

November 2, 2016

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: Renewal of Land Use Agreement with Environment Canada to operate and maintain a Reference Climate Weather Station at the Fort Frances Airport

In June 2007 the Town of Fort Frances signed a 10 year agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of the Environment for the installation, operation and maintenance of a modernized Reference Climate Weather Station (RCS) on the airfield at the Fort Frances Airport commencing October 31, 2006. The lease included a 6 month renewal notice clause for a renewal commencing October 31, 2016 for a period of an additional 10 years to October 31, 2026. The Ministry missed the renewal notice clause and failed to provide the 6 month notice as stipulated. The Ministry did, however provide a letter requesting the extension to the lease and acknowledgement that the renewal notice clause had been missed on October 26, 2016.

The lease agreement and correspondence dated October 26, was reviewed by the Airport Supervisor and it was determined that the existence of the RCS at the Fort Frances Airport is a benefit to the operations there and that the Airport does receive some additional revenue from the lease of the land. The renewal would maintain the \$100.00 per year rental fee for the use of that property, please see attached report from T. Batiuk, Airport Supervisor.

It is the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that the land use lease agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of the Environment for the operation and maintenance of a modernized Reference Climate Weather Station (RCS) on the airfield at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport be extended for a term of 10 years commencing October 13, 2016, and further that a by-law be passed authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Manager of Operations & Facilities

Council Approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that the land use lease agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of the Environment for the operation and maintenance of a modernized Reference Climate Weather Station (RCS) on the airfield at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport be extended for a term of 10 years commencing October 13, 2016, and further that a by-law be passed authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.