

Cooking Lake Airport

Airport Update

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**Priorities
Committee**

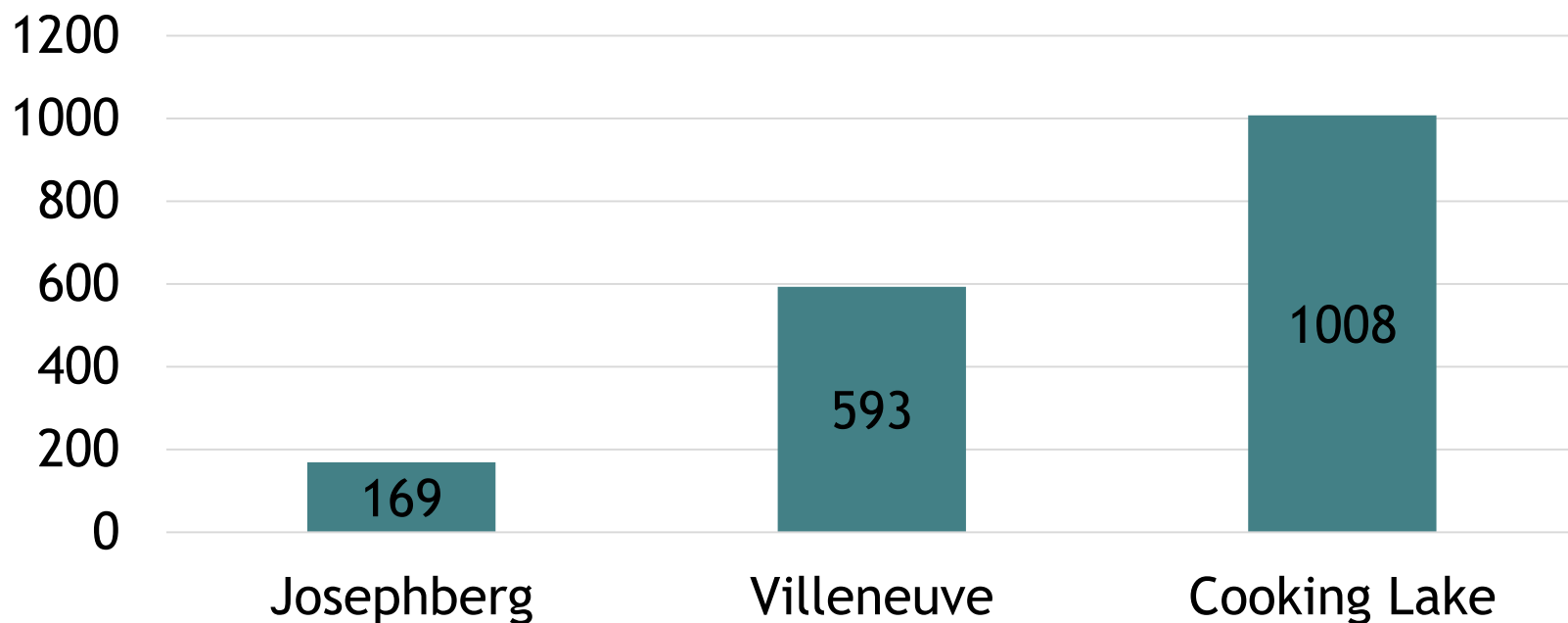
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2022/23 Highlights

- International flights restored
- Transport Canada obstacle clearance limits resolved
- MF Frequency change complete
- Maintenance of aging pavements

Aeronautical traffic - June 2023



Regional traffic pattern is changing

** Data source: FlightAware (ADS-B and active flight plans)

Community events

- Trail days 2023
 - Car show, airplane fly-in
 - 400-500 attendees
 - \$1,200 priority funds - thank you!
- 100th anniversary coming in 2026
 - Ramp up has begun
 - Alberta Air Tour, COPA
 - New book underway to compile airport history

Hangar construction

- All 96 hangar lots built out
- No plans for further lot development
- Trend towards teardowns and renovations



Pavement Rehabilitation

- 8 of 14 secondary taxiways are now in poor condition and will be resurfaced summer of 2024
- Will consume more than half of capital reserves

Governance

- County feasibility study completed. Further discussions suspended.
- Have opened discussions with GoA regarding airside ownership. GoA already owns EE7.
- SC Tax Dept investigating tax implications of placing airside assets in registered society.

Pilot shortage accelerating

- Post pandemic travel surge
- Airlines now canceling routes
- Cdn pilots leaving for US tripled in 2022
 - Higher wages (up to 92% pay gap in 2024)
 - Lower cost of living

Problem is national – can't fix it all from here
but we're doing our best to help

Cooking Lake Aviation Rebrand



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Growth in 2023

- iATPL allows students to complete 25% fewer flight hours (150 vs 200 hrs) and students write their ATPL exams early (16 enrolled - 32 applied)
- 6 aircraft fleet (3 Diamond Singles, 2 Cessnas, 1 Diamond Twin)



Next Steps - iATPL Diploma Program



- New \$400,000 USD ALSIM ALX now operational
- 16 College students for fall semester. 16 more for Winter semester
- Next step: New Hangar + Campus

Future programs include Maintenance, Drone and Cabin Safety



Questions?