Death Review Panel: Four Fatal Aviation Accidents Involving Air Taxi Operations on British Columbia’s Coast

Panel Members

The Death Review Panel appointed to examine select aviation accidents that occurred on British Columbia’s Coast was convened at the Office of the Chief Coroner in Burnaby, October 19 to 21, 2011. The panel comprised the following members who were appointed under section 49 of the Coroners Act.

**Tom Bailey**, Manager, Industry Services - Forestry, WorkSafeBC.
**Ron Corbeil**, Health, Safety and Environment Coordinator, United Steelworkers Union
**Vince Crooks**, Senior Investigator Operations, Transportation Safety Board of Canada.
**Joel Eilertsen**, Owner/Chief Pilot, Air Cab.
**Edward Gee**, Product Support Manager, Viking Air Ltd.
**Doug Harrison**, Logging Supervisor, International Forest Products Ltd.
**Russell Higginson**, Lead Meteorologist, Canadian Meteorological Aviation Centre – West, Meteorological Service of Canada.
**Peter Lineen**, CEO, BC Forest Safety Council.
**St. Clair McColl**, President, Floatplane Operators Association; President, Saltspring Air.
**David Nowzek**, Regional Director, Civil Aviation, Transport Canada.
**Tim Parker**, Treasurer, Floatplane Operators Association; Chief Pilot/President, Pat Bay Air Ltd.
**Mark Peebles**, Regional Prevention Manager, WorkSafeBC.
**Deborah Warren**, Regional Manager of System Safety for Pacific Region Civil Aviation, Transport Canada.
**C.W. (Bill) Yearwood**, Aviation Regional Manager, Transportation Safety Board of Canada.
**Panel Administrator - Claire Thompson**, BC Coroners Service
**Chair – Tom Pawlowski**, BC Coroners Service

The panel’s proceedings are protected by statute. Panel members have the same privileges with respect to the disclosure or submission as one would have in a court of law. Panel members have agreed to abide strictly by all of the terms of confidentiality set out for the panel and have agreed not to reveal to any person, any detail of the discussions held by the death review panel and not to disclose any document, or contents of any document, provided to panel members for the purpose of the review. The panel’s findings and conclusions are reflected in the recommendations submitted to the Chief Coroner of British Columbia by the panel’s chair. Full consensus with respect to findings and recommendations was not required of the panel and the recommendations may not reflect the individual opinions of specific panel members.

Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe wishes to thank the panel members for their participation and commitment to public safety.