

YPK AWARDED 2022 BCAC WILLIAM TEMPLETON TROPHY



Pitt Meadows, October 24, 2022 - The British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) presented Pitt Meadows Regional Airport (YPK) with the 2022 William Templeton Trophy at their annual Silver Wings Industry & Scholarship Awards on October 20th. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding initiative and achievement in the successful development of a public airport, heliport, or floatplane landing facility by an individual, association, municipal government, or company. Past winners include Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Abbotsford International Airport (YXX), and Kelowna International Airport (YLW).

“This is great news for our airport and for our two communities”, said City of Maple Ridge CAO and Pitt Meadows Airport Society Director, Scott Hartman. “The YPK team’s collective vision, hard work, and relentless efforts are evident with the recent successes at YPK and now with the formal recognition from the BCAC. I am grateful to help support the efforts as we continue to grow YPK.”

Airport CAO & General Manager, Guy Miller, was extremely honoured and humbled to be the recipient of this year’s BCAC award, saying “It’s a wonderful award and I understand what goes into receiving an award such as this. Commitment, determination, and perseverance are all part of it. That said, it’s not done through one individual, and it’s not done on an island. It’s done through the support and efforts of a large team of individuals that come alongside bringing vision to reality.” Miller specifically acknowledged the “Province of BC for the provision of funds through the BCAAP Program which helped to kickstart our many infrastructure improvement projects at the airport, my staff for their remarkable enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work over the past four years, and the Pitt Meadows Airport Society Board of Directors for their steadfast support and skilled leadership through the development and upgrade process.”

YPK was selected as this year’s winner for their commitment to the redevelopment, rehabilitation, and upgrade of the airport’s ageing infrastructure, including a state-of-the-art terminal building, redevelopment of several hangar buildings, a new helicopter complex, a new airpark complex, brand new apron, enhanced night lighting, refreshed line marking and fencing, and new operational signage. YPK has also made several community-minded and beautification upgrades including plane - spotting features along the airport perimeter walking path, a static aircraft display at the new entranceway, and three micro-parks as part of their parking lot rehabilitation project. 2023 and 2024 will see continued efforts as YPK focuses on the re-pavement of its runways, taxiways, and supporting infrastructure.

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“We are incredibly honoured to receive this prestigious award from the British Columbia Aviation Council”, said City of Pitt Meadows CAO and Pitt Meadows Airport Society President, Mark Roberts. “It’s wonderful to see the airport recognized for the exceptional work that has gone into its redevelopment these last few years, and it motivates us to continue towards our long-term goals for YPK as a provider of quality air services and vibrant business activity in the North Fraser region.”

Pitt Meadows Regional Airport staff will also be recognized for this achievement at an upcoming City of Pitt Meadows Council Meeting on November 22nd.

Photos of YPK’s recognition at the BCAC Silver Wings Industry & Scholarship Awards can be found at www.flyypk.ca/blog/william-templeton-award.

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About Pitt Meadows Regional Airport

Pitt Meadows Regional Airport is owned and operated by the Pitt Meadows Airport Society, a registered not-for profit organization. The Society is governed by a Board of Directors, appointed by each of its two Members – City of Maple Ridge and City of Pitt Meadows. Pitt Meadows Regional Airport aims to be a significant contributor to the North Fraser region’s economic diversity through quality air services and vibrant business activity at and from the airport, incorporating policies of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

About British Columbia Aviation Council and the Silver Wings Industry & Scholarship Awards

The British Columbia Aviation Council is a member-driven registered charitable organization committed to promoting, stimulating, and encouraging the sustainable development, growth, and advancement of aviation and aerospace in British Columbia. It’s annual Silver Wings Industry & Scholarship Awards recognizes achievements within the province’s aviation and aerospace industry and awards over \$70,000 in annual scholarships.

