



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PACIFIC HELIPORT SERVICES COMPLETES \$1.7M UPGRADE AT VANCOUVER HARBOUR HELIPORT**

**Richmond, B.C. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - With support from the Province of British Columbia's Airport Assistance Program ("BCAAP") under the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Pacific Heliport Services, ("PHS") a wholly owned subsidiary of Helijet International Inc., has completed a major \$1.7M upgrade of the public use intermodal heliport in downtown Vancouver, on the south shore of Burrard Inlet.

The upgrade project entailed the design, fabrication and installation of two primary bridgeway connections to the floating heliport, along with numerous related facility and shoreline improvements within the heliport lease areas. The project construction was unique in that no in-water works were conducted throughout the project term, mitigating any environmental concerns to marine life and the natural habitat.

Located within walking distance of Vancouver's downtown core, and part of a transportation hub with connections to SeaBus, SkyTrain, bus network, and a cruise ship terminal, the heliport plays an instrumental role in facilitating government business, private sector commerce and tourism offerings.

The heliport also provides emergency life-saving medical services for the local region. It is certified by Transport Canada for both day and night operations, it serves the BC Ambulance Service for St. Paul's Hospital and the North Shore's Lions Gate Hospital and is listed as an asset on the Critical Infrastructure list maintained by Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC).

"I want thank the Province for their funding and support of this project, as well as our many industry and private sector clients who supported our BCAAP funding application," said Danny Sitnam, President and CEO, Helijet and PHS. "I also want to thank the Harbour Heliport Society and the numerous helicopter air operators that use this heliport facility. These upgrades are a reflection of our commitment to them and the safety of the millions of passengers who travel with us each year."

Seventy-five per cent (\$1,279,000) of the project financing for the \$1.7m airside build was provided by BCAAP, with Pacific Heliport Services providing the remaining 25 per cent. The project was a design-build contract awarded and completed by FRB Construction Systems, a company owned, operated and based in British Columbia.

"The provincial government is committed to helping airports and air facility operators across the province make the safety and capacity upgrades they need to better serve their customers and communities," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "We recognize the vital role this terminal and Pacific Heliport Services plays in the region, and through BCAAP, we're pleased to have made this important upgrade possible while at the same time supporting BC's construction sector and the work carried out by BC-based FRB Construction Systems."

## About Helijet and PHS

Helijet International is a privately held Canadian-owned aviation solutions company based in British Columbia, Canada, and is recognized as North America's largest helicopter airline, carrying well over 2.4 million guests in the past 35 years. In addition to its scheduled helicopter services, Helijet is the Province of British Columbia's longest standing and largest air service provider of dedicated medically equipped helicopters. Helijet provides exclusive-use helicopter and fixed-wing services to world-renowned sport fishing resorts, public service and energy companies throughout the west coast of British Columbia and North America.

Helijet's wholly owned subsidiary, Pacific Heliport Services, Ltd., ("PHS") is Canada's largest privately managed Heliport operator, overseeing the downtown Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo's Transport Canada-certified heliports. Helijet and PHS have been recognized by communities and aviation associations alike as a socially responsible and forward-thinking aviation company that deeply engages with the communities it serves. Helijet and PHS are committed to introducing and integrating zero-emission vertical lift technologies and related infrastructure into the communities that it serves to meet future urban air mobility commercialization. For more information, visit [www.helijet.com](http://www.helijet.com).

## About: BCAAP

The British Columbia Air Access Program (BCAAP) provides funding to assist B.C. aviation facilities, including airports, heliports and water aerodromes, to improve infrastructure and environmental performance. Through this cost-sharing program, facility operators can invest in safety, social improvements (such as improved medevac) and climate / environmental projects that help strengthen local, regional and provincial economies. BCAAP encourages funding partnerships with Indigenous, local, regional and federal governments, as well as agencies and private-sector organizations. For more information, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement/permits/funding-grants/aviation-infrastructure-funding>.

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