

# Memo



**Date:** November 17, 2010  
**File:** 0700-20  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Manager, Property Management  
**Subject:** Kelowna Radio Control Club

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council not support the request by the Kelowna Radio Control Club for use of City-owned property adjacent to the Kelowna Landfill for operation of a flying field.

## **Purpose:**

To confirm with Council the intended use of the subject parcels of land adjacent to the City of Kelowna Landfill.

## **Background:**

The Kelowna Radio Control Club (KRCC) is currently using property owned by the Black Mountain Irrigation District (BMID) for the flying location for their club. The BMID purchased the land for use as a reservoir. The increase in population in the Black Mountain area has prompted BMID to proceed with the plan for the reservoir and has advised the club of their intent. Construction is scheduled for 2011/2012 pending approvals. KRCC has been a good tenant for the BMID however due to the pending construction KRCC has been advised to actively look for a new field.

Staff from the Airport and Property Management met with representatives of the KRCC to discuss the use of the property adjacent to the Kelowna Landfill. The airspace above the Landfill is part of the Kelowna Air Traffic control zone and is a major visual flight rule reporting transition point to the Kelowna Airport and as such, Airport staff did not support this use. In addition, the property is currently under lease, and is being actively farmed and is in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Staff has reviewed all City-owned property and has determined that there is no suitable vacant property. Staff has also been in discussion with the Central Okanagan Regional District ("CORD") regarding space for the club and staff from CORD have advised that there is nothing available for the club to use.

## **Internal Circulation:**

Airport Operations  
Communications & Media Relations  
Land Use Management

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**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Community & Media Relations

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