

# Landowners' Guide: **BCGA Private Airstrip Access Program**



*"Promoting Safe & Enjoyable Flying Throughout British Columbia"*

The British Columbia General Aviation Association ("BCGA") want to first thank you for participating in the Private Airstrip Access Program ("PAAP"), this program would not be possible without you and your commitment to bettering our aviation community throughout this province.

PAAP was launched in March 2018 with the goal of providing pilots access to private airstrips that otherwise would be unavailable.

This document will serve as a guide for you and will help explain what PAAP is, what your rights are, and generally our vision for PAAP. On the second page we have included a "Landowner Consent" form for you to fill out. You can scan or take a picture of the filled out form and send it to the BCGA.

## **What is the Private Airstrip Access Program?**

PAAP is a program that allows pilots access to private airstrips throughout British Columbia.

## **What does the Private Airstrip Access Program provide me?**

Protecting your rights, and the rights of your private airstrip is of the utmost importance to the BCGA. With that in mind, all pilots and their passengers must sign a full release of liability and voluntary assumption of risk indemnity agreement document (collectively, the "Waiver").

## **How does the Waiver impact my property and my rights as a private airstrip owner?**

The Waiver is an important document that will impact your property and airstrip, it is designed to help legally protect you against liability.

## **What these documents provide are some of the following:**

1. Pilots and passengers are voluntarily assuming all legal risks associated with using the airstrip. This will help minimize your risk in any lawsuit.
2. Pilots acknowledge that they are responsible for any, and all damages personally that may occur on or around your airstrip and property.
3. Pilots are responsible for ensuring that they have their own insurance when using your private airstrip. Having insurance for using private airstrips is required for any usage of your airstrip.
4. Requirement that pilots have your authorization, either verbal or written, prior to using your airstrip.
5. Gives you the rights to grant or refuse access to your airstrip at any time, for any reason.

## **How is information about my airstrip stored?**

As part of PAAP, we maintain a central depository with information about your airstrip. It is our goal that this information will be updated frequently. All information about your airstrip will be provided and used with your consent. This information will be stored online electronically.

## **How do I sign up for PAAP and how will the program operate?**

You will have read this entire Landowners' Guide. After that, you will do the following:

1. You will then sign up to PAAP by signing a landowner agreement (the "Agreement"). The Agreement will provide your address and location of your airstrip.
2. By signing the Agreement, you will consent to information about your airstrip becoming part of PAAP and agree to the posting of your information about your airstrip being

made available on the BCGA website, or through communication with its members.

3. You can sign up by printing, signing, and sending an electronic copy of Landowner Consent document below to the BCGA, or you can also sign up by taking a well lit picture on your phone and emailing the picture of the signed Agreement to the BCGA. After you sign up, your airstrip will become part of PAAP.
4. Pilots will sign up for PAAP by signing the Waiver and submitting the Waiver electronically whereby upon approval that the Waiver has been signed and filled out correctly by the BCGA, the pilot will then be given a PAAP season pass for one year.
5. With the season pass, a pilot will be able to access your airstrip, subject to the conditions (i.e. certain time/day restrictions, or other conditions) you have placed on your airstrip and subject to your approval. You can give your approval to a pilots request verbally or electronically.
6. You can withdraw your consent to having your airstrip being part of the program at any time by emailing the BCGA that you withdraw your consent.

## **Our Vision**

Lastly, we want to leave you with our vision. We see the launch of this program as a new opportunity for pilots flying in British Columbia to explore this beautiful province and make memories in ways not possible before. With your help, we can make this possible, and one day, perhaps see our vision expanded across other provinces as we further increase access to private airstrips in British Columbia, which we believe benefits all in the aviation community.

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### Landowner Consent

I have read and understand the information in the attached Landowners' Guide for the British Columbia General Aviation Association ("BCGA"): Private Airstrip Access Program ("PAAP") and I hereby certify and represent that I am the owner, operator, or otherwise hold the rights to the following property and I wish to sign up to the Program so that the following land can be made available for authorized use by the pilots that are signed up for PAAP at my discretion:

(ADDRESS or LAT/LONG OF AIRSTRIP and NAME OF AIRSTRIP):

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(the "Aerodrome")

I also understand that it will be necessary for me to provide some information about the Aerodrome (the "Information") and hereby consent to the BCGA posting such Information on the BCGA website by BCGA or through communication to its members, including email, print, or otherwise.

I understand and agree that the Aerodrome will be part of PAAP indefinitely unless I expressly withdraw my consent to be part of the Program and allow BCGA to post Information. Further, I agree that in order to withdraw my consent I must notify BCGA by e-mail that I withdraw my consent to be part of PAAP.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions on usage (if any):

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