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PITT MEADOWS REGIONAL AIRPORT AWARDED 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FROM B.C. AIR ACCESS PROGRAM FOR THE REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE OF RUNWAY 08R-26L & TAXIWAYS.

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A request for grant funding from the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport to the province for financial contribution under the British Columbia Air Access Program (BCAAP) to assist with the rehabilitation and upgrade costs of main runway 08R-26L and adjacent taxiways, has been awarded by the province to the airport for a sum of 1.5 million dollars.

“Obtaining this substantial funding from the BC Air Access program is thanks to the hard work and dedication of YPK’s Administration team,” says Mark Roberts, President of the Pitt Meadows Airport Society Board and CAO of the City of Pitt Meadows. “This funding helps maintain priority airport infrastructure, while providing exceptional economic benefits to the Cities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, as well as the region.”

The BCAAP program is a cost sharing partnership between the province and community airports which allows for much needed safety and infrastructure upgrades and rehabilitation. The rehabilitation and upgrade of main apron and taxiways provides for the safe and efficient transit of aircraft and helicopters on airport maneuvering surfaces both day and night. Once completed, this critical infrastructure upgrade project will help to ensure the paramount airport requirement for a safe and effective ground maneuvering environment is sustained on an ongoing basis.

The Pitt Meadows Airport Society is making significant investment into the rehabilitation and upgrade of current infrastructure at the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport. The Airport is an emerging “centre of aviation excellence” within the provincial landscape. Pitt Meadows Regional Airport is dynamically working towards strengthening its reputation as a business-friendly community airport. It is a major contributor to the growing strength and diversification of the aviation and aerospace industry in British Columbia, providing significant economic benefits and employment opportunities to the community at large. The airport benefits from several unique business advantages and is well positioned to take advantage of the anticipated growth within the aerospace industry on a regional, national, and global front.

“This investment from the BC Air Access program allows us to continue the work to ensure that YPK’s facilities offer a first-rate aviation experience,” says Scott Hartman, YPK board member and CAO at the City of Maple Ridge. “The airport is an important economic engine for our local region as we work with our partners in Pitt Meadows to ensure a vibrant and diverse local economy.”

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