

February 13, 2025

Via email

SILGA Member Municipalities

Dear SILGA Members:

Re: Support for Resolution

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Oliver Council, requesting favorable consideration and resolutions of support for the proposed SILGA Resolution for the Province to work with Crown Grant Airport owners to update the list of Ancillary Uses in the Land Use Operational Policy at the upcoming SILGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall.

At the January 27, 2025, Town of Oliver Regular Open Council Meeting and at the January 23, 2025 RDOS Board Meeting, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS Airports located on Crown Land have Crown Grants from the Province of BC to operate and must adhere to the ancillary airport uses listed in the Land Use Operational Policy;

AND WHEREAS the list of airport uses is restrictive and limited to what's considered necessary for the viable operation and management of a public airport;

AND WHEREAS capital renewal and operational costs for Crown Grant Airports continue to increase and are far outpacing the revenue generating opportunities from ancillary land use leases;

AND WHEREAS the Socio-Economic impacts from Crown Grant Airports is significant for local municipalities and the surrounding area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to work with Crown Grant Airport owners to update the list of Ancillary Uses in the Land Use Operational Policy to allow for increased revenue generating opportunities to improve the economic viability of Crown Grant Airports.

We look forward to and appreciate your support on this matter.

Sincerely,



Martin Johansen
Mayor

cc. Council

