



Corporation of the Village of McBride

NEWS RELEASE

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McBride Charlie Leake Field Runway and Airside Rehabilitation Project Receives Funding!

The Village of McBride announced today that the **McBride Charlie Leake Field Runway and Airside Rehabilitation Project** will proceed with \$259,000 in funding from the Province's BC Air Access Program.

The Project will see runway and airside improvements, including:

1. Crack filling of asphalt surfaces of runway, taxiways and apron
2. Replacement of damaged taxiway culvert and asphalt repair of the taxiway surface
3. Application of asphalt emulsion sealer to all asphalt surfaces (runway, taxiways and apron)
4. Re-institution of runway pavement markings

The McBride Charlie Leake Field Runway and Airside Rehabilitation Project is necessary to improve safety at CAV4 and extend the life of the runway and airside surfaces. Crack sealing will help prevent infiltration of water from the runway/taxiway/apron surfaces into the base and subbase materials, which could otherwise lead to premature failure of the surfaces and put aircraft at risk during takeoff, landing and taxiing. Re-sealing of the runway and airside surfaces will restore the frictional characteristics of the surfaces and maintain waterproofing thereby contributing to safer and longer lasting runway and airside surfaces. Replacement of a broken and bulging culvert on one of the taxiways will ensure aircraft are not damaged when moving onto and off of the runway. Painting of pavement markings contributes to the safety of pilots, passengers and on ground personnel during takeoff and landing.

In addition to improving safety at CAV4, the project supports local and regional economic development opportunities as McBride continues to diversify its economy. The project will also support emergency preparedness, including medivac and wildfire. The recent Teare Creek wildfire near McBride and resulting firefighting activities based at Charlie Leake Field highlight the importance of the project to ensuring McBride is prepared for similar emergencies in the future.

The **McBride Charlie Leake Field Runway and Airside Rehabilitation Project** will be tendered in the coming weeks. The tender will be posted to BC Bid, Civic Info, local newspaper and on the Village of McBride website and Facebook.

See the Province's ***Aviation investments support essential services, economic growth*** News Release [here](#).



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