

CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 6, 2005 File: 0550-05
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TO: City Manager
FROM: Airport General Manager
SUBJECT: **SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AIRCRAFT LOADING BRIDGE – KELOWNA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Administration to complete a purchase agreement with FMC Jetway of Ogden, Utah for the supply and installation of an aircraft loading bridge on Gate 4 of the air terminal building at Kelowna International Airport;

ALSO THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2005 Financial Plan to transfer \$800,000.00 funded from the Airport Improvement Fee Reserve from the approved Capital Budget for Upgrading the Airport Water Supply to a new project to supply and install a loading bridge on Gate 4.

BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Gates number 1 and 6 are currently equipped with aircraft loading bridges. The utilization of these bridges continues to increase as traffic grows. Use of aircraft loading bridges protects enplaning and deplaning passengers from exposure to the elements and apron operations.

The Airline Operating Committee has requested that an additional bridge be installed on Gate 4. This bridge would primarily be used by Air Canada and WestJet.

Jetway has been the lowest bidder for the past three tender calls issues by the City. The most recent bid was solicited within the last twelve months. In order to eliminate significant engineering and administrative costs it was decided to issue a notice of intent to contract with Jetway for the third loading bridge. The closing date for the notice of intent was September 16th and no objections or alternate proposals were received.

From an operational perspective considerable savings will be achieved in standardizing the maintenance and operations of all three loading bridges at the airport.

The contract with FMC Technologies, Jetway of Ogden, Utah, USA will not exceed a value of \$500,000.00 including expenses and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2005. Additional costs to be incurred will include items such as apron strengthening and guidance systems. These items will be tendered separately

The funding from the Airport Improvement Fee reserve to upgrade the Airport Water Supply is not required in 2005 due to ongoing negotiations with Glenmore Ellison Irrigation District. This funding will be requested as part of the 2006 Budget process.



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