

Parties In Pearson Field Dispute Agree To Mediation

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Parties have agreed to enter mediation over the future of Vancouver's Pearson Air Museum. A dispute over site management has led to questions about who should safeguard some historic artifacts.



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Moving Pearson Air Museum exhibits and aircraft.

It's been four months since the Fort Vancouver National Trust cleared out Pearson's airplanes, simulators, and other exhibits. The Park Service has re-opened Pearson, but with a fraction of its aviation displays.

Doug Lasher, with the Valery Chkalov Cultural Exchange Committee wants to know about items associated with the Russian aviator's historic 1937 transpolar trip to Vancouver.

"Like logbooks, goggles, medallions, pictures and other gifts that represent Chkalov and the flight.



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Doug Lasher, Valery Chkalov Cultural Exchange Committee

Lasher sent a letter to the city of Vancouver. The city is hosting the Trust's Pearson artifacts and staff. Lasher asked about the status of Pearson -- and the Chkalov items.

City and Trust officials have now confirmed the parties are entering mediation, with the intent of forging a long-term management plan for the museum.

The Trust is providing insurance coverage for the planes and collection materials in their care.