

Mayor & City Council
City of Courtenay
830 Cliffe Ave
Courtenay, BC V9N 2J7

29 May 2024

**Request to Erect a Marquee near the Courtenay Marina
In Support of “Give Hope Wings” Expedition – Saturday, 15 June 2024**

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

“Give Hope Wings” is an organization made up of a dedicated group of pilots that launch annual air expeditions across Canada to raise funds for Hope Air, the only national charity and medical travel assistance program that offers free travel and accommodations for Canadians in financial need who must access medical care far from home. To date, “Give Hope Wings” has raised over \$2.3 Million for Canadians in need.

The expedition for Western Canada will be traveling through Courtenay on Saturday, June 15th enroute to several communities in northern BC, and has requested a one-night stopover for their aircraft at the Courtenay Airpark.

We are planning to greet the group (5 to 7 light aircraft) on arrival sometime in the mid-to-late afternoon of the 15th and would like to erect a marquee just outside the Airpark main gate, in the grassy area southwest of the Courtenay Marina, to provide a location for the group to interact with walkers on the Airpark Pathway or other interested members of the community. This would allow them to tell their story and accept donations from those who might wish to contribute to their cause for the few hours that they would be available.

Understanding that this is not normal practice under the Parks Control Bylaw, the Courtenay Airpark Association requests your approval to erect a marquee along the pathway on a one-time basis on June 15th to support the “Give Hope Wings” Expedition’s fundraising initiatives.

Your attention to this request is most highly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Raymond R. Henault
President
Courtenay Airpark Association

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