



## Staff Report

NO. OPS-21-01

<b>Department:</b>	Operations	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Mark Vermette
<b>Report To:</b> (check all that apply)	Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Meeting	November 08, 2021
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<b>Subject:</b>	Airport Capital Expenditures		
<b>Supervisor Approval:</b>	Choose an item.		
<b>CAO Approval:</b>	Mark Vermette		

### A. Recommendation:

That Council approve the capital expenditures at the Municipal (YRL) Airport for the expansion of apron II and primary airport staff vehicle.

### B. Background:

#### Apron II Expansion:

The expansion of apron II is required to facilitate airside access for a new tenant. This project requires the development of approximately 2100sq meters of apron and includes excavation of 1m of material; installation of Geo cloth; B gravel backfill; and an A gravel topper. Estimated cost of \$82,000. It should be noted that the apron expansion will facilitate future expansion and integration with the new lands we will acquire from a community partner. The new tenant has leased the land under the understanding that the airport will be providing apron access to their lot, commencement of our work was conditional upon the tenant starting development of their land.

The airport has had a history of turning away potential tenants due to the lack of available space to accommodate them. This investment would be a positive step forward in creating sustainable value and future organic growth opportunities for our Municipality.

#### Airport Staff Vehicle:

The primary airport staff vehicle will require approximately \$4000 in repairs prior to the winter season to meet Transport Canada's legal equipment requirements for conducting runway friction measurements. The vehicle is 12 years old and has passed its useful

“airport” service life. This single cap Chevrolet half-ton truck would be repurposed and utilized within the Facilities/Recreation department. New Vehicle costs: \$46,220.

Both capital investments listed above have been part of a grant application submitted to FEDNOR. This application has made it through the process and is now sitting on the Minister’s desk for approval. With a recent federal election, delays in approvals are expected, however we feel confident our application will receive approval prior to the end of this calendar year (2021). Although we are confident in the merits of this application, there is a risk of it not being approved, albeit a low risk from our perspective, and in the opinion of the airport manager.

### **C. Financial Considerations and Budget Impact:**

Apron Expansion: \$82,000

Truck: \$46,220

TOTAL INVESTMENTS: \$128,200

These are not 2021 approved capital items. Staff recommend “bridge” funding the investments by utilizing the recently approved airport Transport Canada RATI revenue until such time we receive approval and subsequent funding from FEDNOR.

### **D. Council Policy and Guidelines:**

Complete staff report for Council review and consideration.

### **E. The Municipality of Red Lake Strategic Plan:**

- The Municipality exists to create a sustainable environment in which citizens and business can thrive.
- Red Lake will be a vibrant, attractive, sustainable community.
- Responsive Regional Service Hub
- Stimulate investments and growth
- Targeted investments in infrastructure
- Expand Municipal revenue opportunities

**F. Alternatives:**

Defer investments until after the FEDNOR grant funding is approved.

Do not proceed with the capital investments.

Invest in one item at this time and defer the second (or do not invest in the second)

**Submitted By:**



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