



# PORT OF SKAGIT

# At Work for You

## Jobs for Our Community

### Marina Peninsula Building Dedication

February 2009

### Our Mission

*"Jobs for our Community"*

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La Conner Mayor, Ramon Hayes

Port of Skagit commissioners and staff hosted a grand opening & dedication of the new Marina Peninsula building February 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The building is located at 539 North 3rd Street, La Conner, WA. This beautiful 12,500 square foot building will be home to La Conner Yacht Sales and Action Marine Service.

Mayor Ramon Hayes stated during the dedication, "This is a great day for the Port of Skagit, the Town of La Conner and all of Skagit County. It shows that even in the toughest of times, we can, with vision, push ourselves into the future."

Stop by and welcome **Action Marine Services** and **La Conner Yacht Sales** to their new home!



Dan & Reanne Taylor  
**Action Marine Service**



Art Kaplain & Marci Miles  
**La Conner Yacht Sales**



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**From the desk of Patsy Martin**

Good news at Skagit Regional Airport! Our airport has become a vital link to the wider world of aviation. We have been selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to have two new approaches to our main runway which improves the safety and utilization of our facility. The airport now has two Global Positioning System (GPS) approaches that have been tested and certified by the FAA using the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS). These are safer and more precise tools that bring general aviation and business aircraft into and out of our airport during low visibility days and nights.



**THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to those of you who participated in two surveys we conducted last summer and fall! Results from these surveys will help us continue to improve our services to you by inspiring business success, implementing excellence in public service as well as assisting in the growth and health of the Skagit Valley economy.

**March Meeting Dates**

Work Session 3/10/09 Mtg.  
Cancelled  
Regular Meeting 3/17/09 5 pm

**April Meeting Dates**

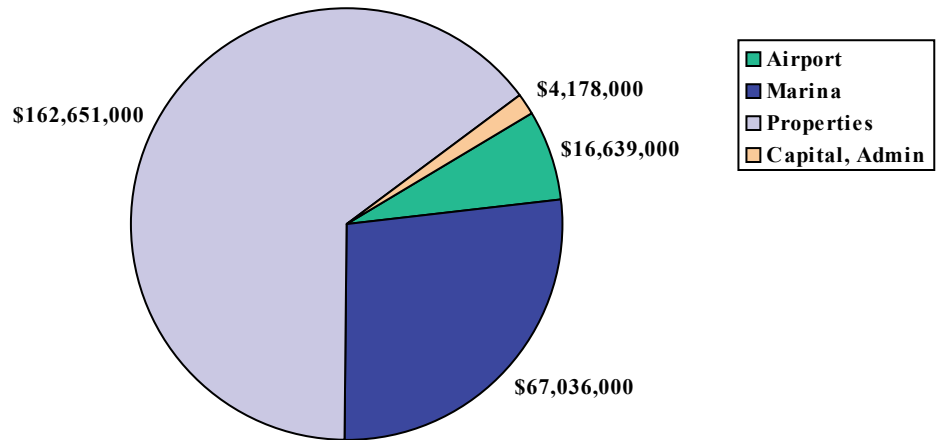
Work Session 4/14/09 9 am  
Regular Meeting 4/21/09 5 pm



**Port Impacts the Economy in a Positive Way**

The Port of Skagit County and its customers have a significant, positive impact on the economy of Skagit County generating approximately \$250 million in business revenue in 2007 (i.e. sales of goods and services). Customers using the Port's commercial and industrial properties generated \$163 million in revenue, the La Conner Marina generated \$67 million and the Skagit Regional Airport generated \$16 million. The Port capital improvements and administration accounted for an additional \$4 million in revenue during 2007.

**Direct Business Revenues from the Port of Skagit County & Customers**



The combined employment of the Port and its customers exceeded 1,584 during 2007.

- Skagit Regional Airport customer employment was 177.
- La Conner Marina customer employment was 436.
- Port properties' customers (including Bayview Business Industrial Park and Conway) employment was 940.
- Capital improvements and Port administration employment was 31.

Statistics prepared by BST Associates for the Port of Skagit County

**"Are You Getting Enough Water?"**

... was the theme of the Seattle Boat Show held January 23 - February 1, 2009. The Port of Skagit was there highlighting the La Conner Marina. La Conner Chamber volunteer, Reinhild Thompson helped at the booth to promote the beautiful Town of La Conner.

Photo: Reinhild Thompson, Scott Peterson, Paul Stannert & guest

