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The Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport has been at its current location since 1945, when the City of Chatham purchased 315 acres of land and installed a grass strip. At the time, Norton-Tolar Air Service was hired to manage the Airport and conduct a fixed based operation from it. On February 24, 1947, the Department of Transport issued a license for the Chatham Municipal Airport.

Under the guidance of Harvey McKay and McKay Airways, the airport was designated as an Airport of Entry in 1952 and the first Terminal Building was added in 1961. McKay Airways merged with Seneca Air Service and the Chatham operation became Sontair Limited. They continued to manage the airport until July 2011.

Our first corporate hangar was built in 1978 by Union Gas who operated a King Air from the facility. Jet A fuelling facilities were also installed at the time to accommodate them and to ensure Chatham's continued growth as a general aviation airport.

In 1979, to accommodate Pemair's commuter air service from Chatham to Toronto, the runway was extended to 3900. This left only 175 feet to the property line boundary and caused concerns with the adjoining farm. To combat aircraft flying low over the field the farmer erected a silo. In 1985 the silo and farm were purchased by the City of Chatham. The silo was removed, and Federal Airport Zoning Regulations were approved and implemented.

Our runway was further extended in 1995 to 5,000 feet. In 2013, South Kent Wind Farm agreed to donate funds to cover the extension of the runway to the east by 500 feet, the installation of a NavCanada AWOS system and upgrading the airport lighting system to LED.

With the amalgamation of Kent County in 1998, the Chatham Municipal Airport updated its name to the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport.

Today the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport sits on a 422-acre site and is managed by Z3 Aviation. Our current Air Terminal Building was constructed in 1991 and serves the needs of pilots and passengers. We currently have a 5,500-foot runway, LPV GPS approaches down to 250 feet, NavCanada AWOS, Jet A and 100 LL fueling capabilities and are in the process of updating our Master Plan.

We look forward to being able to provide you with the ability to experience some of what Chatham-Kent has to offer!



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High-Speed Chase Ends on Airport Taxiway

Original Article By: Staff, WDIO, June 17, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/highspeedchaseinsiouxlookout>

Police say a high-speed chase in northwestern Ontario ended when the driver got out of the car on an airport taxiway while it was still moving.

The pursuit started Sunday afternoon when Ontario Provincial Police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on Highway 642 east of Sioux Lookout. The driver was allegedly driving erratically at a high rate of speed while throwing garbage out of the window.

Police activated their lights and siren but say the driver did not stop, leading them on a high-speed chase through downtown Sioux Lookout. The driver allegedly drove through the access gate to the airport and approached the tarmac.

At that point, police say the driver drove up a taxiway and exited the vehicle while it was still moving. The vehicle crashed in a field between the runway and the airport.

The suspect, a 34-year-old woman from Winnipeg, faces 19 possible counts, including theft of a motor vehicle and damaging or interfering with a navigation facility.

Sioux Lookout is about a 3 1/2 hour drive north of Fort Frances, or about 190 kilometers (about 120 miles) by air. The Sioux Lookout Airport serves as a regional hub with scheduled commercial flights by three airlines in addition to charter, medical, and police flights.

Waterloo Region Enters Planning Phase for Regional Airport Expansion

Original Article By: Staff, CBC News, July 8, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/waterlooentersplanningphase>

Waterloo region has entered the first of several stages in place to expand the Region of Waterloo International Airport in the near future.

Regional council approved a \$375 million, 20-year airport master plan in 2017, has so far budgeted \$34.5 million for the expansion of two runways.

The region held the first public consultation for the project on June 20, but construction of the expansion won't happen until the airport surpasses 250,000 annual passengers.

The airport saw about 80,000 passengers in 2018, which is approximately 40 per cent of its capacity.

"There will be paced expansion once the numbers warrant it," Regional Chair Karen Redman said.

"It's not an attitude of build it and they will come, but rather be ready to build when the numbers justify it."



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Sudbury Airport Reinforces Culture of Safety

Original Article By: Lindsay Kelly, sudbury.com, July 4, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/sudburyreinforcingsafety>

Greater Sudbury Airport has brought on some new expertise to enhance safety at the facility.

Margaret Menczel was hired in September, 2018 as the airport's new manager of regulatory compliance and safety management systems.

It's a brand new position designed to keep the airport in line with Transport Canada's safety regulations and to ensure continuous improvement.

"Aviation safety is often difficult to see," Menczel said in an email. "It is not as easy to identify as wearing a safety vest, seatbelt or complying with a posted speed limit. Aviation safety is something we create by how we operate the airport."

That could include everything from managing wildlife to prevent collisions with aircraft to using winter maintenance activities to ensure aircraft can land, take off and manoeuvre on the airfield, she noted.

Canada is considered a leader in aviation safety, something Menczel attributes to Canadians' embrace of technology and innovation, as well as having a wealth of experienced pilots, skilled at flying through diverse climates and terrain.

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She was on hand for Greater Sudbury Airport's participation in Canadian Airports Safety Week, held June 17 to 21, which promotes safety work practices among airport employees.

This year's themes included: aviation safety; hazard reporting; airside marking, signage and how to prevent accidents and incursions; and foreign object debris walk.

The annual event is led by the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) in collaboration with 29 participating airports across the country.

Federal Government Commits \$18 Million Towards Hamilton Airport 'Modernization' Project

Original Article By: Ken Mann, Global News, June 14, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/18Mhamiltonmodernizationproject>

Hamilton's airport is about to begin a four-year, \$38 million infrastructure project that will support future growth, particularly on the cargo side of its business.

Hamilton-West Ancaster Dundas MP and Canada's Minister of Seniors Filomena Tassi has announced federal funding of more than \$18 million, about half the cost of the work, which includes runway upgrades and extensions and improved lighting systems.

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Project will also accommodate the increasing use of larger wide-body aircraft for domestic and long-haul trade routes to Asia and Europe.

Tassi notes that "we work so hard to get these trade agreements, but trade agreements are only

valuable if you've got the infrastructure in order to capitalize on the ability to export."

The upgrades are expected to begin this year and airport officials say they will take four years to complete.

Unusual Round-the-World Flight Makes a Stop in Timmins

Original Article By: Bob McIntyre, My Cochrane Now, July 9, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/unusalflightstopsintimmins>

The Timmins Victor M. Power Airport had an unusual visitor over the weekend. A motor glider that's flying around the world landed there on Sunday. It's being flown alternately by two young women from India.

Airport manager Dave Dayment says the aircraft took off Sunday afternoon headed for Thunder Bay, but the pilot still turned back.

"With the weather we've had here recently," he mentions, "kind of warm and they don't fly extremely high, so it was low level turbulence and she just decided that it wasn't a good day to go that distance



with that kind of turbulence and that was more convective, so she came back and spent the night here."

A motor glider is a small, usually two-seater plane with the long wing span of a glider and small engine and propeller on the front. Dayment says they're not very fast and can only go a

couple thousand feet up.

The round-the-world trip is part of a program to get women in India interested in flying.

"And this is what they're trying to promote in flying around the world," says Dayment, "to show that a dream, if women have it, they can certainly exceed and meet their dreams."

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Simcoe County to Become Majority Owner of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport

Original Article By: Daina Goldfinger,
Global News, August 13, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/simcoecountymajorityowner>

Simcoe County will soon become the majority owner of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, with a 90 per cent stake in the complex effective Jan. 1.

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Barrie will continue as a key joint owner and will hold a 10 per cent stake in the airport.

"Simcoe County is one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario. We're the fourth most popular tourist destination

and home to more than 16,000 businesses," Simcoe County warden George Cornell said in a statement.

"Our investment in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport will allow us to capitalize on future opportunities that help drive our economic prosperity, create jobs and enhance transportation options for our residents."

The Lake Simcoe Regional Airport is set to undergo rapid expansion in an effort to boost regional economic development and create jobs, as well as grow commercial, passenger and commuter air traffic.



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Passenger Flight Service Lands at Wiarton-Keppel Airport

Original Article By: Rob Gowan, The Owen Sound Sun Times, May 27, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/wiartonkeppelpassengerflightservice>



Passenger flight service to the Wiarton-Keppel International Airport is now a reality.

The first flight for the service connecting the airport with the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport on Toronto Island landed in the Township of Georgian Bluffs just outside of Wiarton on Friday afternoon.

A crowd of about 100 people applauded as the plane touched down. As it made its way to the waiting crowd at the edge of the apron outside the Eileen Vollick terminal, it taxied through an archway of water set off by members of the Inter Township Fire Department.

The flight marks the beginning of a daily return flight service by FlyGTA Airlines that will run from Toronto to Wiarton between Friday and Monday up until

at least Oct. 28 under an agreement between the airport's owners, Georgian Bluffs, and the airline.

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Georgian Bluffs has been working with area partners to promote the airport from a tourism and economic development standpoint and is working with a consulting firm to attract more business.

Burley said now that they have a scheduled passenger flight service, they can apply for 50 per cent funding for infrastructure work at the airport, while after three years they can apply for 100 per cent funding.

"That in itself gives the airport a chance to expand larger if we wish," said Burley. "It gives us the opportunity to redo our runway, our lights, our apron, everything, at 100 per cent funding."

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New Kingston Airport May Attract More Airlines, City Officials Say

Original Article By: Elliot Ferguson,
The Kingston Whig Standard, July 5, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/kingstonintalkswithairlines>

Kingston airport officials said they are having "good conversations" with airlines about the potential of bringing more flights in and out of the newly expanded Norman Rogers Airport (YGK).

The almost-complete renovations to the airport, the results of a 14-month, \$16 million investment, were officially unveiled Friday.

With the 327-metre runway extension complete and much of the work on the terminal finished, attention now turns to the second part of the project's build-it-and-they-will-come strategy — the part where the frequency and reliability of flights in and out of the airport improves.

"I think we have got great opportunity there, as there have been some significant changes with Air Canada and WestJet," airport manager Rick Reed said. "WestJet has always been interested in it and we will be moving on with talks with WestJet and Porter as well."

Reed said there are also discussions taking place with charter companies, such as Sunwing and Yukon-based Air North.

"I think within the year we will have some pretty exciting news for our community," Reed said. "We will be able to offer them such excellent service out of our community without having to travel to Toronto by bus, train, car."

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Toronto Pearson Collaborates with Government, Industry to Pilot Paperless Travel

Original Article By: Staff, News Wire, June 26, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/pearsonpilotingpaperlesstravel>

Toronto Pearson this morning participated alongside the World Economic Forum (WEF), the governments of Canada and The Netherlands, and aviation industry stakeholders from both countries to announce a pilot project which will allow for paperless travel between the two countries for the first time. The Known Traveller Digital Identity (KTDI) pilot will be the first initiative to use a traveller-managed digital identity to enable paperless travel internationally.

This pilot has been enabled through a collaborative effort between government and industry, including border authorities, airports, technology providers, and airlines, to create an interoperable system for more secure and

seamless travel. Along with Toronto Pearson, Air Canada, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Montréal-Trudeau International Airport and Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are participating in the trial.

"Toronto Pearson is the most connected international airport in North America and the fifth-most connected airport in the world," said Howard Eng, President and CEO of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), operator of Toronto Pearson. "We will grow to serve some 85 million passengers by the mid-2030s, and to do this successfully, collaboration, innovation, and a focus on the passenger must be our priorities. This pilot program is emblematic of industry and government's shared commitment to move people safely, securely, and efficiently."



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Police Probe Drone Flying 'Dangerously Close' to Aircraft at Peterborough Airport

Original Article By: Greg Davis,
Global News, May 31, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/droneatpeterborough>

Officials are issuing a warning after two drones were spotted by pilots in "close proximity" to aircraft flying around the Peterborough Airport this week.

Airport manager Lisa Davidson said an orange and black drone with flashing lights was approximately 1,000 feet above the ground both times it was spotted and was operating "dangerously close" to aircraft flying in the circuit.

"This is a concern for the safety of the aircraft and the safety of the pilots," she said. "If a drone is struck in flight, resulting in a mid-air collision, it could cause the pilot to lose control of the aircraft, or seriously damage the plane causing an emergency situation."

Based on federal laws, which come into effect on June 1, drones cannot be within 5.6 kilometres of an airport.

"The safety at the airport is jeopardized every time a person operates a drone disregarding the rules that allow both planes and drones to operate safely," she said.

In both sightings, Peterborough Police Service

investigated to attempt to locate the drone operator(s).

"Flying drones in close proximity to an airport and other aircraft is extremely dangerous, irresponsible and illegal," stated Insp. John Lyons. "We encourage anyone with information regarding persons engaged in this behaviour to contact police or Crime Stoppers."

Transport Canada states that drones are aircraft — which makes the person operating the drone a pilot.



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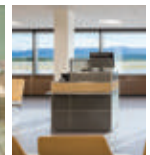
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North Bay's Airport Cafe One of Canada's Best

Original Article By: Elena De Luigi, North Bay Nugget, August 9, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/northbaysairportcafe>



Sujala Niroula, left and Laxmi Konwar, are owners of the Northern Himalayan Cafe at Jack Garland Airport. The cafe has been nominated for best airport restaurant. Elena De Luigi/The Nugget

Northern Himalayan Cafe has been nominated for the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) best airport restaurant award.

The cafe, which is one of 23 restaurants in the running, has been serving travellers Nepalese-style cuisine at Jack Garland Airport since December 2018.

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"Just being on that list makes a big difference for us," Konwar says.

A passion for food and cooking led the women to opening the cafe.

"We wanted to make a community place where people can come and eat and enjoy different kinds of flavours," says Konwar.

"Our dream is to make people fly to North Bay for our food."

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Crowds in Awe of Enormous Aircraft at Flight Fest

Original Article By: Trevor Terfloth, Chatham This Week, June 3, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/crowdsinaweatflightfest>

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) YCK Chapter put on the free event, which was on a three-year hiatus, after taking over from the 295 Kinsmen Air Cadets.

Hart, who was with his wife and 14-year-old son, called it a great opportunity to teach about history, as well as those who served.

"For young people nowadays, they don't get to see stuff like this," he said.

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About 25 aircraft in total were on hand.



Despite the storm passing through in the afternoon, Aaron McPhail, communications director for COPA YCK, was pleased with the turnout, which was expected to be in the thousands.

He said it was the largest aviation event in Chatham-Kent history.

"Airports are places that a lot of people don't have access to," he said. "They

can see the wide variety of aircraft, from vintage aircraft to modern aircraft."

"They can strike up a conversation with the pilots and get to understand a little bit about aviation. In some cases, people might want to become pilots themselves."



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Studying the Future of the Iroquois Falls Municipal Airport

Original Article By: Bob McIntyre, My Timmins Now, July 29, 2019

<https://news.amco.on.ca/futureofiroquoisfallsairport>

A consultant's report due by the end of October will give the town of Iroquois Falls direction on improving its airport and making it an economic driver.

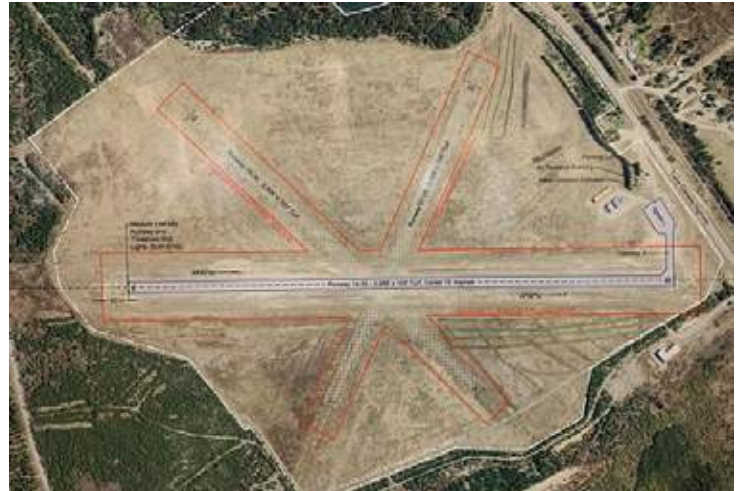
HM Aero Aviation Consulting of Ottawa is compiling the 20-year master plan.

After a public meeting with 16 people last week, president Adam Martin says it will take a lot of small things to increase activity at the airport.

"Mining and agriculture are two big sectors that we're looking to try to make some connections with, whether that be personnel transportation or for management activities," he outlines. *"Maybe there is some potential to start supplying food to some First Nations communities north of Iroquois Falls."*

Martin says eco-tourism is another possibility.

"The activity levels have declined over the past decade," Martin notes. *"Mostly it's because of*



the lack of aviation fuel at the facility. That's really a big thing to get your attendance base there. So we're looking to work with the town to coast that out and make appropriate recommendations among other things as well."



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Air Canada Investigating After Passenger Left Asleep on Empty Plane

Original Article By: Staff, ABC News, June 24, 2019
<https://news.amco.on.ca/passengerasleeponemptyplane>

A sleeping passenger was left on board an Air Canada flight earlier this month hours after the plane had landed and the crew disembarked.

Tiffani O'Brien, of Ontario, Canada, said she fell asleep in an empty row of seats on her short flight home from Quebec City to Toronto. She awoke hours later around midnight still strapped to her seat and all alone on a cold, dark plane.

"It was completely pitch black," O'Brien said in an interview Monday with CTV News. "I thought, 'This is a nightmare, this is not happening!'"

O'Brien said she texted her friend, Deanna Dale, who drove her to the airport in Quebec City earlier that day. Dale told CTV News she called customer service at Toronto Pearson International Airport to tell them her friend was trapped on the plane.

But then O'Brien's phone lost battery power and a *"sheer sense of hopelessness"* came over her, she told CTV News.

As panic began to set in, O'Brien said she entered the cockpit to search for something, anything that might help. She found a flashlight and turned it on, directing the light out of the windows of the plane in hopes someone would see it.

She then used the flashlight to find the main door of the plane and managed to get it open, but the drop to the tarmac below was too steep.

So she sat in the opening with her legs dangling out and flashed the light on the side of the plane to create a reflection, hoping it would catch someone's attention in the distance.

Eventually, a grounds crewman driving a luggage cart spotted her and helped her down.

O'Brien recounted the incident in a June 19 post shared by Dale on Air Canada's official Facebook page.



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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Up Next at AMCO

Summer is quickly coming to a close and with it brings autumn and the 34th Annual Convention and Tradeshow hosted by the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport in beautiful Chatham, Ontario. The Convention is supported by the Region of Chatham-Kent and presented by Avia NG and will see speakers on the topics that matter most to our members and one of our largest tradeshow's ever. If you have not registered we encourage you to contact the AMCO offices today to sign up for three days of networking, informative seminars, and opportunity October 6th – 9th.

This summer AMCO has been working hard to advocate for our members and provide value to airports large and small. This has included renewed partnerships with the RCAC and CAC as well as associations across Canada to advocate for greater ACAP funding and simplified application processes. It has also meant visiting with our small airports and aerodromes in the southwest to understand their operations, their needs, and how AMCO can help represent them locally and collectively at the provincial and federal level. We continue to offer the AMCO Ambassador Program and have developed more content for the AMCO website to help advocate at the local level, including two new videos highlighting the value of small airports and aerodromes to communities across Ontario.

We continue to encourage members to take part in the AMCO Aviation General Liability program, administered through business member The Magnes Group. Benefits include increased coverages and purchasing power. Contact the AMCO offices or The Magnes Group directly to learn how the program can benefit your airport or aerodrome. At this year's convention AMCO will be sitting down with some of those airports who have, and have not, joined the program so that we can work to improve the coverage and grow the program to the benefit of all our members.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing everyone this fall in Chatham!

Kind Regards,

Aaron Loughheed
Executive Director, AMCO



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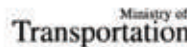


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