



Lac du Bonnet Airport Business Park development takes first steps forward

Site preparation work to begin week of Feb. 17

Feb. 14, 2025: The Lac du Bonnet Airport Business Park is taking its first steps forward.

Beginning Feb. 18, 2025, deforestation work will begin on two parcels of land south of the Lac du Bonnet Regional Airport.

A contractor was selected to complete this work via Council resolution in January. The contractor will clear the forested area while preserving a 260-foot-wide buffer of trees along the east side to maintain a natural barrier between the business park and Dancyt Road.

The two parcels of land are a combined 26.69 acres, as shown in the Site Plan mapping below. The specific boundaries of the Business Park are to be determined.



Council approved the Lac du Bonnet Regional Airport business plan proposal by Stantec Consulting in December. It is part of the Airport Master Plan, which Council awarded to Stantec in September after a request for proposal process. Council recently discussed the deforestation work at the Feb. 11 Committee of the Whole.

“We are always looking at ways to increase our economic diversity, expand the local tax base, and assist in creating new local employment opportunities, because doing so helps Lac du Bonnet’s sustainability and prosperity,” Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Reeve Loren Schinkel said. “A business park is a great way to reach those goals and we are excited to see the project is taking its first steps forward.”

“The park will be a great complement to the Airport, which has grown a lot in the past number of years and is currently developing a Master Plan for the first time, once complete,” Reeve Schinkel continued. “We are confident the park will attract new businesses and those looking to expand while supporting local entrepreneurs.”

After the deforestation work is complete, the next stage in the project is the removal of remaining stumps and branches. This work will either be contracted out or completed by the RM’s Public Works Department.

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