



***RPT 21-189***

**TITLE:** Community Airport Partnership Program - Funding Agreement

**DATE:** April 20, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Community Airports Partnership (CAP) Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Government of Saskatchewan, as Represented by the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure be approved in the amount of \$106,650 for cost sharing the funding the following projects:
  - Runway 16-34 Windsock and End Markers
  - Add a Buried Wildlife Fence (5.6km) onto the airport perimeter fence.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement and any other applicable documents, on behalf of the City.

**TOPIC & PURPOSE:**

To approve the Community Airports Partnership (CAP) funding agreement for the:

3. Runway 16-34 Windsock and End Markers
4. Add a Buried Wildlife Fence (5.6km) onto the airport perimeter fence.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Prince Albert Airport, after making the case to not be excluded due to eligibility for federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) funding, became eligible for Community Airport Partnership (CAP) funding in 2020. The Province has recognized the important role that our community's regional airport plays in supporting economic and social development. CAP helped fund improvement on two general aviation taxiways in 2020 for a total of \$241,500. There were three projects for 2021 already approved in the 2021 Airport Budget that fell into the eligible categories for CAP funding and therefore;

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure had a project application timeline between January 27, 2021 and February 24, 2021 of which the City applied for three projects. One project related to an eligible component of airfield lighting which is also eligible for ACAP was not approved. The Ministry has therefore approved two projects for 2021 providing a total funding amount of \$106,650 with a deadline completion of March 1, 2022, resulting in the projects having to be completed during the 2021 construction season.

#### **PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has approved the funding amount of \$106,650 with a completion date March 1, 2022 for two projects; Runway 16-34 improvements including the addition of a windsock and replacement of frangible end markers & adding (5.6km) of buried wildlife fence onto the airport perimeter fence.

In the City's 2020 Airport Budget, the buried wildlife fence was an approved capital project for \$200,000 utilizing the Passenger Facility Fund, that was carried over into the 2021 budget. Runway 16-34 compliance deficiencies were identified in the November 2020 Quality Assurance Audit. In the City's 2021 Airport Budget, \$10,000 was identified in the operations budget for implementation of quality assurance audit findings corrective actions.

#### **CONSULTATIONS:**

1. The City's airport design specialist provided Public Works with the projects design compliance to applicable airport design standards and project cost estimates.
2. The application for funding was completed through the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructures Community Airport Partnership program.
3. The Airport Advisory Committee was not available to review the proposed projects for application to the Community Airport Partnership program.

#### **COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:**

Upon receiving approval to proceed with the projects, the City will advise any affected Airport users and lessees.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Civil Aviation Airport Certificate requirements for compliance to TP312 will be met by delivering these projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Projects	CAP Funding	City's Cost	Fund
Runway 16-34 Windsock and End Markers	\$6,650	\$6,650	Airport Improvement
Buried Wildlife Fence (5.6km)	\$100,000	\$100,00	Passenger Facility Fee
Total Projects Cost	<b>\$106,650</b>	<b>\$106,650</b>	
2021 Airport Budget Funding	\$0	\$210,000	

The City's portion of the cost is already approved/allocated in the 2021 budget

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no other considerations or implications for privacy implications or options to recommendations.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The City strives to align priorities and initiatives to maintain a safe facility for the flying public that is in compliance with the regulation to maintain the airports operating certification. Maintaining the operating certificate allows for the airport to deliver municipal services of commercial passenger and general aviation services in cost-effective way for our residents.

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:**

The use of airport land is referenced in the following section of the Official Community Plan:

Section 6: Land Use;, 6.5.9 Airport Industrial

The airport industrial land use allows for industrial activities associated with the Prince Albert municipal Airport. The purpose of this land use is to allow for airport activities and locate associated and dependent businesses close to the airport. The area may accommodate a mix of commercial and industrial uses that complement the Prince Albert Municipal Airport. The uses must be consistent with airport flight path requirements.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

**PRESENTATION:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Community Airports Partnership Agreement

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