

## **Tillsonburg Airport Advisory Committee**

### **Fire Safety Inspection Report**

#### **Background**

In June of 2023, the Township of South-West Oxford Fire Services and the Town of Tillsonburg Fire Services undertook joint fire safety inspections of all buildings at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport. These inspections were part of a collaborative effort to ensure the safety and preparedness of the airport in the event of a fire emergency.

#### **Objectives**

The primary goals of the fire safety inspections were as follows:

- To educate building owners on fire safety practices.
- To assess the buildings for any potential fire safety hazards.
- To reduce the risks and impact of fire incidents at the airport.
- To enhance the response to fire emergencies and minimize risks to firefighters who are tasked with responding to emergencies at the airport.

#### **Process**

While the intent and goals of the inspection process were clear, a few challenges related to notification procedures and staffing turnover within both fire services delayed the inspections and the reporting of the results.

As per the request from the Airport Advisory Committee, this report provides a summary of the key inspection issues identified and a list of inspection items has been forwarded to the Airport Manager for distribution to each respective hangar owner.

#### **Summary of Inspection Items**

The following issues were identified during the inspections of the airport hangars:

##### **1. Fire Extinguishers:**

- Missing fire extinguishers.
- Fire extinguishers of the incorrect type or undersized.
- Lack of monthly or annual inspections.
- Expired or outdated fire extinguishers (6 & 12 year)

**2. Means of Egress:**

- Egress paths obstructed or combustible storage.

**3. Storage of Combustibles:**

- Combustibles stored near electrical service panels.

**4. Propane Cylinders:**

- Propane cylinders stored indoors.

**5. Extension Cords:**

- Extension cords as permanent wiring.

**Acknowledgments**

We would like to thank all airport stakeholders for their cooperation throughout this inspection process. Your commitment to improving fire safety at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport contributes to the safety of all owners, employees, visitors, and our firefighters.

Please feel free to contact Fire Chief Shane Caskanette if you have any questions or need further clarification on this report.

**Sincerely,**

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