

CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

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TO: City Manager

FROM: Airport General Manager

SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2025 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the attached draft report and presentation with respect the 2025 Airport Master Plan;

AND THAT staff be directed to continue with stakeholder consultation and report back to Council by October 2006 on the 2025 Airport Master Plan.

BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS:

Growth at the City of Kelowna International Airport represents a significant achievement for the community, and a shining legacy for the decision of civic leaders in 1946 to acquire the land that is now the airport. With over one million passengers served at the facility, the airport now generates benefits not only for the City itself, but far beyond its boundaries into the Thomson/Okanagan Region.

As a key gateway for tourists into the area, and for travelers to reach destinations worldwide, the airport has emerged as a leading building block for future economic activity. With aerospace industries and education, it is a cluster of commercial activity accounting for 1,835 jobs and \$310 million in economic output in 2005.

As the city surges ahead to its second century of existence, the airport will play an even more vital role in supporting regional business activities and providing the Okanagan valley and surrounding region with access to the world. With this growth comes the need to plan for the future requirements for the aviation needs of the community.

The draft Master Plan has been developed to 2025 and outlines a coherent and phased approach for meeting future demand. The plan is predicated upon a strategic review of market, site and demand requirements. It is guided by a set of key planning principles and robust forecast scenarios.

The attached summary document outlines the future development initiatives for the airside, terminal and ground access. It has been developed to ensure the community has a set of aviation facilities that can respond to an ever changing and dynamic industry over the next twenty years.

The draft master plan was approved unanimously by the Airport Advisory Committee at its meeting on 16 May, 2006.



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