



## EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

### REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

**DATE:** 2021 July 09

**SUBJECT:** Air 1 Legacy Donation, Transfer to Aviation Museum

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#### RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC) approve the following recommendation(s):

1. Sanction the donation of the original Air-1 (C-FEPS) helicopter from the Edmonton Police Service to the Alberta Aviation Museum at 11410 Kingsway Ave for display.

#### INTRODUCTION:

This report will present the EPC with a recommendation for action on a public relations endeavor being explored by Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Flight Operations and the Alberta Aviation Museum. This proposal has been approved in principle by Chief's Committee. All anticipated expenses would be fully financed by existing fenced funds from within the Edmonton Police Foundation (EPF).

The timing of this donation coincides with the commensuration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Air-1's' first operational flight in August 2001.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2001 C-FEPS 'Air-1' was originally purchased by funds raised through public donations to the "Spotlight on Safety" campaign. The helicopter has been decommissioned as it was beyond its lifespan as an operational aircraft. EPS Financial Management Branch has fully depreciated the asset and no longer accounts for it in any capital asset planning or operational expensing. The Alberta Aviation Museum, located at 11410 Kingsway Ave, has expressed interest in the C-FEPS to be part of a permanent display of aircraft that were instrumental to aviation history in Alberta.

Currently, steps are being taken to identify and remove any serviceable components for sale from the decommissioned C-FEPS; with the objective of extracting any remaining value from the aircraft without negatively impacting the integrity of the aircraft for display purposes.

If approved, the decommissioned helicopter, stripped of any tangible value, would be reassembled for display and subsequently transported to the museum. EPS Flight Operations personnel would provide information or materials to assist the museum staff in their development of the exhibit display. Flight Operations may provide further support to the museum when the timed public unveiling of the exhibit occurs.

Initial EPF cost estimates for the preparation and transport is estimated at \$25,000.00 CAD.

### **COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:**

Once all serviceable components from the decommissioned C-FEPS have been removed, the remaining hull or platform will have minimal value as aviation scrap metal. The EPS has the opportunity to create some legacy through this museum proposal. This donation allows the EPS to work with, and leverage, the EPF's fenced funding as a 'pay it forward' to the City and Province. Returning the C-FEPS helicopter, which was originally funded by the community, back into the community, would maintain the Province's rich history in aviation and enhance the education system and the museum itself. It is anticipated the donation would be received in positive light and heighten the EPS' reputation within the Province.

Projected cost breakdown:

➤ Maintenance engineer costs to reassemble the aircraft	\$10,000
➤ Fabrication if unserviceable parts cannot be sourced	\$6,000
➤ Shipping unserviceable parts and components made on exchange	\$3,000
➤ Cost to transport helicopter from Villeneuve to the museum	\$1,000
➤ Contingency amount	<u>\$5,000</u>

Total: \$25,000 CAD

The funds required will be obtained through the Edmonton Police Foundation 'Helicopter Fund' deferred account which would bring the whole project full circle. Flight Operations personnel time in providing information or assistance to the museum staff in their development of the display exhibit would be value in kind, managed accordingly and minimal in length.

### **CONCLUSION:**

This recommendation is a prime opportunity to leave meaningful aviation legacy for the EPS, the City of Edmonton and for the Province.

It is recommended the EPC sanction the donation of the original Air-1 (C-FEPS) helicopter from the Edmonton Police Service to the Alberta Aviation Museum at 11410 Kingsway Ave for display.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:**

- Nil.

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