

# Annual Report 31 December 2017

FREEDOM AVIATION SOCIETY

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Freedom Aviation Society (FAS) is a Non Profit Society incorporated in Nova Scotia. Its purpose is to establish a location in Kings County, NS. for general aviation to operate and prosper following closure of Kings County Municipal Airport (CCW3) on 31 March 2016. FAS is governed by a board of directors including.

Paul Easson, private pilot, business operator, Aylesford, NS

Ian Blenkarn, private pilot, business operator, Berwick, NS.

Gary Dunfield, private pilot , business operator, Kentville, NS

Eric Sawler, private pilot, local business operator, Kentville, NS

Steve Christiansen, commercial pilot, business operator, Halifax, NS

**Municipality of Kings** committed approximately \$1,800,000 of funding to achieve this objective requesting 14 Wing Greenwood (CYZX) be the first location considered.

**Waterville Airport Co** operative has contributed \$52,489

**14 Wing Greenwood** has been very co operative in our efforts. Flight Safety at 14 Wing has included us in their Safety Management System which we could never accomplish on our own. Both flight safety and air traffic control staff have provided pilot training for anyone interested. Thank you for your help.

**Many hours have been volunteered by civilian and military persons** interested in our success. Including maintenance, snow removal, co ordination with 14 Wing, aircraft marshaling, fly in event organization, pilot safety training and many other things.

At 14 Wing Greenwood a

-fenced and gated compound was erected to enclose our ramp area.

- 100LL fuel system was installed.

-A temporary office trailer (waiting room, flight planning room and wash room) was secured.

-Tie downs for 15 aircraft were installed.

-Equipment shed was secured

-Three snow blowers and a tractor mower were secured

-Canada Customs Clearance available via Canpass 8:00 to 17:00 Monday through Friday

**May 2017** Vimy Flight Aircraft arrived at CYZX and Military Aviation Museum in May 2017  
[www.vimyflight.ca](http://www.vimyflight.ca).

**Jul 2017** Air Cadets began familiarization flights for approximately 500 cadets. Also glider operations were carried out by Cadets. The Cadets made use of our office trailer and purchased 100 LL.

**Aug 2017** Atlantic Canada International Air Show was held at 14 Wing Greenwood. This attracted military and civilian aircraft and exhibitors from all over Canada and the US. We supplies 100 LL, oil and ramp parking for show aircraft and visitors. Over 10,000 people attended the two day show. Aside from some Saturday traffic jams the operation went well. Hoping to have the show back again in 2019  
[www.airshowatlantic.ca](http://www.airshowatlantic.ca).

**Nov 2017** Annapolis Valley Flying Association (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association Flight 147) held a free flights for children ( COPA for Kids) at 14 Wing Greenwood. Aircraft and pilots based at 14 Wing and Kings Aerodrome (Saxon Street) volunteered their aircraft to take kids for a local flight. Light lunch was supplied for pilots and kids by Annapolis Valley Flying Association.

**Debert Flight Centre** discontinued their private pilot ground school. Their Cessna 172 was located at CYZX during July, August and September available for rental when cadet flights were not happening. Deberts application to operate flight training at CYZX remains with Transport Canada for approval. Subject to approval Debert has approved purchase of a Cessna 172 to start flight training at CYZX.

**During 2017 their were 2,666 civilian aircraft movements (about 26 % of total field movements)** at CYZX. That is an increase over the prior years 1,837 movements. Visitors from USA and other Canadian provinces, Helicopters patrolling power lines after storms, business aircraft up to Citation Jet size, local aircraft charter flights. Most all these would have been serviced by CCW3 before its closure. There are 138 aircraft registered to access 14 Wing.

**14 Wing Greenwood air traffic control have benefited from the extra traffic** as it assists with their training. During the summer flying season, civilian flights represented about percent of the activity and this is without a flight school operating. With an operating flight school I anticipate civilian movements to double or triple in the first year.

**Financially operations compared well with prior year** although we had some reduction in aircraft based at CYZX due to aircraft sales, Debert Flight Centre withdrawing aircraft and relocations due to no hanger availability.

	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Prior year</u></b>	
Resident Aircraft	8	15	With out hangers we can not attract aircraft
Aircraft movements	2,666	1837	

Operations revenue	\$27,180	\$20,543	45% increase in revenues over last year
Hanger lease	nil	nil	Awaiting approval
Operating expenses	\$25,970	\$16,557	

**We are looking forward to 2018 and further developing operations at CYZX. The barriers we hope to overcome are;**

A 14 Wing, Municipality of Kings and Freedom Aviation Society must finalize a lease before any more construction can proceed target date 30 April 2018.

B Construct two hangers and office space, target date 30 Sep 2018.

C Establish flight training business by Debert Flight Centre, target date 30 Jun 2018

D Establish aircraft maintenance business

E Secure additional funding sources to complete the above

In closing I want to thank 14 Wing Greenwood, Municipality of Kings, Province of Nova Scotia, Federal Government of Canada for their cooperation in planting this important seed at CYZX.

We in the aviation community are privileged to have access to the first class airport at CYZX.

Paul Easson

Chairman of Board  
Freedom Aviation Society