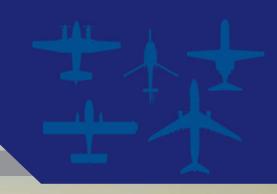


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Canada Investing in Safety at Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport

Original Article By: Transport Canada, Mirage News, Mar. 12, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/investinginsafetyatsarniaairport

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.

Kate Young, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Science and Sport and to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility and Member of Parliament for London West, on behalf of the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, today announced a Government of Canada investment to rehabilitate Taxiway B and the apron at the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport.

The investment of \$583,665 includes placing new asphalt on Taxiway B and a portion of the main apron, and upgrading airfield guidance signs associated with Runway 15-33 and Taxiway B.

Well maintained runways, taxiways and aprons ensure safe usage by aircraft, passengers, and crews, and help protect costly airport safety assets, such as snow clearing equipment and aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles, during airport operations.

Boeing 737 Max: FAA Says No Fixed Timetable for Grounding to be Lifted

Original Article By: Staff, BBC News, May 23, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/nofixedtimetableforgroundingtobelifted

International aviation regulators are meeting on Thursday to discuss the 737 Max's return to service. The plane was grounded in March after two crashes in five months in which 346 people died. Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary said earlier this week that he expected the 737 Max to receive approval by late June or early July.

Mr Elwell was asked by reporters whether it was realistic that the 737 MAX could be flying again by the summer. "If you said October I wouldn't even say that, only because we haven't finished determining exactly what the training requirements will be. If it takes a year to find everything we need to give us the confidence to lift the [grounding] order so be it."

He said discussions with Boeing over approving the safety update were "a constant give and take until it is exactly right. It's taking as long as it takes to be right. I'm not tied to a timetable". One decision the FAA has yet to make is whether or not to require pilots to undergo simulator training for the safety update.



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Norwegian Air launched their new service to Dublin in Hamilton, ON Wednesday. The new service starts March 31.

Norwegian Launches Dublin From Hamilton

Original Article By: Marsha Mowers, Travel Pulse, Mar. 7, 2019

https://news.amco.on.ca/norwegian launches dublin from hamilton

Big things are happening in Hamilton, Ontario lately – the city's going through a gentrification, becoming a hot spot for new breweries, restaurants and now, trans-Atlantic flights with the announcement that Norwegian Air will operate a direct flight to Dublin from Hamilton International Airport, four days a week beginning March 31. Even better, fares will be as low as \$290, taxes in, one way, including prime summer months.

TravelPulse Canada attended the airline's launch event in Hamilton Wednesday, and learned why Hamilton is becoming a travel hub.

"Our milestone moments have been the last two years when we've more than doubled our traffic with an 118% growth over 2016," said Dina Carlucci, Director, Marketing & Communications for Hamilton International Airport. "That's due to low cost carriers and our customers in Hamilton and the surrounding markets who are coming for our low fare options."

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Hamilton International is expecting to mark their 1 millionth traveler this year, and with their location and new offerings, it's a definitely possibility. Carlucci is seeing an increase also in cross-border travelers who are choosing to fly from Hamilton over Buffalo, which currently sees 2 million Canadians a year.

"We're in the niche of low cost travel as we're not here to compete with Pearson, we're here to find our own stride and it seems to be what Canadians want" she says.

Kapuskasing in Mourning After Fatal Helicopter Crash

Original Article By: Staff, CBC News, Mar. 13, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/fatalhelicoptercrash



The Town of Kapuskasing is mourning the loss of two of its own.

On Monday, the bodies of Jody and Nicole Blais were found. They had taken off in

their helicopter a week earlier from the Sudbury airport. The wreckage site was found west of Timmins.

Many were involved in the search for the couple, including police, the Royal Canadian Air Force, search and rescue as well as friends and family.

"We share in the grief and sorrow which is being felt over the tragic deaths of Jody and Nicole," Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing said.

"Like so many others, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to the Blais family, friends, colleagues and their community during this difficult time of mourning"





Municipalities Working Together on Funding Application for New Airport Terminal

Original Article By: Tom Sasvari, Manitoulin Expositor, Apr. 18, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/workingtogetheronfundingapplication

The three municipalities that jointly own the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport are applying for funding to replace and renovate the airport terminal building under a new program.

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island township and chair of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport board, told the Recorder, "at this point all we're doing is applying for funding under a government program as we have been led to believe that the airport project should be a prime candidate for funding."

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Robbie Colwell, manager of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport told the Recorder, "current operational and customer demands reinforce the requirement for a modern, multi-use air terminal building that will attract more users to our facility and strengthen our

appeal to a diverse aviation community. The reward of this project reaches far beyond the airport and will cultivate economic benefits by supporting health and safety, commerce and tourism within the entire region."

"The building can serve as an emergency crisis management centre and will contain many features to deal with a large scale post-disaster occurrence," explained Mr. Colwell. "The airport already has much of the key infrastructure to deal with this type of emergency and the new terminal building will allow us to enhance the deliverables for this situation when it happens. As we continued on our journey for growth and diversification of the airport, our current 72-year-old terminal building has become a limiting factor. The new facility will allow us to keep on track with our long term development plans for the airport."

Sault Airport Gets Radio Communications System

Original Article By: Staff, Northern Ontario Business, Apr. 18, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/radioupgradesatsaultairport

Safety will be improved at the Sault Ste. Marie Airport, thanks to funds that will allow the facility to upgrade its radio communications technology.

Transport Canada is providing the Sault facility with \$16,250 to install an integrated radio alarm system (IRAS), which is expected

to improve emergency response by allowing radio communication between the control tower and the fire hall, security station and individual wireless radios.

Announced on April 18, the government said the improvement would enhance safety for leisure and commercial fliers, as well as back up essential air



services including community resupply, air ambulance, search and rescue and forest fire response.

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"People in Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding region depend on their airport not only for personal and business travel, but also for access to specialized and emergency medical care," Foreign Affairs

Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a news release. "The investment announced today will ensure continued safe and reliable service for this important hub."

Funding for the system comes from Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP).



Town to Enter Into Lease Agreement With MNRF

Original Article By: Brad Sherratt, Kirkland Lake Northern News, Apr. 17, 2019

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



Town council has accepted a staff recommendation that will see them enter into a lease agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to operate their fire

service base from the Kirkland Lake Airport.

In a report to council, staff stated "The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have utilized the airport as their fire base for several years. The lease establishes a presence at the airport for a total of five months, with the option for an additional two months, depending on the season and fire activity in the area.

"Their intent is to utilize part of the hangar for storage of emergency equipment, and during time of high fire activity, the office and washroom as a start-up center. They install the necessary utilities such as phone, fax and internet service and have previously placed a storage container for additional local equipment for their helicopters."

According to the report "there are revenues associated with the lease agreement, for a total of \$2,957.70, with the potential for an additional \$1,183.08, depending on the fire season. There is also an opportunity for revenue with the sale of fuel. The fee of \$591.54 per month is based on the User Fees for 2019."





Fire Damage at Brampton Flying Club Exceeds \$3.5 Million

Original Article By: Joshua Santos, Orangeville Citizen, Mar. 8, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/firedamageatbramptonflyingclub

Caledon Firefighters estimated damages exceed about \$3.5 million after a mammoth fire erupted at the Brampton Flying Club on Monday, March 4 at about 10 a.m. Caledon Fire and Emergency Services were on the scene in the afternoon immediately trying to extinguish the flame.



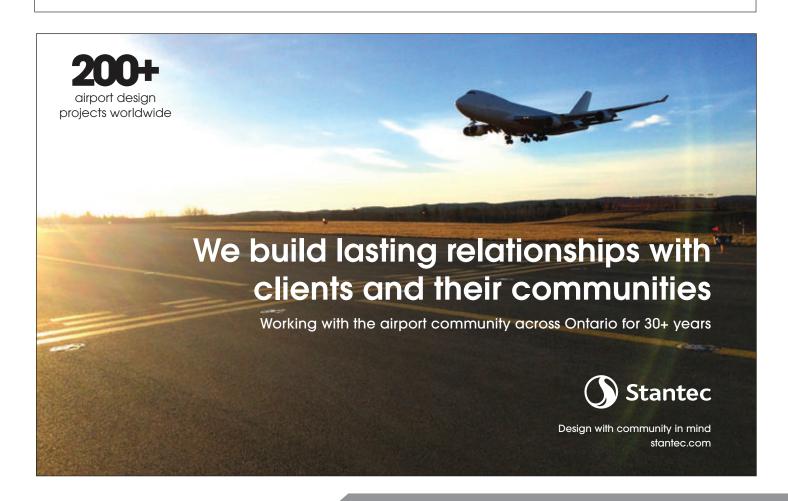
"Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved aircraft inside a hanger," said Darryl Bailey, fire chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services. "An offensive attack was performed, fighting a fire from within a structure. The fire was fast moving with rapidly changing conditions. Crews were ordered to withdraw from the hangar because of structural damage, and began a defensive attack, fighting

a fire outside of a structure, to prevent the fire from spreading."

Bailey said there were earlier reports of someone still inside the hanger. The missing person, however, was located several hours later. "As of 3 p.m. today, the occupant who was considered missing has been accounted

for. No injuries have been reported," states a Town news release.

A number of aircrafts where destroyed inside the hanger when an aircraft inside caught on fire. There is no fire hydrant in the immediate area of the property. Bailey said crews had to use tankers to shuttle water to the scene from fire hydrants some distances away.



New Pilots Behind Chatham-Kent Flight Fest

Original Article By: Tom Morrison, The Chatham Daily News, Mar. 22, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/chathamkentflightfest

Chatham-Kent Flight Fest will return this summer after a three-year hiatus with a new non-profit organization behind the event.

The festival at the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport was last offered in 2016 by the 295 Kinsmen Air Cadets, but the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association YCK chapter, which formed last year, has now taken over.

"We really want to highlight aviation for the community," said Aaron McPhail, communications director for Canadian Owners and Pilots Association YCK. "We want to encourage young people to get involved in aviation and become pilots themselves, and also adults alike."

He said he doesn't know why the original organizers stopped hosting the event, but it "takes a tremendous amount of effort" to put everything together.

"It requires community support in terms of funding," he said. "I think we just took it over because we are a newly formed group that had some successes and we wanted to continue those successes by putting on a great Flight Fest."

The event will run June 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a rain date set for June 2.





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London Airport's Message Amid Ambitious Growth: Use It or Lose It

Original Article By: Norman De Bono, The London Free Press, Apr. 9, 2019

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



Tired travellers didn't have a great start to their vacation to Punta Cana the Dominican Republic after being stranded by cancelled flights at London International Airport. Passengers who arrived at about 3AM for their flight to Punta Cana had to wait till noon before departing by bus to Toronto on Wednesday.

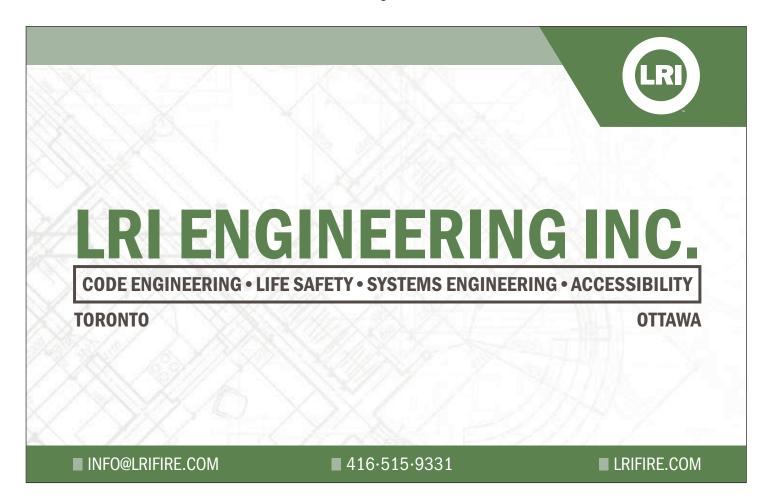
During the last year, the airport has added eight flights and that has led to aggressive forecasts about growing its business, perhaps even doubling passengers during a two-year period, said chief executive Mike Seabrook. "We have been dealt a winning hand in this card game. We have to get behind it," Seabrook said.

The airport on Tuesday will launch Plane Talk. It's a plan to work with city and area governments, tourism offices and business groups to talk up the airport and push traffic, so it can maintain those additional flights, he said.

If the passenger traffic doesn't follow after the eight flights have been added, London may lose them, he said.

"We have an opportunity, with Toronto getting congested, traffic is horrendous, to emerge as a regional gateway, the southern Ontario alternative for an airport," said Seabrook.

"We have grown, we have services other airports in Southwestern Ontario don't have. We have an opportunity to get behind these new services and make them work."



Drug Seizure Largest Ever for City

Original Article By: Sandi Krasowski, The Chronicle Journal, Mar. 22, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/thunderbaydrugseizure

A drug trafficking investigation has netted the largest fentanyl seizure ever in Thunder Bay along with three people who were taken into custody on Peter Street on Wednesday.

City police Staff Sgt. Shawn Harrison said a police probe identified a suspect believed to be in possession of fentanyl that was landing at the Thunder Bay International Airport just before 7 p.m.

They followed the suspect, who was driven by two others to the Peter Street location, where the three were taken into police custody.

Pilots in Fatal Carp Crash Not Using Optional Anti-Collision Systems

Original Article By: Megan Gillis, Ottawa Citizen, May 2, 2019

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

The pilots of two small planes that collided over the Carp Airport last fall didn't see each other in time to avoid the fatal collision, the Transportation Safety Board concluded in a report issued Thursday.

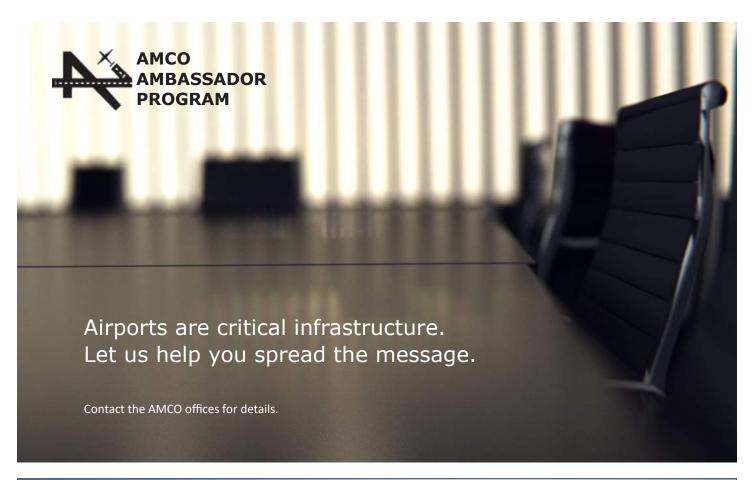
That's at least in part because they were using what's known as the "see and avoid" principle, which means actively scanning uncontrolled airspace for other aircraft, instead of using collision avoidance systems.

Gerhard Herget, a Kanata man in his 80s, died in the November 4 crash between his Cessna 150 G and the Piper PA-42 Cheyenne III. The impact sheared off part of the Cessna's left wing and sent it into a steep dive. The aircraft was destroyed in the fiery crash.

The pilot and passenger on the Piper were unhurt. The craft suffered serious damage but the pilot was able to maintain control, divert to the Ottawa Airport and land without incident.











Porter Airlines Flying Into Muskoka Summer 2019

Original Article By: Press Release, District of Muskoka, Mar. 25, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/porteratmuskoka

The District of Muskoka and the Muskoka Airport Board of Directors are pleased to welcome Porter Airlines and scheduled passenger service to Muskoka. The carrier will start flying travelers to the Muskoka Airport (CYQA) on June 27 through to September 3, 2019. The approximately 20 minute flights will operate twice weekly on Thursdays and Mondays (Tuesday departure during long weekends) between Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and Muskoka Airport, with the opportunity for connections to other Porter flights in North America.

District staff has been working with Transport Canada and the Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority (CATSA) to acquire CATSA-designated security screening for the airport, which facilitates the opportunity for scheduled passenger service at the airport. Muskoka Airport is the first airport in Canada to obtain CATSA screening services on a cost recovery basis enabled under Section 30.1 of the CATSA Act.

"The Board is very excited for the arrival of scheduled service and the first class passenger experience that Porter will bring to the region" said Bud Purves, Muskoka Airport Board Chair.



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Air Canada Flight Lands Safely After Mayday Call When Plane Struck Flock of Birds

Original Article By: Megan Gillis, Ottawa Citizen, Mar. 28, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/flightlandssafelyafterstrikingflockofbirds

An Air Canada flight had a "bit of a hairy landing" at the Ottawa Airport early Thursday after the plane hit a flock of birds.

An Air Canada spokeswoman said that flight AC342, with 170 passengers on board, which was scheduled to arrive from Vancouver at 12:46 a.m., made contact with birds on the descent and "as per our operating procedures airport services were called."

"The flight landed safely and no one was hurt," she added.

The plane, which made it to the gate at 1:22 a.m., is now in maintenance.

A passenger tweeted "hats off to the Air Canada pilots (and) crew for keeping



everything under control" adding that the flight landed safely then sat on the runway for a while as a safety precaution before being towed to the gate.



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Up Next at AMCO

To AMCO members and non-members alike we hope your winter was short and the spring weather has brought with it immense opportunity. The Association kicked off the spring season with our 8th Annual Airfield Workshop, hosted by the North Bay Jack Garland Airport in beautiful North Bay, Ontario. We heard from speakers on topics ranging from TALPA and CATSA to Cannabis Legalisation and Product Transfer Area Legislation.

I'd like to welcome any new readers to the Airport Environment and You Ezine especially our newest Airport members, Buttonville Municipal Airport and Ottawa International Airport. With the edition of these new members AMCO now represents all certified airports in the province and we look forward to continuing to present a unified voice on issues such as ACAP, Small Airport and Aerodrome Capital Funding, the looming Pilot Shortage, and the provincial Aviation Fuel Tax.

As we move into summer AMCO will be meeting with a number of small airports and aerodromes in order to connect with those members not always capable of attending events. We will be discussing issues such as funding, airport and aerodrome protections, and carbon tax collection and will be promoting our programs designed to benefit our smallest members such as the Aviation General Liability Group Program, administered by The Magnes Group, and the AMCO Ambassador Program. If you would like to know more about these benefits please do not hesitate to contact the AMCO offices or if you would like AMCO to visit you this summer please contact myself directly.

This summer we will also begin taking registrations for the 34th Annual Convention and Trade Show hosted by the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport. This year will see an expansive indoor equipment exhibit and speakers on topics such as "Seeking the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals", Transport Canada Civil Aviation, ACAP, and Nav Canada Updates, and "Threats Posed by Climate Change". This show is certainly not one to be missed and we encourage everyone to register as soon as possible to be eligible for the early bird draw and take advantage of early bird pricing.

To all members hosting events this summer we wish you the best of luck and to everyone undergoing construction projects may they be swift and efficient. Please do not hesitate to contact the AMCO offices should you wish to share, learn, or correspond with your fellow members or to become a member today!

Best Regards,

Aaron Lougheed

Executive Director, AMCO



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