

AAC Attends Standing Committee

Update - Private Member's Bill

The Private Member's Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC), has made first reading in the Alberta Legislature and has passed through the Standing Committee moving towards the second reading in the legislature. Unfortunately the legislature has been suspended and the second reading has not occurred. Richard Gotfried, MLA for Fish Creek and sponsor of the bill, is still requesting letters of support for this strategy. The SAAC is a diverse body of aviation representatives providing recommendations on aviation to the Alberta government. SAAC does not make policy. For further information, please contact: educationaac@gmail.com



Photo by Lynn Wytton

Brian Andrus, AAC Director, and **Richard Gotfried**, MLA for Fish Creek, displaying the Private Member's Bill 201 at the Standing Committee meeting on March 9, 2020. Bill 201 is the **Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC)**.

AGM Postponed

Due to the COVID-19 virus, our AGM will be postponed until the government has lifted the isolation ban for large gatherings. We will look into rescheduling the meeting for the fall or alternatively, hosting the meeting via video conference in the coming months.

Memberships

We are ahead on our membership totals at this time compared to last year. AAC is still counting on more renewals to come in and we hope to exceed our membership totals from last year. As the 2020 membership dues are received, the new Facility Maps (2020) will be mailed to our members.

We would like to thank our members for their continued support.



New look for our AAC Membership Card

ALBERTA AVIATION COUNCIL - PUBLISHED 2020 FACILITIES MAP

Airport Facilities Map

The 2020 AAC Alberta Air Facilities Map and its accompanying directory are complete. We have approximately 460 listed airports and airstrips making this the most complete inventory



New Supplement Cover

of available facilities in Alberta. The AAC Alberta Air Facilities Map will be free to members and airports who renew their 2020 membership.



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Notes from Nav Canada

Bram Tilroe sits as a representative on the Nav Canada Advisory Committee

All facilities are on lockdown and only controllers, technicians and Flight Service Station (FSS) personnel are allowed in and the rest are working remotely to minimize impact due to COVID-19. Scheduling has been adjusted to "required staff only", due to reduced traffic volumes. There are no service reductions at this time. The Nav Canada Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for Edmonton have been cancelled and any dialogue or issues are currently being facilitated through video conferencing.



COVID-19

The virus, as everyone is aware, has created hardships for individuals and businesses around the world. The aviation industry has been one of the hardest hit with thousands of employees laid off and the majority of our aircraft parked. With travel restrictions, to other countries in effect, movement outside of our country is almost non-existent and even domestic travel is very limited. It has yet to be determined how the Federal and Provincial governments might assist the aviation industry in this trying time. As a Council we understand the hardships now and for the foreseeable future, with full expectation that it will be many months before the industry sees any normalcy. We wish everyone well and encourage you to continue to follow the health guidelines identified by our governments to stay safe.



circumstances change.

Aviation-related Services: Services related to the maintenance of aircraft as well as aerial operations have been designated "essential services". Businesses supporting the aviation industry can therefore continue their normal operations. Please respect that these operations will almost certainly be affected by present circumstances and delays may be encountered.

Health Services: TC published the following exemption:

All aviation medical certificates expiring on or before June 1st, 2020 will have an extended validity until August 1st, 2020. You can view the detailed exemption notice #NCR-021-2020 at this link. In addition, no new medical certificates will be issued during this exemption period.

Aviation-related Services: TCCA decisions:

- Instrument rating requirements: no exemption
- Instrument rating recency requirements: no exemption
- Annual aircraft inspections: the original response from TCCA was that no exemption was required on this matter, but COPA has asked them to revisit this point or to formulate a plan for resuming inspections once the quarantine is over, in light of the exceptions raised since the restrictions began. In addition, there are transborder re-



strictions in some provinces and territories where only certain passengers and services are allowed to enter. Please consult with applicable sources to confirm rules of entry prior to traveling.

Casinos Update - COVID-19

AGLC has cancelled all the casinos for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2020. Those cancelled casinos will be rescheduled once the casinos are re-opened. This will cause a ripple effect to all subsequent casinos. Our casino was tentatively scheduled for first quarter of 2021 but it will likely be pushed back another 6 to 12 months.

Airshows

At the time of publication (22 Apr 20), the Cold Lake Air Show, Rocky Mountain House and Edmonton Airshow are still moving forward with their events. This will all depend on the length of the COVID-19 isolation directives. As expected, many air shows have been cancelled throughout North America leading up to the end of June. As of publication of this newsletter, the only cancellation in Alberta is the Lethbridge Airshow. Check their websites for up-to-date information. (Logos below have links)



AAC DONATES FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

AAC Gets Involved - Scholarships

Presentation – Alberta Soaring
Bram Tilroe, Acting Chair, presents a \$2,000 cheque to Jason Acker, the



Chair of the Alberta Soaring Council to support their youth athletic development program. The presentation was made at the Alberta Soaring Council AGM and Safety Seminar on March 7, 2020.

Two Yearly Scholarships

AAC sponsors a yearly scholarship of \$1,000 for a student in the commercial pilot training program at Mount Royal University. The successful candidate will be awarded the scholarship based on academic achievement in the program.

The second scholarship has a value of \$1,000. The candidate will be selected through the Alberta Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Current or former air cadets who wish to pursue a career in an AME program can apply for this scholarship which would be applied towards the cadet's tuition fees at SAIT.



Good link for Resources

The British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) has collected a number of useful resource links related to COVID-19 and the aviation industry.

[LINK](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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