the agenda.

7. Action Item Update

Fly-In Breakfast – Mike noted that there were 400 breakfasts served and 40 airplane rides given this year. Mike also thanked the Tourism Office for providing the souvenir bags, noting that this should be done for flying club events moving forward. Commission discussed the positive economic impact of fuel sales during this event.

Electrical Repairs – Matt noted that a conduit repair was completed by Industrial Electric Contractors Limited in the Terminal building. Damage to the electrical conduit in the supply closet was noted during an ESA audit / inspection done in June. The repair was mandatory by the ESA, and the repair has now been confirmed as a completed item by the inspector.

National Trade Corridor Fund – Kent discussed the NTCF program. The City and Brock Air considered an application, but deferred as one requirement of the application is that 50% of the funding must come from the City for any project. Matt notes the City is still interested in future phases of the NTCF, but needs to create a business case for future projects, and determine which projects would be eligible for the NTCF program.

Runway Closure – Matt discuss the August 17 runway closure. Kent described the training, noting that speeds were much lower compared to the May training event. He also noted that several Reticle vehicles accessed a private taxiway during the training, leading to a complaint from the owner. Matt noted that this has been discussed with Reticle staff, which has been told that use of these taxiways is off limits. Commission notes that their position remains that closing the runway for non-aviation events causes unnecessary safety risk and economic impact (due to lost fuel sales). Earl stated that by allowing these road closures it discourage pilots from visiting, as they know that there could be interruptions to use of the runway.

8. New Business

Reticle Range Operation – Matt noted that the MOECC has given approval to Reticle for particular range operation scenarios as modelled by Valcoustics Canada Ltd. These scenarios include the use of two different calibers of firearm. As such, Reticle has resumed operation of the firing range as per the MOECC approval.

Reticle Land Lease Application – Matt noted that Reticle has made an application to the City of Brockville to amend the lease between the two parties, reclassifying a section of Training Land to Range Land. The purpose being to introduce a new firing point which can be operated below the MOECC mandated 45dB. The commission noted that due to the close proximity between the proposed range land and the grass landing strip; that the

grass strip would have to be closed while this range is operating. Kent noted that Transport Canada needs to be contacted in regard to requirements to having the grass strip closed for use of a range. Commission noted this would impact aviation directly, which is not in the spirit of initial discussions with Reticle staff regarding an “airport first” mentality to land use. Commission noted that the airport does not have a mandatory frequency, meaning there is always a safety concern that an aircraft could approach for landing without communicating with the radio tower. Noted that someone on the range would be wearing ear protection and may not hear an approaching aircraft, which would lead to a very unsafe situation. Also noted that closing the grass strip results in reduced use of the airport for the members and resident pilots, which is frustrating to these people that have made significant investments in use of the airport.

Next meeting: September 19, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
Brockville - 1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Minutes prepared by: Matthew Locke
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