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**Personnel Involved in Airport Development to Speak at Sechelt Airport Event**

On Saturday, September 13th, Sechelt will host an event to raise awareness about current airport operations and what will it take to bring scheduled air service to Sechelt Airport.

Guest speakers at this Airport Business Development event will include Barry Lapointe, President and CEO of Kelowna Flightcraft, and Tim Cole, Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) BC & Yukon Director. Both have over 40 years of experience in the Canadian aviation industry, including involvement in the development of a number of airports in British Columbia.

“An expanded transportation network that includes an airport is essential to support and enhance the quality of life that Sunshine Coast residents enjoy,” said Sechelt Mayor John R. Henderson. “Scheduled air service can also be a catalyst for community and business development. For example, Kelowna’s airport contributes over 1400 direct jobs and \$120 million in gross domestic product to that community. This event is an opportunity for us to benefit from the experience of people that have been part of airport success stories in Kelowna and elsewhere.”

The Airport Business Development event is open to both business interests and the public. It is scheduled to begin at 3pm on the grounds of Sechelt Airport with the presentations by the guest speakers (moved inside the Elphinstone Aero Club building in the case of rain). Following the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to view displays on planned development of the airport and learn about current and proposed airport operations. Visiting aircraft are also scheduled to be on display. Refreshments will be available, with proceeds benefiting the Sechelt Volunteer Fire Fighters Association.

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