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Godspeed to the 'fastest aircraft that ever served in the Canadian Forces'

Olivier Laurin
Record staff

On the evening of July 6, a small group of people gathered at the Comox Heritage Airpark to pay homage and wish farewell to its CF-104 Starfighter.

Among this crowd was retired Lt.-Col. Dan Dempsey, who piloted the aircraft in its glory days.

"The Starfighter was the fastest aircraft that ever served in the RCAF and Canadian Forces," said Dempsey. "It was a Mach 2 airplane that

would fly twice the speed of sound.

"This particular airplane happens to be one of the fastest starfighters that we ever flew. It has actually flown as a test flight up to Mach 2.4 (2960 km/h)."

Faster than the emblematic F-18 and the current F-35, this supersonic fighter jet was stationed in Cold Lake, Alta., before ending up at the Comox Heritage Airpark following its retirement.

Originally designed in 1954 by Lockheed's legendary aeronauti-

cal engineer Kelly Johnson, most of the Canadian Starfighter fleet was manufactured in Montreal.

Added to the Canadian military inventory in 1962, the aircraft was first used for its reconnaissance and nuclear strike abilities.

"Fortunately, we never had to use it," said Dempsey. "But the whole idea was to prevent and deter conflict by being ready. And we were ready. Canadians did very well with this airplane and were very highly respected in NATO."

Flown by 15 countries, the aircraft rapidly became a favourite of many NATO member states in Europe.

New beginning

After spending the last three decades sit-



A crew prepares to lift the iconic CF-104 Starfighter for its move from the Comox Heritage Airpark to the B.C. Aviation Museum in Victoria. (Olivier Laurin / Comox Valley Record)

ting in Comox's Heritage Airpark, the aircraft is now on its way to Victoria's BC Aviation Museum.

"We're going to strip the airplane right down to bare metal and then hopefully

refinish it back in the original form that it flew in when it first came off the assembly line," said Dempsey. "It's been rendered un-flyable, but it's going to be a beautiful static airplane."

Though Dempsey said that the renovation of the plane will take several months, the museum hopes the plane will be ready in time to be unveiled for RCAF's 100th anniversary next year.

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3063

1814 Grieve Avenue
Courtenay, BC
Lot 4, Section 68,
Comox District, Plan VIS5235
File No. RZ000065

In accordance with s.464(2) of the Local Government Act, a public hearing on Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3063 is not required. Under s.467 of the Local Government Act notice is hereby given that Council will consider 1st reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3063 at the July 26th, 2023 regular Council meeting. The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to rezone the above noted property from Residential One S Zone (R-1S) to Residential One E Zone (R-1E) to allow a proposed subdivision for the creation of two additional lots while retaining the existing home.

Get more information:

View a copy of the proposed bylaw and relevant documents on our website www.courtenay.ca/devapptracker (search by address or file number).

Written submissions must be received by the City no later than **1:00 pm, Wednesday, July 26, 2023** to ensure their availability to Council at the meeting.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 26th 2023, 4:00 pm

Watch meeting live online:

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