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Quesnel Regional Airport gets new approach capabilities

QUESNEL, B.C. – The Quesnel Regional Airport has added a second GPS approach system, an investment that will help aircraft land in more marginal weather conditions.

A GPS approach system uses satellite technology to facilitate aircraft when they are approaching and landing at the Quesnel Regional Airport. Without a GPS approach, aircraft rely solely on the Non Directional Beacon (NDB) approach during poorer weather. The new GPS approach is on Runway 13 – the designation for the runway when it is approached from the North. Previously, the only GPS approach was on Runway 31 - when planes approach from the South.

“Council believes in the viability of our airport and recognize it as yet another vital tool that helps us diversify our economy,” said Mayor Nate Bello. “We must remain as a regional transportation hub and a quality service airport hosting daily flights to and from Vancouver supports that.

“We are marketing our airport aggressively and always encourage people to ‘Fly Quesnel – take the easy route!’” Bello added.

This year has been good for the Quesnel Regional Airport. Fewer than three per cent of flights were missed due to inclement weather and with the addition of the GPS approach, it’s hoped this number could drop further. In addition, Council recently approved an Airport Land Use plan that provides for future use and development of surrounding lands owned by the City.

For more information about the Quesnel Regional Airport, the public is encouraged to visit www.city.quesnel.bc.ca/Airport/Airport-Businesses.asp or www.flycma.com to book one of 18 weekly flights from Quesnel to Vancouver.

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