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Airport lighting gets \$1.3 million funding boost from Transport Canada

Airfield lighting and electrical systems at the Campbell River Airport will be improved thanks to a grant worth more than \$1.3 million from Transport Canada.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,401,044, and Transport Canada will fund \$1,331,002 (95 per cent of the cost), with the City funding the remaining upgrade from its Airport Improvement Fee.

The improvement work will ensure the airfield lighting system meets current regulatory requirements. Upgrades will focus on: apron and taxiway lighting as well as runway edge lighting circuits and re-spacing these lights. Aging airfield lighting components will also be replaced and new airfield electrical regulators and lighting control system as well as new runway guard lights will be installed – all to Canadian Aviation Regulations standards.

“Replacing aging electrical infrastructure will help more planes safely take off from the Campbell River Airport in reduced visibility conditions and ensure seamless commercial and general aviation operations in all weather conditions,” says Susan Sinnott of the Campbell River Airport Authority. *“These improvements are another step in making the Campbell River Airport attractive to new customers and business investors.”*

“All regularly scheduled commercial air operations are expected to continue, and any notifications required for all airport customers will be issued through the local Nav Canada flight service station,” says airport manager Tyler Masee.

Companies interested in bidding on this project should stay tuned for a request for proposals tentatively scheduled for late spring/early summer. Project completion is anticipated in spring 2014.

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