

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Proposed Argus Properties Ltd. Heliport – Manhattan Drive, Kelowna, BC

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to write to Transport Canada expressing non-opposition for the Heliport for downtown Kelowna as proposed by Argus Properties.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Kelowna acknowledges the need for a Helipad in the Downtown and the support the proposal has received from a variety of businesses and organizations.

In considering this application the City of Kelowna has had two concerns in regards to the approval of the licensed helipad in the downtown of the City of Kelowna. The first relates to noise and the impact of this facility on the surrounding high density residential neighbourhood. The second relates to the potential impact on the develop ability of surrounding lands in future. It is our understanding that the facility will not be used as a commercial helipad with frequent scheduled service. We also understand that that the flight path will not interfere with building heights and the development potential of surrounding lands.

If Transport Canada, is prepared to acknowledge that the Helipad will not be used for scheduled service, that noise will be monitored to ensure that residential areas are not disturbed by landings in the evenings or early mornings on a regular basis and that the licensing of this facility will not impose height restrictions on surrounding properties, then the City of Kelowna will not object to the licensing of the facility.

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