

# Annual Report 31 December 2022

FREEDOM AVIATION SOCIETY

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Freedom Aviation Society (FAS) is a Non Profit Society incorporated in Nova Scotia. Its purpose is to operate a general aviation ramp at 14 Wing Greenwood (CYZX) in Kings County, NS. where general aviation can operate and prosper. This is made possible through cooperation and support from Municipality of County of Kings, 14 Wing Greenwood and general aviation community.

Freedom Aviation Society is managed by a board of directors including;

Paul Easson, private pilot, business operator, Aylesford, 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

## **Freedom Aviation Ramp at 14 Wing Greenwood (CYZX) now includes;**

- Fenced and gated compound enclosing our ramp area.
- 100LL fuel system with 22,000 litre capacity and self serve pump.
- Office trailer (waiting room, flight planning room and wash room) open 24 hours a day 7 days per week.
- Tie downs for 15 aircraft.
- 3000 square feet of heated hanger space and 6000 square feet of ambient temperature hanger space
- Equipment shed.
- Snow blower and a tractor mower
- Canada Customs Clearance available via Canpass 8:00 to 17:00 Monday through Friday
- Flight Training Unit operated by Annapolis Valley Flight Training Centre Inc.

## **Some Highlights during 2022**

**Jul 2022** Air Cadets familiarization flights were all cancelled due to COVID

**Annapolis Valley Flight Training Centre Inc.** began a flight training operation 6 Jan 2021 . They now have three aircraft and employ 3 part time and 2 full time flight instructors. Training is offered for Private, Commercial, Night and instrument. [www.avftc.ca](http://www.avftc.ca)

**During 2022 there were 11,645 civilian aircraft movements** at CYZX. That is 24% increase from the prior year 9,364 civilian aircraft movements. There are 203 civilian aircraft registered to access 14 Wing.

Construction of a 10,000 square foot hanger (approx. 1,500,000 private investment) has started with expected completion by 31 May 2023. This will include 2400 square feet of office and 8800 square feet of heated hanger space. The entire project will be privately funded.

**14 Wing Greenwood air traffic control have benefited from the extra traffic** as it assists with their training.

**Financially operations compared well with prior year.**

Actual	2022	2021	2020	<b>2019</b>	<u>2018</u>
Resident Aircraft	16	15	13	<b>11</b>	11
Aircraft movements	11,645	9364	3,464	<b>7,252</b>	5,234
Operations revenue	\$123,669	\$106,162	\$80,409	<b>\$77,206</b>	\$81,050
Operating expenses	\$ 76,956	\$78,008	\$67,436	<b>\$61,024</b>	\$80,882

**We are looking forward to 2023 and further developing operations at CYZX.**

**1 Expand flight training business owned** by Annapolis Valley Flight Training Centre Inc. happened 6 Jan 2021 with 1 aircraft and 3 instructors and expanded to 3 aircraft and 5 instructors during the year. Plans are to add an integrated flight training program, seaplane ratings, twin engine aircraft and simulator over the next two years.

**2 Private funding is secured** to complete construction of additional 8000 square feet of hanger space and 2400 square feet of office space to support business development. Completion is planned spring of 2023.

**3 Installation of Jet fuel dispensing system** is planned for 2023 to support customers

**4 Aviation Day Camps for children** will be held in March with 30 children booked and many children on waiting list.

In closing I want to thank 14 Wing Greenwood, Municipality of Kings, Province of Nova Scotia, and 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** [pauleasson@hotmail.com](mailto:pauleasson@hotmail.com)