

Airport Report Summary to Council

April 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020

On April 1, 2019 PHOENIX AMG INC took over as the Airport Service Provider (ASP) at the Kincardine Municipal Airport (CYKM).

The first few weeks were spent mostly just cleaning up the terminal and removing old items no longer in use, as well as familiarizing ourselves with the airport, its utilities and systems.

The washrooms in the terminal were in need of a facelift so they were given a fresh coat of paint by ASP staff to freshen them up.

A coffee club has been set up each Saturday at 10:00 a.m., open to the aviators on the field as well as the general public interested in the airport, with generally having six (6) to fourteen (14) people coming by to discuss aviation news as well as the history of the airport.

The ASP has attended the local Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Group meetings since taking over the airport which are very informative and that the ASP can help with and participate on any of the festivities and events that the COPA Group has planned during the year.

The first event for COPA was the June 2019 Open House where local airplanes were on display and the public was invited to drop by and take a look at the airplanes and talk to the pilots. Approximately one hundred (100) people attended which included airplanes and pilots from other airports.

The next event which took place in September 2019 was the “COPA for Kids” event where kids aged eight (8) to seventeen (17) went up for an airplane ride around the area. Upon their return to the airport, the kids received a log book which if they wanted to start flying at any time that time in the air would count.

The local COPA Group purchased a picnic table which was donated to the airport. A patio area was created out near the municipal hangar for the table to be anchored to, which was completed by the Local COPA volunteers.

Another project that was tackled was the painting of a Compass Rose on the Apron out in front of the fuel pumps. It is used by pilots to set their compass in the airplane. Again the volunteers of COPA stepped up and completed the project which attracted the local newspaper that did a story and a photo shoot on the newly installed Compass.

Local volunteers interested in the airport also came out and helped with the cleaning up of the old rusty flagpole out by the municipal hangar. They reworked the pole so that it now swings down so that the pulleys and top of the pole are more easily accessible. A

fresh coat of paint was given to the pole and a new Canadian Flag which flies proudly and can be seen from the highway.

Late in the Summer of 2019, a Food Truck Vendor was invited to come to the Airport property which provided food to pilots at the airport, pilots landing at the airport and the general public driving by the airport. The Food Truck Vendor indicated that this was a great location and is interested in returning for the 2020 season if, and when a contract can be agreed upon.

Work continues on getting a Flight School at the Airport. With the current pilot shortage, existing flight schools are all maxed out trying to get their existing pilots through their programs and are not wanting at this time to venture out on any expansion plans of their existing schools. ASP continues to have discussions with some schools that have shown interest and ASP is confident a school will be set up here in the near future.

The ASP worked with the Director of Public Works in coming up with a Draft Budget for the 2020 year. Items were prioritized and have been submitted.

Once the Budget is finalized we will move forward on any capital and operating budget items passed for the 2020 year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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