



City of Delta  
COUNCIL REPORT  
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

From: **Corporate Services Department**

Date: **November 21, 2025**

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**British Columbia Air Access Program 2026-2027 Grant Application**

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The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Alpha Aviation's grant application for the 2026-2027 BC Air Access Program be endorsed.
- B. THAT the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to sign all documentation required to receive and manage funds for the proposed project.
- C. THAT a copy of this report be provided to Ravi Kahlon, MLA Delta-North and Ian Paton, MLA Delta-South.

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▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council endorse Alpha Aviation's (Alpha) 2026-2027 grant application to the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP) for apron (runway) rehabilitation and guidance markings.

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

In November 2025, the BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit (Ministry) announced that grant applications for the 2026-2027 BCAAP will be accepted from November 3, 2025 to January 16, 2026. This cost-share grant program supports infrastructure improvements for small and regional airports that maintain safe and reliable facilities, provide economic benefit, support medivac and wildfire response, and improve environmental performance.

Since the launch of BCAAP in 2015, Delta (on behalf of Alpha) has received three grants for the Boundary Bay Airport: \$175,000 for the Helipad Expansion Project in 2016, \$782,901 for the Apron 1 Taxilane Rehabilitation Project in 2018, and \$580,027 for the Apron 1 - Phase 3 Rehabilitation Project in 2020.

Alpha applied to BCAAP in 2023-2024 and in 2025-2026 but neither application was successful in receiving funding.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

For the 2026-2027 funding cycle, Alpha is submitting a grant application for apron rehabilitation to address cracking and spalling as well as upgrading the guidance and runway markings. The project brief is included in this report as Attachment A. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$725,000 plus a 20% contingency.

If Alpha’s grant application is successful and all requisite approvals and agreements are obtained, the Province will fund 75% of the project. Alpha has provided a Letter of Assurance (Attachment B) confirming that the City will not be responsible for any costs associated with the project. While the application will be submitted by Alpha, the City of Delta, as the owner of the Boundary Bay Airport, is required by the Province to endorse the application, execute the contribution agreement, and receive and manage the associated funding. Alpha will manage the project and will be required to follow Delta’s procurement policies.

**Implications:**

Financial Implications – There are no financial implications to Delta.

▪ **CONCLUSION:**

Alpha is submitting an application for the 2026-2027 BCAAP for apron rehabilitation and guidance markings. If the application is successful, the project will be funded by the Province (75%) and Alpha (25%). Staff recommend that Council endorse Alpha’s grant application.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed department.

Concurring Department		
Department	Name	Signature
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▪ **ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Apron Rehabilitation and Guidance Marking Project Brief
- B. Letter of Assurance, Alpha Aviation, November 25, 2025