Qualicum Beach Airport June 25,2025 Quarterly Report

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Promotion of Airport Discussion Forum (COTW)

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How did the Town of Qualicum Beach promote the June 25, 2025, COTW?

- ✓ Constant Contact email promotion – sent to 975 email addresses on June 11, 2025.
- ✓ Posted to Facebook – published June 13, 2025, as well as June 20, 2025.
- ✓ Posted on Town homepage – published June 11, 2025.
- ✓ Published as Town Tidings in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach Newspaper and Constant Contact on 11, 2025.
- ✓ Poster on display in Town Hall foyer and elevator June 11, 2025.
- ✓ Poster in Town Kiosks (5).
- ✓ Poster in Library.
- ✓ All employees emailed.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council an overview of Airport related matters that has occurred in the first and second quarter of 2025

ACAP Grant Applications

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In 2024 the Town applied for two grants through the Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP)

- runway taxiway and apron overlay,
- equipment replacement for a loader, snow blower and attachments.

These grant applications were not approved and will be resubmitted in 2026.

The projects will not proceed without successful grant applications.

BCAAP Grant Applications

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BCAAP Grant Application

In March 2025 staff applied for an Airport Master Plan grant through the British Columbia Air Access Program (BCAAP) the grant has a value of $35,000.

If successful, staff will update the 2026 Financial Plan that will include a recommendation for an Airport Master/Business Plan.

Communications and Education

The Airport Authority continues to improve communications and education regarding best practices such as the Good Neighbour Program (GNP), Noise Sensitive Areas (NSA) and Noise Abatement Procedures (NAP).

- This is being done through verbal communications with local pilots, Qualicum Beach flying club, and Sealand Flight school.
- Letters have also been sent to flying schools and flying clubs on the Island and lower mainland.
- In 2025 the Town of Qualicum Beach launched their new web site that includes an improved section for Qualicum Beach airport that provides easy access to airport information, including airport procedures.

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Council Strategic Initiatives 2025

Council has directed staff to investigate if Qualicum Woods, the Evergreens, Aldous Road, Cottonwood Drive, and Hemsworth Road areas could become recognized as a Noise Sensitive Area.

Over the past six months staff have been in consultation with Transport Canada, and Nav Canada to discuss the viability of NSAs within these identified areas.

The Airport Authority (staff) will be bringing a report forward to a regular meeting of Council in Q3 for information and Council direction

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Council Strategic Initiatives 2025

Council has also directed staff to conduct a review of the Airport Establishment and Operations Bylaw.

Staff have been doing research on airport bylaws of a similar size to Qualicum Beach.

Staff will be presenting a report to the Council in Q4; the report will provide an updated Airport Establishment and Operations Bylaw for Council's consideration.

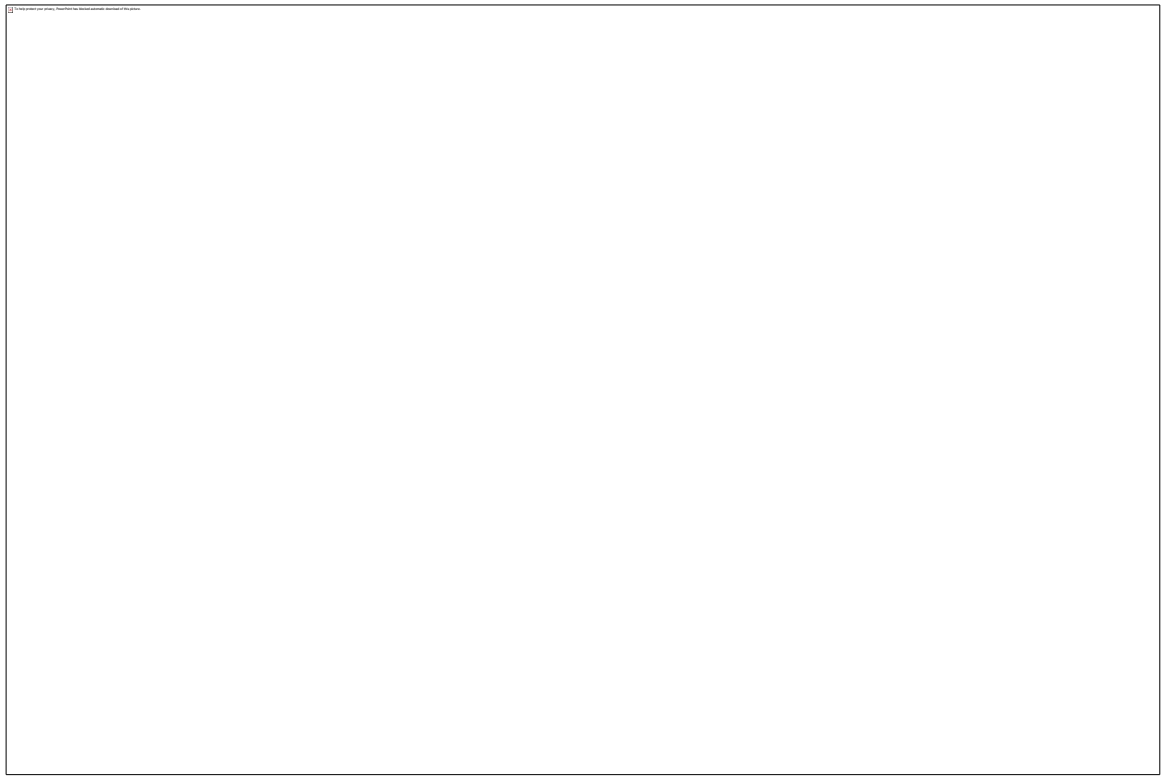
Qualicum Beach Airport 3 Phase Power Update

On January 10, 2024, staff met with representatives from Sealand Air and an engineering consultant retained by BC Hydro. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the engineering consultant with an opportunity to inspect the single-phase power system currently feeding the Qualicum Beach Airport, and to review options for upgrading to 3 phase power.

Staff have been advised by the consultant that the final report has not been completed, when the engineering consultant completes their report, staff will provide further information to Council.

Helicopter Training

From January to June 2025, the Airport Manager has approved 18 days of helicopter training, (approximately 12 hours of training at the Qualicum Beach Airport) The training was for air ambulance operations and occurred during daytime and nighttime hours.



Air Ambulance

BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) has reported from January 1,2025 to May 31st there have been 11 transfers from the Qualicum Beach Airport.

Public Inquiry

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From January 1, 2025 - June 11, 2025, the Airport Authority received a total of 120 inputs from 32 addresses

VIOLATIONS ACTIONABLE BY THE TOWN

	Concern Type	Concern Sub-type	Notes
1	Noise Complaints	Noise Abatement Procedure Violation (Specific Aircraft)	*Information received about a specific aircraft and its operation in relation to the Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP).*
2	Noise Complaints	Curfew Violation	*Curfew violations are assessed against established Airport Operating Hours.*

COMPLAINTS NOT ACTIONABLE BY THE TOWN

	Concern Type	Concern Sub-type	Notes
6	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise	
53	Noise Complaint	Flight Path	
3	Noise Complaint	Low-Flying Aircraft	
2	Noise Complaint	Frequency of Flights	
3	Noise Complaint	Helicopter Noise	*Public inputs identified as a Noise Concern –Subtype are tracked separately and will be reported to Council and the public quarterly.*
6	Noise Complaint	Helicopter Training	
4	Noise Complaint	Curfew	
1	Noise Complaint	Lead Fuel Use/Excessive Noise	
6	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise/Low Flying Aircraft	
6	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise/Frequency of Flights	
6	Noise Complaint	Flight Path/Low Flight Aircraft	
6	Public Inputs in Support of the Airport		
15	OTHER - Airport Operations, general comments or questions		**120 | Total Public Inputs from 32 individual addresses**

Thank you