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The business of selling the Collingwood airport should come to a close this month, but it may not be the last discussion this council has on their soon-to-be former asset.

Winterland Developments issued a statement late Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 16) confirming the company is working toward a sale closing date of Jan. 31.

"We have an exciting plan to operate and expand the Collingwood Regional

Airport for the benefit of the local community, the aviation community, and the entire region," reads the statement sent out by Proof, a communication and marketing agency.

David Gascoine of Clearview Aviation Partners Ltd (CAPL), said he'll be requesting a meeting this week to "offer clarity of facts" on the airport sale to Winterland Developments.

CAPL, owners of Genesis Flight College, filed a civil suit last year against the Town of Collingwood and Winterland Developments over access to the runway.

The lawsuit claims the town and flight college entered an agreement in 2014 that gave the college access to the airport runways 365 days a year in perpetuity. The agreement also stated the terms would be carried over should the airport be sold.

Now, according to the lawsuit, Winterland Developments would like to change the agreement to allow them to cut off access to the runways with 60 days notice.

"We recognize the importance of the current airport tenants and look forward to enhancing their experience and keep them flying," reads the Winterland statement. "We will also continue talking in good faith with Collingwood Aviation Partners Ltd. (owners of Genesis Flight College) and hope to reach an agreement."

The statement said Winterland will not be providing further comments due to the matter being before the courts.





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Sioux Lookout Opens New Airport

Original Article By: Mike Aiken, DrydenNow, Jan. 22, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/siouxlookoutopensnewairport

Sioux Lookout is celebrating the grand opening of their new airport. Kenora MP Bob Nault brought with him a cheque for \$287,000, which will help improve the facility.

"This airport is one of the hubs of The North, and the upgrades made possible by today's investment will help improve passenger safety, create new job opportunities and assist the airport in continuing to provide critical services to the region," said Nault. "I look forward to the continued growth to businesses and commercial activity that this investment will bring to Sioux Lookout."

Community leaders are hoping the upgrades will help bring in more visitors and business.

"The Sioux Lookout Regional Airport provides critical transportation services for many Far North communities. Thanks to FedNor's support, we will continue to work closely with our northern neighbours, in an effort to continue to provide these communities with the services they require, while also seeking opportunities to enhance commercial activity at the airport as a means to grow our economy and further cement our position as the hub of the north," said Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout.

Airport Renovations Helped by New Network Spot

Original Article By: Tyler Kula, The Observer, Jan. 4, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/renoshelpedbynetwork

Sarnia's is the latest to join a group of southern Ontario airports that meet regularly to discuss operations and planning.

And the \$3,000 membership fee for Sarnia to be in the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) is well worth it, said Daniel Byskal, assistant city solicitor and risk manager with the City of Sarnia.

"I'm anxious to move forward on it, because it provides a lot of benefit for relatively low capital investment," he said.

Sarnia officially joined SOAN in the early days of 2019, after membership was granted in November, he said.

The network, including airports in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Peterborough and elsewhere around the province's south, meets quarterly to discuss goings-on with Transport Canada, he said.

As Pearson International Airport in Toronto grows, the talks help other feeder airports around it coordinate with one another, share concerns, and plan for disruptions that could be exacerbated by construction projects, he said.

"We want to make sure that we're ahead of the game, rather than finding out about it afterwards," he said.

Members also get first crack at surplus items from Pearson, he said. Sarnia, for instance, just came into \$20,000 worth of airport seating for free.

"We just have to go there and pick it up," Byskal said.



Development Firm Spends \$27M on Hamilton Airport Land Eyed for Big Warehouse

Original Article By: Teviah Moro, The Hamilton Spectator, Nov. 13, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/developmentfirmspends27mathamilton

A large industrial warehouse developer has become the first major investor in Hamilton's airport employment lands.

Panattoni
Development
Company has
bought 82 acres on
the southwest corner
of Upper James
Street and Dickinson

Road for about \$27 million.

The firm plans to construct a million-square-foot building and six smaller ones on the site it bought



from former senator David Braley.

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One of the advantages of the serviced site is proximity to John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, Lambros said.

These days, industrial warehouses are top of mind for online

retailers like Amazon and Wayfair that rely on quick delivery, he said.

"Those are the types of companies we try to build for."



What's Going On Here: Oshawa Airport Hangar

Original Article By: Sabrina Byrnes, Oshawa This Week, Jan. 17, 2019

https://news.amco.on.ca/oshawaairportgetsnewhangar

Construction for new hangar at Oshawa Executive Airport.

Just the facts:

- Early last year, Ryan Terminals broke ground on a 42,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art hangar and aviation office complex. Once complete, the facility will be home to several aviation businesses with a focus on corporate and private aircraft.
- This new hangar brings the total hangar complement at the Oshawa Executive Airport to more than 400,000 square feet.

AMCO would like to extend congratulations to the Kenora Airport for their achievement as a finalist in the Airport Innovation and Excellence Award at the Canadian Tourism Awards.

https://news.amco.on.ca/kenoraairportfinalistintourismawards

Government of Canada Investing in Safety at Moosonee Airport

Original Article By: Transport Canada, Press Release, Dec. 5, 2018

https://news.amco.on.ca/fedgovtinvestinginmoosoneeairport

Canadians, tourists and businesses benefit from safe and well-maintained airports. From visiting friends and family, to travelling to medical appointments, or getting goods to market, we rely on our local airports to support and sustain vibrant communities. These airports also provide essential air services including community resupply, air ambulance, search and rescue and forest fire response.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, today announced a \$282,900 investment to purchase a loader and attachments which will assist with the removal of snow and ice from runways, taxiways and the apron at the Moosonee Airport.

The funding comes from Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP).





New Airport Equipment in Sudbury to Make Snow Clearing Faster, CEO Says

Original Article By: Staff, CBC News, Nov. 27, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/newequipmentinsudburysavestime

Snow clearing and other maintenance at the Sudbury Airport is expected to be a lot smoother, thanks to the purchase of two new pieces of equipment.

The airport and its community development corporation made the announcement on Tuesday.

The equipment is an Eagle-CLAAS Xerion 5000, which is a multi-purpose, multi-season tractor to help move snow and ice in the winter and also do road and turf maintenance in the other seasons.

"It will allow us to clear our apron surfaces, predominantly where the private aircraft and air ambulance services operate," Todd Tripp, airport CEO said.

"It would previously take anywhere up to three hours with three pieces of equipment, we'll now do it with one piece of equipment in about 50 minutes."

The other piece of equipment is an ATI Snow Mauler, which will allow crews to clear the other runways faster.

The equipment cost \$2 million. Tripp says the money came from revenue generated at the airport.





AMCO would like to extend our best wishes to Mark Stirling who retired from the Muskoka Airport in December 2018. Congratulations to Len O'Connor who has taken on the new CEO role.

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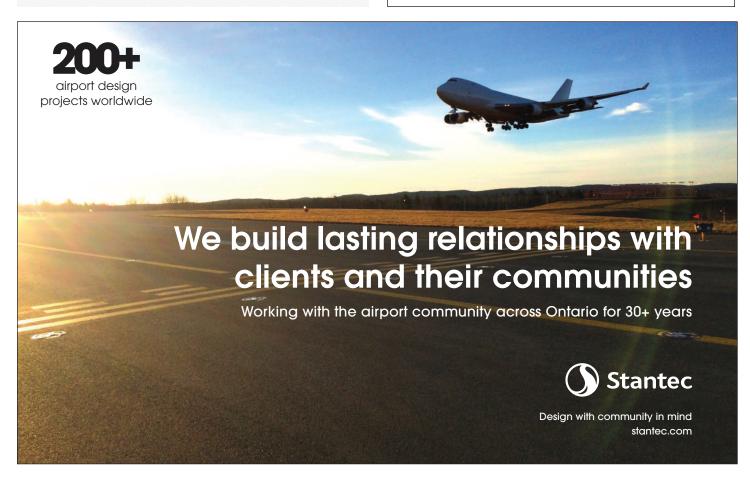
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Airport Making a Case for Increased Flights From North Bay

Original Article By: Laurel J. Campbell, Almaguin News, Dec. 1, 2018

https://news.amco.on.ca/airportmakingacaseforincreasedflights

Officials with the Jack Garland Airport in North Bay are reaching out to residents in the Almaguin Highlands to learn more about their travel habits and how that facility may be able to adapt to meet the changing transportation needs of those living in area communities.

Kelly Hewitt, the airport's commercial development officer, says he feels the airport is often overlooked when people make travel plans and that many are not aware of the various flight options available from North Bay.

"Jazz flies from North Bay to Toronto four times a day," Kelly said. "And we have Sun Wing that will be starting flights from North Bay to Cuba on Dec. 18. I don't think people are aware of the services we offer here."

"We want to have a better understanding of the changing interest in travel, where folks are going and how we can make things more positive for them at the airport," he said.

Snowbirds to Soar at Peterborough Airport's 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Original Article By: Greg Davis, Global News, Dec. 6, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/snowbirdsflyingatpeterborough50yranniversary



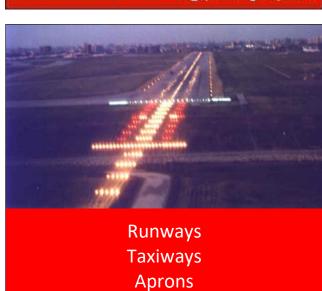
The Canadian Forces Snowbirds aerial demonstration team will soar over Peterborough as part of the Peterborough Airport's 50th anniversary celebrations throughout 2019.

Airport officials on Wednesday morning announced the Snowbirds will be the main attraction during a two-day weekend air show Sept. 21 and 22. It marks the first time in 15 years the Snowbirds have performed in Peterborough.

The air show will also include other aerial demonstrations, aircraft displays, food vendors and kids' activities.

"We are excited to mark the 50th anniversary by presenting the CF Snowbirds to the public that have supported the airport over the past half century," said airport general manager Trent Gervais. "About 16,000 people visited the Peterborough Airport during the Air Legends event in 2018 and we look forward to building on those numbers."





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'A Challenge' for Thunder Bay Airport Crews to Clear Mounds of Snow From 2 Storms in 2 Weeks

Original Article By: Cathy Alex, CBC News, Jan. 11, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/thunderbaychallengedduringstorms

Two major winter storms in less than two weeks kept crews at the Thunder Bay International Airport Authority Inc., busy through late December and early January.

"It's been a challenge," said Ryan Brading, the manager of airport services at the northwestern Ontario facility, which is the fourth busiest in Ontario, and number 16 on the list across Canada.

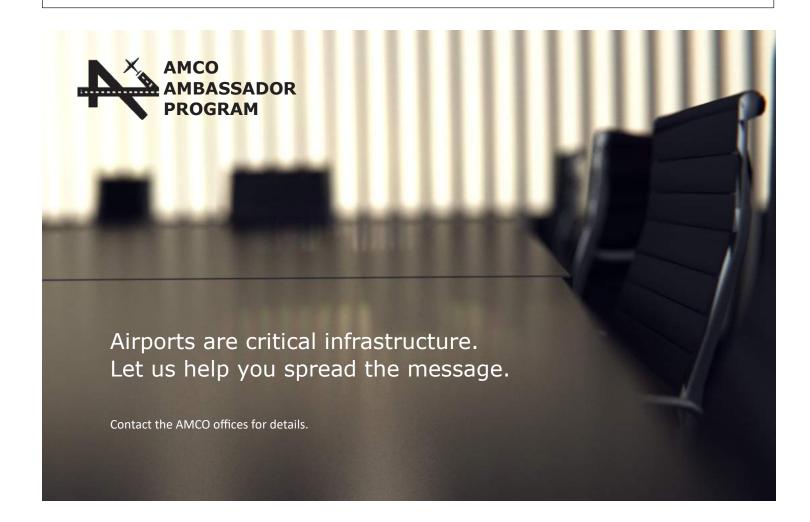
During both storms, the snow "came very fast, and in a very small amount of time." He noted that on December 27, 2018 "within 12 hours, we received about 40 centimetres of snow and that's unheard of. We've never experienced that since we started tracking our winter response at the airport."

Each airline must take care of de-icing their fleet, but Brading's crews are responsible for plowing and deicing — using a mixture of solid and liquid agents — all asphalt surfaces, including runways, taxiways and roads.

"We almost used all our reserves over the past two weeks," said Brading, adding "we are in our emergency contingency amount," although more was expected to arrive Wednesday.

The Thunder Bay airport, as far as Brading knows, is the only one to publish a timeline for service delivery, based on snow accumulation.

"If you name a certain amount of accumulation, and a certain amount of snow type, I'll look at my chart and tell you exactly how many hours it will take for us to clean that up."



Parallel Taxiway Planned for Lindsay Municipal Airport

Original Article By: Bill Hodgins, Kawartha Lakes This Week, Nov. 18, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/paralleltaxiwayplannedforlindsayairport

The chair of Lindsay's Municipal Airport Board says the addition of a parallel taxiway, planned to run alongside the existing paved runway, will not only make the facility more efficient but will improve safety at the airport as well.

Doug Erlandson, who addressed council last with a budget preview, says the parallel taxiway was approved as part of the 2018 budget but work won't begin on the project until the spring of 2019.

In his budget preview, he told council that aside from funds received by the municipality, the primary source of revenue for the airport is in hangar rentals and fuel sales. The hangar users saw a 10 per cent rental increase in 2018 but all spots remain full. Outside, they were able to create seven new tie-down positions for visitors and those who leave their planes outdoors.



The Kawartha Lakes airport is looking at making further improvements next year, including a return route next to the runway to allow planes to turn off and make their way to the ramp.



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London Airport Lands Direct Flights to Three Cities With Discount Airline

Original Article By: Norman De Bono, London Free Press, Jan. 22, 2019

https://news.amco.on.ca/londonairportlandsnewdirectflights

A low-cost airline coming to London, with new direct service to three major Canadian cities, could boost the airport's passenger traffic by 40 per cent, officials say.

London International Airport is adding three new destinations — Halifax, Edmonton and Abbotsford,

B.C., in greater Vancouver — with WestJet's discount airline Swoop, a move that could add more than 200,000 travellers a year, said Mike Seabrook, the airport's chief executive.

"This is the biggest news to happen to this airport. No one has added as much capacity as we are getting now with Swoop," said Seabrook.

"We have had a flight here, a flight there, but nothing like this, three at once, with 189-seat aircraft."

Swoop will offer daily, direct, return flights from London to the three markets.

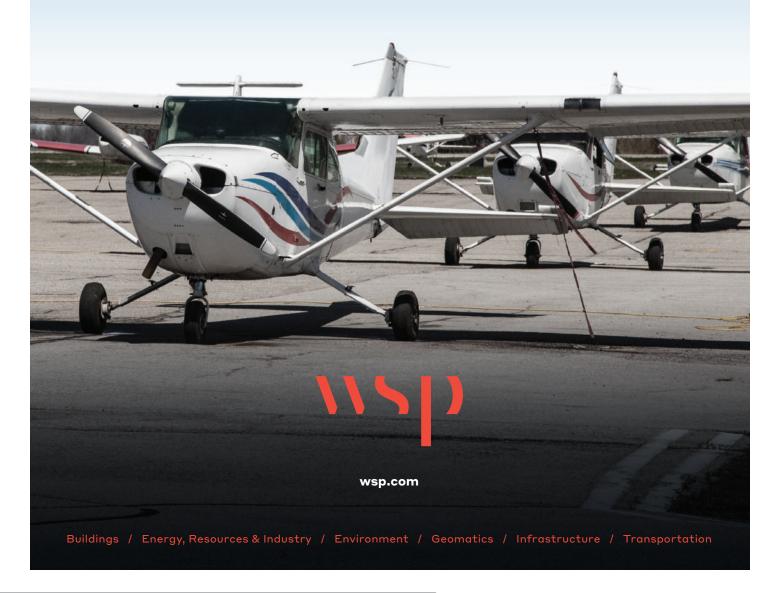




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International Women's Air Race to Soar into Dorothy Rungeling Airport

Original Article By: Paul Forsyth, Niagara This Week, Jan. 15, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/intlwomensairracetoendinniagara

A women's air racing event that can trace its roots back 90 years to an air derby featuring legendary pilot Amelia Earhart will culminate at Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport this year.

More than a hundred women pilots from around the world are expected to take part in teams of up to three in the 43rd Air Race Classic in June, starting in Jackson, Tenn., and flying more than 3,800 kilometres over several days before the event ends at the Pelham airport, a facility co-funded by Wainfleet, Pelham, Port Colborne and Welland.

Peter Van Caulart of Pelham, co-chair of the Air Race Classic terminus committee, said it's the first time ever that the international race will end Ontario.

Having the prestigious air race conclude at the local airport has special significance because it will take place at the facility named in honour of Rungeling, who died last February at age 106, he said.



Women pilots from around the world are expected to take part in the upcoming Air Race Classic starting in Tennessee and concluding at Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport in Pelham in June.



Dorothy Rungeling, (before she passed) seen showcasing a stamp commemorating her first helicopter solo flight.



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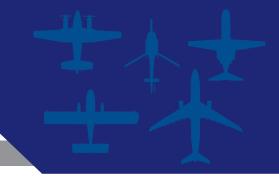


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Up Next at AMCO

Happy New Year to all of our AMCO members and "Airport Environment and You" readers. AMCO is excited about the events we have planned this year and the opportunity our new programs have in bringing value and benefit to our entire membership. We encourage all our readers to share this ezine with everyone in your organization and encourage them to subscribe so that they too may stay up to date on AMCO, our members, and local airport news from around the province.

This year AMCO will be working hard to promote Airports as critical infrastructure at both the Federal and Provincial levels. This includes partnering with the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) and other provincial and national organizations to seek changes to the Airports Capital Assistance Program that will benefit the Canadian airport network across the nation. We will also be working with the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) in efforts to receive greater funding to the provincial network as well as eliminating the aviation fuel surcharge and committing to protect our provinces aviation infrastructure from wind turbines and other obstacles.

AMCO is also working with a number of airports and training providers from around the province to offer wildlife training this year to ensure that all your airport staff are current. Training courses will be running this May and will be offered at a wide variety of locations.

AMCO also continues to promote our 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 request AMCO's staff and/or board to advocate alongside you at the local level. This includes speaking with your governance organizations and writing letters of support. For more information on the program please contact the AMCO offices.

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.

Best Regards,

Aaron Lougheed

Executive Director, AMCO



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