

COMMUNITY FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

CFEP funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities.



CFEP aims to foster healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta. The program has been designed to support organizations as they take action to contribute and create opportunities for Albertans to engage with their communities.

First application deadline is January 15

Complete information can be found on the Alberta Government website: <http://www.culture.alberta.ca/community/community-grants/community-facility-enhancement-program/#transition> or contact Angela Schreiner, 780.422.9578 for Rural Alberta.

We welcome your feedback!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE RED DEER AIRPORT

2016 has been an exciting year for YQF despite the challenging economic times we are experiencing in the Central Alberta region. As we expected, we experienced a slight decrease in our scheduled and charter passenger numbers over the year which can be primarily attributed to diminished oil and gas activity in the province. However, on a positive note our aircraft take-off and landing numbers are up this year due largely in part to Montair Aviation moving their second training base to Red Deer Airport. Moving forward into 2017 we will continue to promote YQF as a low cost travel alternative that boasts shorter security lines, free parking and minimal highway driving and we are pleased to be here to serve the Central Alberta market.

In April of 2016 we began construction on Project Runway which included a 2000 ft. extension of our primary runway and construction of a new holding bay at the end of runway 16-34 to house larger jet aircraft. This new and improved infrastructure will allow YQF to actively seek out additional commercial airline services and be better positioned to support the expansion of aviation related business and industry to the region. Construction on Project Runway was complete in October, with final Transport Canada inspections and approvals occurring in November. YQF's new and improved runway officially opened for business at the end of 2016 with a Grand Opening event to follow in the spring of 2017.

In July we were pleased to announce that Montair Aviation had begun training operations at their new base here at YQF. This new training base includes approximately 24,000 sq. ft. of hangar and office space plus an accommodation building, kitchen and dining area that can house the students. Currently, there are 46 students training in Red Deer with 30 more to arrive in early February. By the end of 2017 Montair expects to have 200 students training at their location at the airport.

In September we celebrated our 3rd year of Air Canada scheduled passenger service. This service allows Central Albertans to access 191 worldwide destinations through connector flights from Red Deer to Calgary - 3 times per day, 7 days a week. In October we also welcomed our new CEO, Graham Ingham to the staff team at YQF. Mr. Ingham brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the airport, with over 25 years in both the aviation and business management sector. We are confident that Graham will lead us in the future development of the airport and continue to build upon the set vision to become the Aviation Gateway for Central Alberta.

As you can see we had a busy year here at YQF and with Project Runway fully operational moving in the New Year, 2017 is looking to be full of opportunities for YQF to better serve the Central Alberta Market. Stay informed with airport news and announcements as we further explore these exciting new opportunities in 2017 at www.flyreddeer.com.

