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The Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) consistently ranks as one of the top 20 busiest airports in the country. In 2016 there were over 110,000 aircraft movements and 120,000 passengers travelled through the air terminal building.

YKF is owned and operated by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. The airport is home to 25 businesses that employ more than 300 people, together contributing over \$90 million annually to the Region's economy.

In April 2017 a \$375 million, 20 Year Airport Master Plan was approved by Regional Council. This will ensure that the airport can meet the travel needs of its own growing community and respond to capacity challenges at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ).

Unlike traditional airport master planning, YKF used a 'just-in-time' approach. A pre-set passenger volume is required for each of the five development stages. The approach maximizes the existing infrastructure while managing financial risk. This provides YKF with the ability to respond to changes in the aviation industry without compromising the customer experience.

By 2043 southern Ontario will be home to 15.5 million people with 110 million passengers travelling by air annually. Conservative air travel demand puts YYZ alone at 70 million passengers a year by mid-2030. To address capacity issues, the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) was launched in May 2017. YKF is one of eleven commercially significant airports working together to support the growing demand for air travel in southern Ontario.

YKF is positioned well to play a larger role in the SOAN system. Waterloo Region is the tenth largest urban area in Canada with a population projected to reach 835,000 by 2041. The airport currently captures only five per cent of the 2.5 million trips generated annually by people living within a 35 km radius of the airport. Additional air service would allow passengers currently using YYZ to fly from YKF.

More passengers will require enhancements. This will include expanding the air terminal, additional parking, road improvements and access to public transportation. A proposed Breslau GO Train station, Kitchener GO Transit line and link to Pearson's multi-modal hub would fully-integrate the transportation systems. This would allow passengers to travel between YKF and YYZ easily.

Transport Canada's recent legislation change provided a foreign ownership exemption to two start-up ultra low-cost carriers (ULCC) Canada Jetlines and Enerjet. This may have an immediate impact on YKF's growth. YKF is well positioned geographically for an ULCC with close proximity to the Greater Toronto Area and an affluent, underserviced market.

Phase one of the Master Plan is now underway. The Region of Waterloo International Airport is ready to connect one of Canada's most dynamic regional economies to the world. The airport is prepared for growth, from attracting air service to having fully-serviced land available.

We look forward to hosting AMCO this October!



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London Airport Readies For Safety Upgrades, More Flights

Original Article By: Gary Ennett, CBC News, July 11, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/londonairportreadiesforupgrades

London International Airport is among six small airports in the country that have been invited to apply for new federal funding.

The National Trade Corridors Fund will enable airports with fewer than 600-thousand passengers annually to seek financial assistance for safety-related projects.

It's part of the federal government's \$2-billion dollar commitment to building a national trade corridor.

Chris Ryan, chief financial officer of the London International Airport, said the funding will greatly assist small Canadian airports. He was a guest Tuesday on the CBC program London Morning.

"A lot of these airports are in a situation where they're paying rent to the federal government and their runways and infrastructure [are] starting to get a bit older, and their ability to access financing is somewhat limited."

Porter Airlines Departing For Good From North Bay

Original Article By: Chris Dawson, BayToday.ca, June 27, 2017

http://news.amco.on.ca/Porterdepartsnorthbayforgood



Porter Airlines, which came in with an exciting buzz in October of 2015, will be concluding its service out of Jack

Garland Airport effective this September.

"Porter is concluding its service in North Bay as of September 11, 2017, after the peak summer season," Porter Airlines said in an email statement to BayToday.ca Tuesday afternoon.

"We never want to leave any market that we enter because we understand the value that competitive air service brings to a community in terms of lower airfares. Unfortunately, there was not enough consistent passenger demand for us to continue operating the daily flight we have there."



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Anniversary Celebration at Muskoka Airport Tightens Honours Ties With Norway

Original Article By: Mary Beth Hartill, MuskokaRegion.com, July 4, 2017

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A celebration at the Muskoka Airport remembered Canada's rich history and ties with the Norwegian people as Little Norway turns 75-years-old.

The ties between the two countries are strong, not only in the industrial, technical and defence arenas that link Canada and Norway in business trade but also the historical ties that united the two countries during the Second World War when the Muskoka Airport was used as a training camp for the Norwegian Air Force.

Norwegian Consulate General Marianne Koritzinsky, was travelling alongside a delegation from Gol, Norway, a community with a friendship agreement with the Town of Bracebridge. She spoke of the historical significance and the friendship with the community of Muskoka and collaboration stemming from the days the airport was used as a Norwegian training camp.



She also spoke of the "wonderful curated exhibit" that is the Little Norway Memorial at the Muskoka Air Terminal that opened in 2007. It was a project that brought the District Municipality of Muskoka, Norway, Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion together.



Parry Sound-Muskoka MP presents a congratulatory plaque to Gol Kommune mayor Heidi Granli and Norwegian Consulate General Marianne Koritzinsky

A piece of Norwegian granite, inscribed with the signature of King Harald of Norway in 2002, is placed in the floor of the memorial.

District of Muskoka Chair John Klinck referred to it as a "time of celebration and reflection" and spoke of how the alliances, friendships and new families forged at Little Norway "so long ago has stood the test of time."



Red Lake Airport Looks to Ottawa for Infrastructure Funds

Original Article By: Ian Ross, Northern Ontario Business, June 30, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/redlakelookstoottawaforfunding

Management at the Red Lake Airport is hoping to land federal funding in early 2018 to begin final preparations for a multi-million-dollar runway and taxiway paving project.

Airport manager Duane Riddell said they're at a "fairly progressive level" in making headway in applying for

Transport Canada funding to repave Red Lake's 5,000-foot runway.

It was last resurfaced about 15 years, but it's in dire need to be done again.

"We're going to pulverize and repave the whole thing. We have to re-verify the sub-grades because we have lots of cracking. The last time they did an overlay it just cracked in the same spots."



The airport has applied for funding for the runway, an apron expansion to deal with an aviation congestion issue, and a taxiway reconstruction and expansion to meet better government aviation standards.

With that comes the need for new signage and the replacement of

1,000 feet of antiquated lighting.

The whole \$13-million project is dependent on federal funding through the Airport Capital Assistance Program.

"It's a substantial project. I don't think the community can stand not having the runway open most of the time for medevac," said Riddell.

The airport is a critical asset to Red Lake's economy.



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New Airport Terminal Opens Door for Expansion

Original Article By: Ian Ross, Northern Ontario Business, June 22, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/newairportterminalopensdoorforexpansion

Construction is well underway on expansion of the passenger terminal building at the Sioux Lookout Airport.

Work on the \$15.6-million project began last September with Penn-Co Construction

of Manitoba handling the refurbishment and enlargement of the building with Stantec on the design work.

Completion of the project is scheduled for April 2018.

With the steel structure on the addition already up and new floors poured, all the air carriers were temporarily relocated to the new section of the terminal during the second weekend in June to enable contractors to begin renovations on the building's older section.



Airport manager Ben Hancharuk said when they released the request for qualifications on the design-build project, he stressed it was important to select a contractor with expertise on airport projects. It had to

remain a functioning airport at the same time as construction was occurring.

Built in the early 1980s, the existing 16,684 square foot building is being enlarged on three sides to 33,777-square feet. The last renovations were done in the mid-1990s.

"The original design was for 55,000 passengers annually and we've been average 120,000."

The building refurbishment was designed to handle the current volume and give the facility more elbow room to grow.



Mock Emergency at C-K Airport

Original Article By: Daily News Staff, ChathamDailyNews.ca, June 29, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/mockemergencyatckairport

Chatham-Kent emergency crews responded in full force to a simulated crash involving two airplanes at the municipal airport on Wednesday.

The event involved more than 90 first responders, municipal staff and other partners to test the readiness of the municipality's disaster plans.

"It was a great opportunity for all agencies to work together and practise the protocols and procedures that are there in case our community ever needs them," said Chatham-Kent Fire and Emergency Services Assistant Chief Bob Davidson, in a media release.

The exercise was closed to the media and the public, with details provided after its completion.

Loomex Group assisted in staging and assessing the event. Part of a jet fuselage was brought to the airport,



with a scenario confidentially prepared to test the ability of fire, EMS and police to respond.

Officials were only told in advance that the simulation involved a plane crash.

The single-plane incident turned into a collision with two planes, one of which was later found to have had radioactive materials on board.

The incident was further complicated by reports that one passenger had a weapon and a hostage, leading to concerns of terrorism.

A tornado watch was also thrown into the mix.

Emergency personnel responded, putting out the fire, providing medical aid for the injured and securing the airport.

After the simulation, staff were evaluated, debriefed and discussed ways to improve.



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Airport Business Park Moving Forward in Clearview Township

Original Article By: Mike Walker, CTV News Barrie, June 27, 2017

http://news.amco.on.ca/airportbusinessparkmovingforward

A multi-million dollar plan to turn farmland into an aviation business park is a step closer to taking off.

Clearview council has approved a draft plan for the business park, which would be located right next door to the Collingwood Regional Airport. The developer wants to attract industries to serve the growing commercial air sector.

"To get through this part of the planning process identifies to the rest of the industry that this is moving forward," says Paul Bonwick of Clearview Aviation. "Like manufacturing, refurbishing and repair businesses. Typically support services for the larger aviation hubs like Pearson."

The mayor says this could be a huge economic driver and create up to 450 full-time aviation related jobs.



Accipiter Radar director of operations Sean Clifford and vice-president Darryl Nohara were joined by Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission chair and Pelham Coun. Richard Rybiak, Niagara Centre MP Vance Badawey and Niagara West-Glanbrook MP Dean Allison in celebrating the opening of the business's new hangar.

Niagara Central Airport Celebrates Continued Growth

Original Article By: Steve Henschel, Niagara This Week, May 10, 2017

http://news.amco.on.ca/niagaracentralcelebratesgrowth

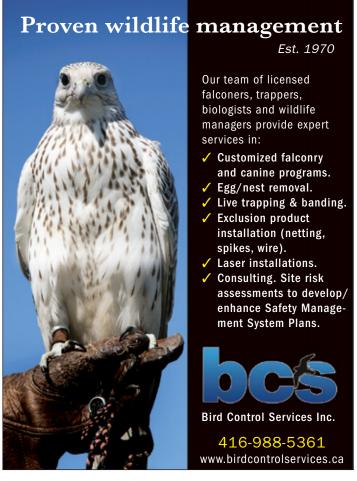
Despite attempts to pass the proverbial buck for both of Niagara's airports from municipalities to the Region,

the future looks bright for the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport.

Representatives from municipal and federal governments were on hand at the Pelham airport on Friday, May 5, to celebrate investment and growth for the facility funded by Welland, Pelham Port Colborne and Wainfleet.

"This airport is alive, well and contributing to the economic wellbeing of our community," said airport commission chair and Pelham Coun. Richard Rybiak. He was on hand to celebrate the completion of \$140,000 worth of roof repairs to the airport's Hangar 1, first built during the Second World War, and the opening of the new Accipiter Radar Hangar. Rybiak said the investment is a clear indicator of the airport's continued viability as an economic contributor to the region. Currently 80 aircraft call the airport home, with hangar space more than doubling over the last five years. New businesses such as the Niagara Sky Diving Centre and Accipiter have joined the likes of the 87 Eagle Squadron Air Cadets and St. Catharines Flying Club in calling the airport home as well.





New Contract at Owen Sound Airport

Original Article By: Denis Langlois, Sun Times, June 14, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/newcontractatowensound

A new operator has been chosen for the Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport.

Council voted Monday night to award a three-year contract to Phoenix Management Group, which is

owned by current airport manager Stephen Rouse.

"Phoenix Management Group will be taking over from the previous CYOS Management Group that has operated the airport over the past six years and has done a great job in making this a seamless transition from contractor to contractor," Rouse said in a statement Tuesday.



The new contract, which must still be approved by a council bylaw, is to begin July 1.

The city's costs will rise by about 45 per cent – from \$80,500 under the CYOS contract in 2016 to \$117,000 under the new Phoenix contract.

Owen Sound issued a request-for-proposals for a new airport operator after CYOS, which is made up of airport hangar owners, informed the city that they no longer want to operate the city-owned airport after their contract expires.

Only two bids were received, with the Phoenix proposal earning the highest score.



Airport Divestment Plan Moving Forward

Original Article By: Scott Rosts, Niagara-On-The-Lake Town Crier, July 13, 2017

http://news.amco.on.ca/airportdivestmentplanmovingforward

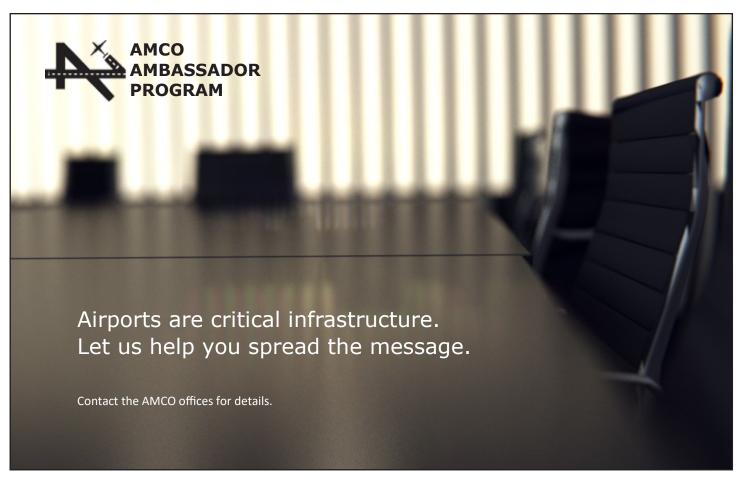
The town will pay its share of an environmental assessment (EA) and an asset valuation for the Niagara District Airport.

Last month, council agreed to fund \$25,000 of the \$75,000 cost for the valuation and Phase 2 environmental assessment. St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, the other two municipalities who own a stake of the Niagara-on-the-Lakebased airport, will pick up the tab for the other two thirds.

The two reports are part of a plan for the three municipalities to divest of the Niagara District Airport, having asked the Region of Niagara to take over the operation. Upon completion, town staff will report back to town council with options for the divesting of the lands.

The region supported in principle adopting sole responsibility for operations and governance of the Niagara District Airport and the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport in Welland in July 2016. In September, regional council also asked for the environmental assessment, to be paid for by the current three operators.





Expedited Security Screening Process Arrives at Toronto Pearson Airport

Original Article By: David Shum, Global News, June 20, 2017 http://news.amco.on.ca/expiditedsecurityscreeningarrivesatpearson



There is some relief in sight for air travellers concerned about the often tedious and lengthy security screening process at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) has installed new "higher-performance lines" at Terminal 1 called CATSA Plus which promises to expedite the screening procedure for thousands of travellers each day.

The so-called state-of-the-art checkpoint now features motorized rollers, a remote X-ray viewing room, an automatic bin return system, and improved divest and repack stations that allow passengers to move through the areas at their own pace.





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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Up Next at AMCO

Summer is in full swing and AMCO and our Airport members have been busy making the most of it. I'd like to congratulate all those airports undergoing major capital infrastructure projects this summer and wish everyone the best of luck.

As summer comes to a close we at AMCO will be gearing up for the 32nd Annual Convention and Trade Show, hosted by the Region of Waterloo International Airport and presented by WSP. This year will be unique in its schedule, tradeshow, demonstrations, and airport tours and we encourage anyone who has not yet registered to do so and look forward to seeing all those who have!

Immediately following Convention AMCO will be conducting Emergency Response Training with the Loomex Group. If you or someone in your region (fire department, EMS, local police service) are interested in this training and the value it can provide please contact the AMCO offices for more information.

AMCO also recently unveiled our new Ambassador Program. Designed with our small airport and aerodrome members in mind, we developed an Airports Value 101 PowerPoint and brochure for airports to use in conjunction with their own materials when presenting to councils, airport commissions, etc. As airport operators, our members see the value in maintaining a robust airport network and treating small and regional airports as critical infrastructure. As part of our commitment to provide advocacy for Ontario's airports and aerodromes you may now request AMCO's staff and board to advocate alongside you at your local level; including speaking with your governance organizations and writing letters of support. For more information on the program please contact the AMCO offices.

As always AMCO is monitoring changes in regulations and participating in a plethora of advisory councils. Following convention AMCO will be attending the Canadian Aviation Safety Officer Partnership (CASOP) fall session in Montreal and encourage all our airport members to attend. If you would like to attend or share your safety concerns with AMCO to bring to CASOP please contact the AMCO offices or Northeast Regional Director, Robert Tyrer.

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 to the program can benefit your airport or aerodrome.

Warm Regards,

Aaron Lougheed

Executive Director, AMCO



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