Qualicum Beach Airport July 8, 2026 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 July 8, 2026, COTW?

- ✓ Constant Contact email promotion – sent to 975 email addresses on June 25, 2026.
- ✓ Posted to Facebook – published June 25, 2026.
- ✓ Posted on Town homepage – published June 25, 2026.
- ✓ Published as Town Tidings in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach Newspaper and Constant Contact July 2, 2025.
- ✓ Poster on display in Town Hall foyer and elevator June 25, 2026.
- ✓ Lobby Screen.

Social Media

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Please be assured the Town
is not
considering closing the Airport!

The Town recognizes this as a vital service hub
and resource for our community.

Purpose

The purpose of the accompanying Staff Report is to provide Council and the public with an overview of Airport related matters that have occurred in the first and second quarters of 2026.

ADS-B Collection of Data

Council entered into a one-year contract with ALFA Aero Solutions. The purpose of the contract is to collect data on the number of aircraft departing from and arriving at the Qualicum Beach Airport that are equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) technology.

Staff will report to Council in the Spring of 2027 on the number of departing and arriving aircraft that were ADS-B equipped during the twelve-month period.

Expanded NSAs & VTPC

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On February 25, 2026, staff applied to NAV Canada regarding the expansion of Noise Sensitive Areas (NSAs), the application also included (**Departure: Rwy 11 preferred when safe)** and **(Arrival Rwy 29 preferred when safe)** and the inclusion of a newly created Visual Terminal Procedures Chart (VTPC) to be published in the Canada Flight Supplement (CFS) entry.

Note: *NAV Canada has confirmed that the area surrounding 588 Gilbert Road will become a Noise Sensitive Area and will be included on the VTPC in the CFS entry, based on exceptional circumstance.*

Note: *The expanded NSAs and the VTPC are scheduled to be published in the September 2026 edition of the CFS. This timeline is NAV Canada's, not the Town's.*

Note: *A NOTAM cannot be issued regarding NSAs or the VTPC.*

Expanded NSAs & VTPC

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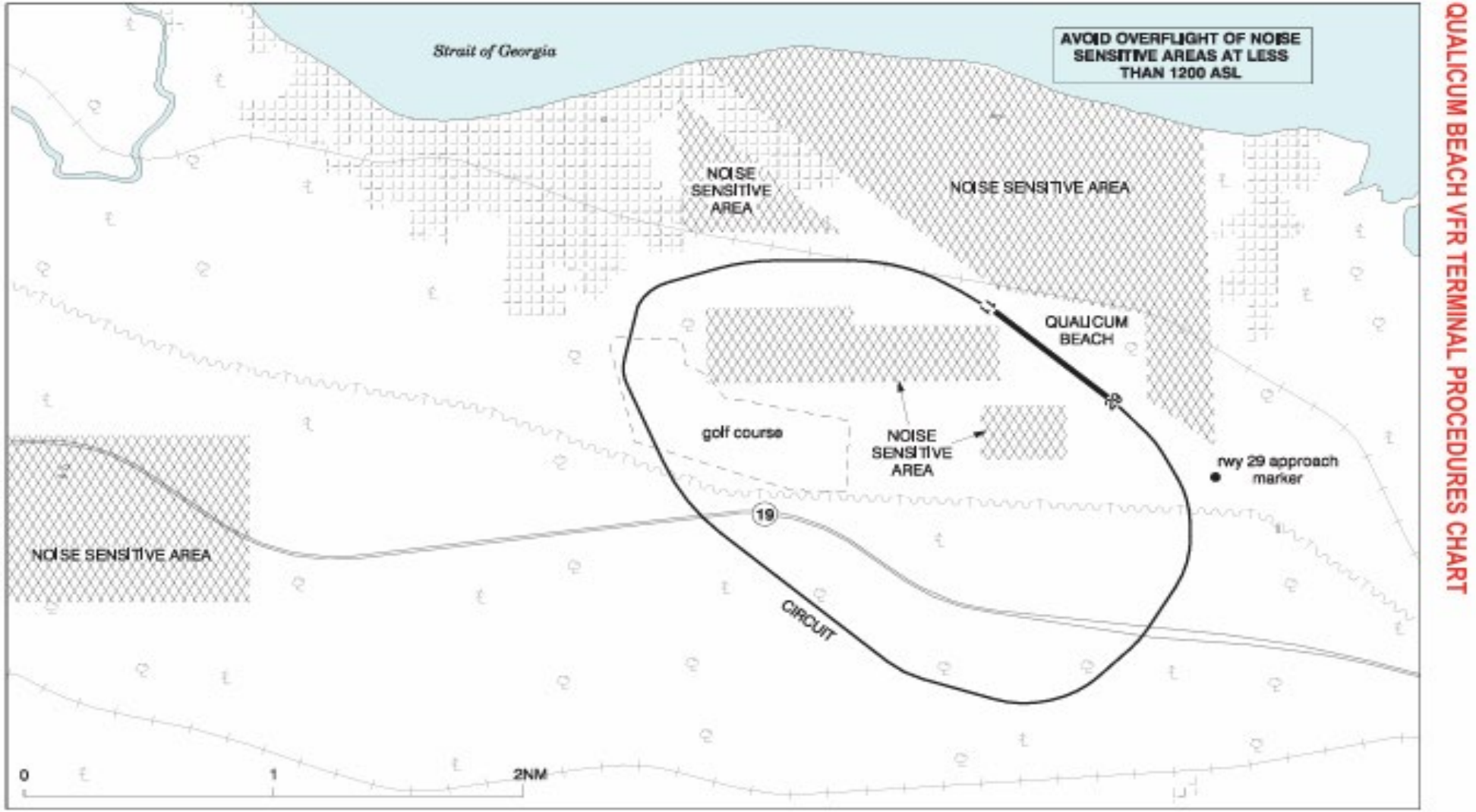

AIRPORT OPERATIONS & ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW

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At the June 29 special meeting of Council, Council adopted the Miscellaneous Rates Bylaw that details fees for the Airport Establishment and Operations Bylaw.

- The Bylaw has a five-year term 2026-2030 and will see a 6.5 % increase for the remainder of 2026 and a 3% increase for the following years 2027-2030.
- Advertising rates were added.
- Passenger User Fee for the Commercial Carrier was reduced.
- Increased the daily parking rate for general use and exempted the Commercial Carrier passengers from parking fees.

ACAP GRANT APPLICATIONS

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In 2025 the Town applied for two grants through the Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP)

- runway taxiway and apron overlay;
- loader, snow blower & attachments.

In April 2026, the Town was notified that neither grant application was successful.

Staff will include both grant applications for Council's consideration in 2027 financial planning.

The projects will not proceed without successful grant applications.

Helicopter Training

From January to June 2026, the Airport Manager has approved approximately 20 hours of helicopter 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, 2026, to June 19th there have been 4 patient transfers from the Qualicum Beach Airport.

Annual Live Exercise Emergency Training

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- On April 8th, the Qualicum Beach Airport participated in and hosted an annual live exercise.
- A fuselage of an aircraft was brought in as a prop to simulate response to an aircraft crash.
- Three separate scenarios were held throughout the day. Qualicum Beach Fire and Rescue, Ocean Side RCMP, BC Ambulance and Qualicum Beach Staff all participated in this Transport Canada required exercise.
- Training for these scenarios is critical to support agencies' response.

Communications & Education

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

This is being done by way of TV in the terminal lobby, and verbal communications with local pilots, the 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.

PUBLIC INQUIRY

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VIOLATIONS ACTIONABLE BY THE TOWN		
Count	Concern Type	Concern Sub-type
5	Noise Complaints	Noise Abatement Procedure Violation (Specific Aircraft)
2	Noise Complaints	Curfew Violation
COMPLAINTS NOT ACTIONABLE BY THE TOWN		
Count	Concern Type	Concern Sub-type
0	Concern	Lead Fuel Use
10	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise
6	Noise Complaint	Flight Path
2	Noise Complaint	Flight Training/Circuits
1	Noise Complaint	Low-Flying Aircraft
0	Noise Complaint	Frequency of Flights
0	Noise Complaint	Helicopter Noise
0	Noise Complaint	Helicopter Training
0	Noise Complaint	Curfew
0	Noise Complaint	Lead Fuel Use/Excessive Noise
3	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise/Low Flying Aircraft
0	Noise Complaint	Excessive Noise/Frequency of Flights
2	Noise Complaint	Flight Path/Low Flight Aircraft
0	Noise Complaint	(Not yet categorized)
0	OTHER	Airport Operations, general comments or questions
17	OTHER	Other (categorized)
48	Total Public Inputs from unique addresses:	22

PUBLIC INQUIRY

2026 - 48 public inputs from 22 addresses
2025 – 120 public inputs from 32 addresses

The good work is paying off.

Looking ahead….

Airport Master/Business Plan
$75,000 in 2027 (grant dependent)
To advance regional support let's consider:

- Air Cadets
- Search & Rescue
- Medical Transfers
- Emergency Response
- Pilot Training
- Connection to South Terminal at Van Airport
- Economic Drivers (hangars, restaurant, tie downs, fuel sales, etc.).

Continue discussions about 3Phase power (Strategic Planning 2027) to support electrification of aircraft

Thank you