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Subject: SMA Commission behavior

Good afternoon Dan et al,

I'm not sure what went wrong here. I thought we had a great conversation the other day and the SMA commission was prepared to behave in a professional manner.

Mr. Englishman himself reported that the concrete block preventing him from accessing his hangar, for which he has a current agreement (until October 2022 as rules in a court of law) had been moved and was verifying to see if the SMA commission has in fact listened to the majority of the councillors present at the Brockton town meeting last week (for which I was present for) and moved it. It would seem that the reaction to this was to add three additional blocks (see pictures)!

Our COPA Flight reached out to me last week to inform me that if this situation does not get resolved, they will not continue to operate their COPA Flight. At this point, if this is what they wish to do, will not object. COPA cannot and will not endorse this type of unprofessional behavior at a public aerodrome. Access agreements are in place to protect both the airport and the tenant. I do feel at this point that the airport commission is strongarming Mr. Englishman into signing a new access agreement (by placing a ridiculous amount of concrete blocks in front of his hangar preventing him from accessing his hangar for which he has an agreement), when the current one is still valid.

I'm equally stunned that the townships who own the airport have not been responsive (all but one) to the unprofessional behavior of a commission that has a duty to represent them.

I did mention to you that an airport operator nearby attempted to change an access agreement with a long time tenant at their airport and the court ruled in the tenants favour (you can look it up, Collingwood Airport). It's a good thing that access agreements aren't arbitrary and follow a process and that courts are acknowledging that.

It is beyond me why the commission is not respecting the ruling and putting itself in a position of additional litigation (at the expense of the constituents no less). The commission is purposely withholding Mr. Englishman's payment and using this to say he is in default (and choosing to not say why when asked by town counsellors). He is not. He paid his access fee in March of this year, but the town clerk has gotten instructions from the commission to not cash the cheque. It is beyond me how three townships are allowing this to happen.

I am fully aware of this case, from both sides and it is my professional opinion that the commission is acting in an unreasonable way, and quite frankly, is letting personal feelings interfere in professional matters.

I am still hopeful that the commission will uphold the court ruling of this past June and honour Mr. Englishman's access agreement until it expires and present him with the same reasonable agreement being offered to all other airport tenant at that time. I am equally hopeful that the townships and their

councillors, whom have remained silent, will acknowledge the court ruling, will stop spending constituents taxes dollars on a case they know they cannot win (and have lost already once).

I'm appealing to all of you to end this nonsensical and distressing feud with a singular individual who has every right (as ruled in a court of law) to access his property from the public airport.

I remain available to any of you should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Best Regards,

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