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Dear Mayor and Council,

**re: Kelowna Radio Control Club – Request for use of City of Kelowna
Recreational Land**

The Kelowna Radio Control Club (KORC) is a registered society in BC since 1977, and is dedicated to the pursuit of radio controlled model aircraft flying and building.

We have been at our current site in the Black Mountain Irrigation District for 20 years, previously having been for many years at a site on Sexsmith road. Unfortunately, the irrigation district is planning on utilizing our present location for an irrigation reservoir within the next year. We are thus looking for a new site for our group's recreational activities.

We have identified a potentially excellent location south of the Glenmore Landfill, in the "Buffer Area/Tutt Lands". This is an ALR land site, currently unused, and designated for recreation use by the City planners.

We would ask the Mayor and Council to consider allowing our group to utilize this area for our activities. I include an information package about our group and our needs. Additionally, I have been fortunate to speak with and meet Mr. Ron Mattiussi, the City Manager, who has been invaluable in discussing all of this, and giving me further direction.

I would be delighted to attend a council session where this may be discussed to answer any questions arising from this.

In advance, thank you for any assistance that you may be able to give our group.

Yours sincerely,



John Falconer, MD
KORC Field Committee Chairman

Kelowna Ogopogo Radio Controllers Club



October , 2009

**Request for use of City of Kelowna Recreational
Property**

Dr. John Falconer – Field committee chairman

Kelowna Ogopogo Radio Controllers Club

Board of Directors: President: Kelly Grant
Vice President: Rick Dawdy
Secretary: Ron Belanger
Treasurer: Dr. Bill Jones

Directors: Eugene Banziger Kevin Crowley
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Roger Plester Walter Raez
Ken Wheeler Wilf Davis
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Request Overview:

- 1. Need for new Flying Field**
- 2. Current Site**
- 3. Comparative Partner City and Flying Club**
- 4. History of the Club**
- 5. Proposed new site location**
- 6. Site requirements**

Need for new Flying Field

The Kelowna Radio Control club is asking the City of Kelowna to allow the club to relocate to City land south of the Glenmore Landfill, past the buffer area in the Tutt Lands. The club's current site, part of the irrigation district lands behind Black Mountain is due to be flooded for a water reservoir in the near future. The club requires a site of approximately 250m x 70m. plus an access road to the site.

This area south of the Glenmore landfill area is ALR land which is otherwise unused, and is meant for future recreational use.

Kelowna Radio Control club

- Registered BC Society since 1973
- Group of interested aircraft modellers who build and fly radio controlled airplanes of various sizes, both electric and fuel powered.
- Part of the national modellers association, MAAC, (Model Aeronautics Association of Canada), which provides comprehensive and complete liability insurance.
- Approximately 100 members locally, 13000 nationally.
- Ages 10 -90
- Members fly most days, weather permitting.
- Club members provide meticulous and neat site upkeep.
- The club has:
 - regular event meets and competitions
 - attracts out of town visitors adding to local economy
 - promotes display events in the shopping mall
 - has regular public open houses and displays
 - has local senior outings to the flying field
 - has invited school classes for exhibitions
 - has worked with the air cadets
 - encourages new members, has nationally certified pilot instructors
 - has provided scholarships to young people interested in aviation.

Current Site

Black Mountain Irrigation District:

KELOWNA OGOPOGO RADIO CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION



KELOWNA, BC

City of Kamloops partnered with Kamloops Model Airplane Society



The History of the Kelowna Ogopogo Radio Controllers Association ("KORC")

The Club was incorporated as a registered BC Society in 1977, after operating since the 1960's as an informal group of modellers in the Kelowna area. Its present members comprise over 100 men and women ranging from ages 10 to 90 from all walks of life. The model aircraft they fly include small electric indoor models, all types of sport aircraft, WW 1 and WW2 and other scale aircraft, helicopters, and sail-planes.

For many years, KORC operated from a flying site near Sexsmith Road in Kelowna, and when industrial expansion of the surrounding area took place, the Club was forced to relocate. For the last 20 years, a site leased from Black Mountain Irrigation District has been our home, and we are now facing the loss of this site as the Irrigation District has plans to use the property as a future water reservoir.

Our Operations and Activities

KORC operates under strict safety guidelines established by MAAC, the national association which charters our Club and this affiliation also provides us with comprehensive liability insurance for the protection of our members, the owners of the properties from which we operate, and the public who attend our events.

KORC has adopted noise abatement guidelines for model aircraft which are more stringent than those set by national and international modelling bodies, and a comprehensive training program is in place to see that those entering the hobby become capable pilots, and learn to fly in a safe manner.

The Club sponsors many events each year which draw visiting pilots and their families from neighbouring provinces and the Western US :including a mini- air show, an all electric meet, a helicopter-only event, and a scale aerobatic challenge. Public participation has been strong with many spectators at all these events, and media coverage in the press and on television.

Our involvement in the community has included hosting special events for school classes, and seniors from Kelowna care homes.

We have maintained an active program with the Kelowna Air Cadets in assisting many of their young people with both the construction of model aircraft, through to flight training, and graduation as model pilots. One of our former Cadets and a current Club member was in 2006 awarded one of the 2 Model Aircraft Association of Canada bursaries to continue his education and pursue a career in "full size" aviation.

In 2006, the Model Aircraft Association of Canada selected Kelowna as the site for

their Annual General Meeting. The Executive, Directors, and members from all across Canada attended this 3 day session, and took back to their home towns an appreciation of our fine City and the great hospitality they received while visiting here.

Aeromodeling has been around since man's early attempts at flight. In the past fifty years aeromodeling has come a long way from kid's toys. Today you can build model airplanes of incredible realism and fly them as expertly as a pilot sitting at the controls.

About MAAC – the national governing organization

In 1949, a group of 11 very enthusiastic modellers assembled to form an organization for those interested in model aviation. Their vision was for an association to officially represent the aircraft modelling fraternity in Canada.

Today, the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada has grown from that group of 11 to a body of Canadian modellers over 13,000 strong, representing all facets of this exciting hobby, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In 1995 we were proud to have inducted these 11 founding members into our MAAC Hall of Fame. The Model Aeronautics Association of Canada is the Official Governing Body for Model Aviation in Canada, acting as a liaison to government agencies, such as Industry Canada (formerly Department of Communications) with regard to radio frequencies and their use in radio controlled models, as well as representing our internationally competitive modellers to the Federation Aeronautique International (FAI) through the Aero Club of Canada. MAAC also provides liability insurance to its members and chartered clubs, among many other membership benefits.

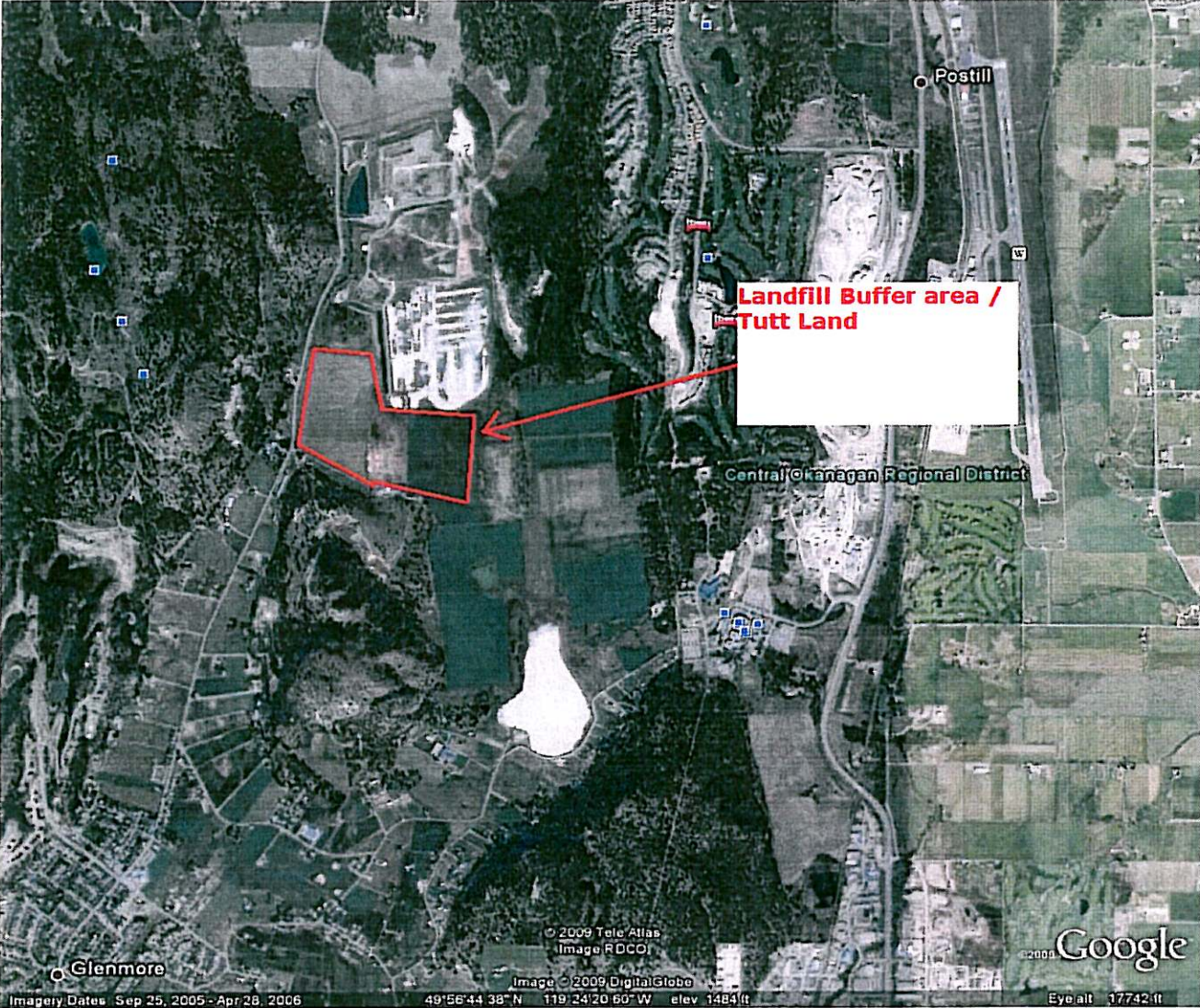
Representation to MAAC is made by the members of thirteen different zones through zone directors. A Zone Director is elected from each zone, by their fellow modellers/MAAC members, at an Annual Zone Meeting (AZM). These Zone Directors make up the Board of Directors for the Association, which, in turn, makes policy and guides the direction of MAAC for its members. The Board meets once per year at the Board of Directors Meetings, held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). From the Board, an Executive Committee is elected, including the President, Vice President, Past President, and two committee members. These five individuals work closely with the office in the day-to-day running of the organization.

Six times per year, MAAC publishes a magazine, Model Aviation Canada to keep the members in touch with their organization, club activities, and each other.

City of Kelowna - Overview

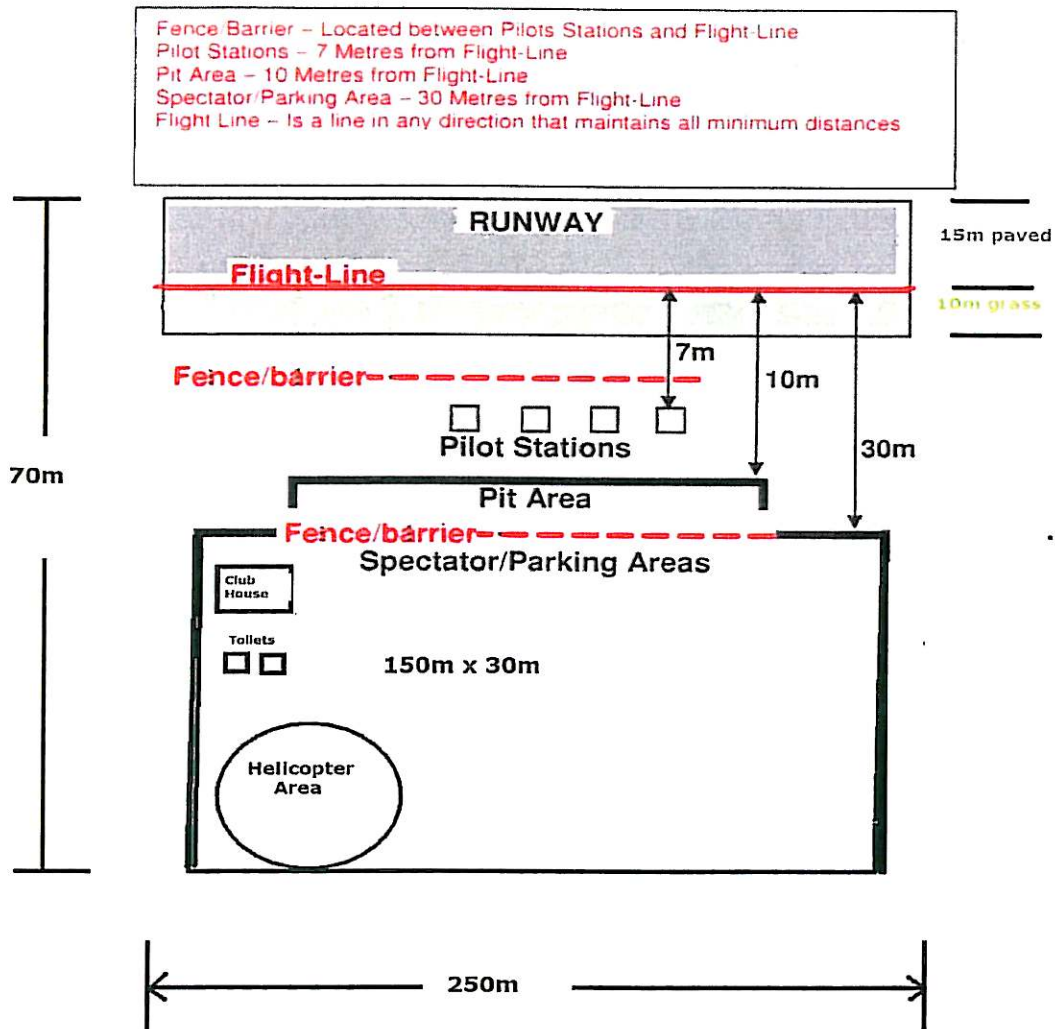


Glenmore Valley – Landfill Area



Site Requirements

FIELD LAYOUT



Flyover areas are also a requirement both to the left and right of the runway in the above sketch. The models will be flown beyond the runway away from the pilot stations. No flying is permitted behind the pilot stations.

The club has a temporary building on the Black Mountain site that it would intend to relocate onto this new site. This building is approximately 20 feet x 12 feet and is used as a rain cover for pilots in the summer and a snow shelter in the winter. Flying hours are normally 9:00 am to dark during the Spring, Summer and Fall months, and from 9:00 am till approximately 3:00 pm during the winter months. Winter flying is subject to access to the flying area.