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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Funding supports Powell River Airport infrastructure project

POWELL RIVER – Powell River Airport will receive \$1.03 million in funding from the B.C. Air Access Program for runway improvements, increasing safety and accessibility at the airport, announced Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone.

“Maintaining the runway to a high standard is critical for B.C.’s smaller community airports,” said Stone. “This funding will help Powell River make runway improvements that will allow larger aircraft to use the airport, and provide a safer take-off and landing area for all aircraft.”

Through the B.C. Air Access Program, the ministry cost shares with public airports on projects such as lighting and navigational systems, terminal building expansion or upgrades, and runway improvements. These types of projects will allow airports to improve safety, accommodate larger aircraft and more frequent flights, and further support the continuing growth of local and provincial economies.

The ministry has committed \$24 million over the past three years for the B.C. Air Access Program. This year’s program is providing \$10 million for airport infrastructure improvement projects throughout the province. The program also encourages funding partnerships with the federal government, local and regional governments and agencies, and the private sector. Last year, the program provided \$8 million toward improvements at 23 regional airports.

The B.C. Air Access Program is part of B.C. on the Move, the Province’s 10-year transportation plan. Over the next three years the ministry and its partners are investing over \$4.6 billion in priority transportation investments as part of this plan.

Learn More:

For information on the B.C. Air Access program, go to:
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