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Plane Crash at Long Beach Airport (CYAZ) - Update

RCMP and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District airport staff remain on scene at the Long Beach Airport (CYAZ) where a small plane crashed on the runway earlier today. RCMP have reported two fatalities and one occupant with serious injuries who has been transported to hospital. RCMP will remain on scene until the BC Coroner Service arrives.

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to the first responders who acted swiftly and professionally at the scene of the accident today." said Daniel Sailland, CAO for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District who oversees airport operations. "Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those affected by this tragic event."

The Transportation Safety Board will begin investigations to determine the cause of the crash and work with local authorities throughout the process.

Two of the runways remain open with the third runway and taxiway closed until investigations are completed.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Transport Safety Board of Canada – TSB Media Relations 819-360-4376 or media@tsb.gc.ca.