



Airport Runway Public Feedback Form Results: Comments and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

The Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport would like to thank you for all the comments regarding our runway project. It was amazing to see that we were flooded with wonderful comments and great to realize that most understand how vitally important our Airport is to the entire area. There were, however some questions and some misguided facts that will be addressed with the statements below.

- The Airport is a vital community asset with 40% of its fuel revenue derived from Essential Services (Air Ambulance, Hydro, Search and Rescue, MNRF, Fire Suppression, OPP), that all residents benefit from. The Airport Commission is committed to providing best in class service to all users as ratepayers should demand.
- All businesses interested in moving, expanding or starting up at the Airport are required to present a business plan for Airport Commission review and approval. The Airport Commission is committed to responsible growth on both Airside and Business Park.
- The Airport has over 80 employees working out of the 14 various businesses on the field with 7 being directly employed with the Airport.
- All Airports and Aerodromes in Canada are federally regulated. The Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport has been registered as an aerodrome since 1979 and has and does, as mandated, abide by these regulations.
- An economic analysis was conducted by Explorer Solutions and completed in July 2018. It shows that the Airport creates an \$18.7 million positive impact to the economy annually.
- The Township of Seguin provides a \$40,000.00 levy to the Airport annually. The Airport covers its own operating costs and is able to direct the levy and often more, into Capital Reserves.
- The Airport Commission and staff have been working on improving the runway infrastructure for more than a decade. It was evident that this project would not proceed

without significant upper level Government funding. Over the years the Airport Commission has made a number of presentations to council regarding the state of the runway with options to bring the facility into the 21st century. Council has supported, in principal, the Airport pursuing funding opportunities that would see this project come to fruition. The Township has agreed to a long term loan of up to \$2.5 million to leverage \$8 million in projected upper level government commitments.

- The proposed shift in runway heading was twofold. 1. To be environmentally responsible avoiding the wetlands to the north and 2. To make a small but positive move towards the prevailing wind.
- Search and Rescue Technicians train all over their catchment area in an attempt to have the crew familiar with different airports and locations to better their response during actual events. That would be a C-130 Hercules flying in our area, either during training or an actual search and rescue mission.
- Any future expansion beyond the borders of the Airport, are unknown to the Commission at this time.
- New energy efficient LED runway lighting will be installed during this project.
- The new proposed runway will be designated the same Aircraft Group Number (AGN) as the current runway. The safety concerns for these aircraft are the short length and the constricted width both of which are being addressed in the new proposed runway.

Thank you again for your comments and questions. Should you require further information, please call Neil Pirie, Airport Manager at 705-378-2897.