



**Smithers, BC
Change in Hours of Airport Advisory Service**

NAV CANADA, the country's provider of civil air navigation services, conducted an aeronautical study that evaluated the requirement for Airport Advisory Service (AAS), provided from Flight Service Stations (FSS) at various aerodromes, including the Smithers Airport.

Taking into consideration the complexity, level and nature of operations at the Smithers Airport, NAV CANADA has concluded that reducing the hours of AAS would not adversely affect the safety and efficiency of flight operations.

As a result of this study, commencing **08 April 2010**, the hours of operation of the Smithers FSS will be reduced and AAS will be provided at Smithers between the hours of 0700–2000 (October 1 to May 31), 0600-2200 (June 1 to September 30) Local Time.

Outside of the hours that AAS is provided, the Mandatory Frequency (MF) 122.3 MHz will remain in effect. For co-ordination of aircraft arrivals or departures when AAS is not provided, pilots are to communicate directly with other pilots and with vehicle operators on the MF to obtain an aircraft or vehicle's position and pilot or vehicle operator intentions.

Twenty-four hour weather observations will be maintained by using an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) during the overnight period. Weather information required to conduct an instrument approach may be obtained directly from the AWOS using the voice generation module (VGM), frequency 128.65 MHz. ATC clearances and other operational information can be obtained from the Kamloops Flight Information Centre (FIC) via the FISE RCO, frequency 126.7 MHz.

These changes will take effect 08 April 2010 at 0901 Coordinated Universal Time. The appropriate aeronautical publications will be amended.

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