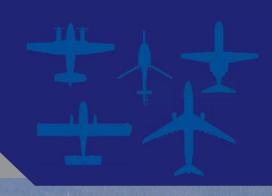


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Original Article By: Staff, Pembroke Daily Observer, Feb. 7, 2018

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The Pembroke and Area Airport has received a glowing report from consulting firm WSP.

The report on the value and potential of the facility was presented on Feb. 1 at the airport.

Joe MacKay, senior project director - aviation for WSP, explained their findings on a direction from the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission to delve into the value of the facility, and whether it was worth further investment by the owners. The 40 minute presentation pointed out many benefits of the airport and concluded with business development opportunities for the future.

"This is a great asset you have here," said MacKay. "And, it has a regional benefit too."

MacKay immediately pointed out the relationship with Garrison Petawawa, Canada's largest military base and a strong supporter of the airport. While Garrison Petawawa is the airport's largest user, accounting for one-quarter of the movements there, MacKay saw that relationship as one that illustrated the overall role the airport plays in the community.

"The Garrison Petawawa contribution is quite significant in Renfrew County," said Mackay. "The military presence here is crucial to communities. The airport has a nice relationship in that it supports Garrison Petawawa's activities, and Garrison Petawawa supports communities."

Garrison Petawawa's contribution was nearly 25 per cent of the revenues for the airport already, and a new agreement that is on the way allows for a user fee increase with a cost of living automatic increase annually.

AMCO would like to extend congratulations to Red Lake Airport's Tiffany Coffey and her husband Derek on the birth of their son, Lachlan Coffey on January 25, 2018. Both mom and baby are happy and healthy.



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Expansion Work to Begin at Kingston Airport

Original Article By: Steve Gerard, Kingston Herald, Apr. 13, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/expansionworksettobeginatkingston



The City of Kingston has announced a \$16.1 million upgrade to expand Kingston 'Norman Rogers' Airport terminal is set to begin.

Work to extend its runway from 5,000 to 6,000 feet – as well as 300 feet being added at its south end and 700 feet on its north end – will start later this spring. The airport will remain open throughout construction, all of which are anticipated to be completed in late 2018.

Runway lighting willalso be upgraded with new approach lighting system being installed with a portion of it embedded in the runway. New LED airfield guidance signs will be installed

and existing runway-edge lights will be upgraded to energy efficient LED bulbs.

"This expansion will help us realize the economic advantages associated with a larger airport and enhanced passenger air services," said Kingston Airport manager Rick Reed in a City release. "The expanded terminal more than doubles our passenger capacity and the extended runway makes us more capable and flexible. We plan to keep our passengers comfortable during construction and well into the future."

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City Lands 'Canada Meat **Group' Plant**

Original Article By: Ryen Veldhuis, baytoday.ca, Feb. 28, 2018

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

North Bay's airport industrial park is going to get a little busier with the addition of a new business soon, Canada Meat Group.

Council approved the sale of about three acres of land to the new company for approximately \$123,000, which will soon be filled with a meat processing plant. The firm is newly incorporated in Canada.

"We have land up at the airport we've been actively trying to pursue business opportunities with," Coun. Derek Shogren said after the meeting. "This is a new company coming into town, so I'll leave it up to them to talk about the particulars of what they're doing."

While he wouldn't go into too many details, leaving it up to Canada Meat Group to make the announcements, he did say that it was great to show that the airport could be used to various business types.

"It shows the multi-use facilities of the airport," he said. "It doesn't just have to be aerospacerelated businesses, it can be a multitude. I'm hoping it's the first of many we see in some of that surplus land; we have a whole development plan coming through Invest North Bay for the airport."



Red Lake Airport Receives \$10 Million In Funding To Refurbish Runway, Taxiways

Original Article By: Staff, CBC News, April 12, 2018

https://news.amco.on.ca/redlakerecieves10million



Red Lake's airport will overhaul its runway and taxiways thanks to funding from the federal government.

The \$10 million is from Transport Canada's Airports

Capital Assistance Program, and will also allow the airport to resurface the apron where planes park at the airport's terminal building, the federal government said in a media release issued Thursday.

"The Red Lake airport continues to be an important economic driver in the area and region," said Phil Vinet, Red Lake mayor. "This runway project will ensure that our airport continues to be a regional transportation hub in the movement of passengers and freight."

Vinet said work will likely begin later this month.

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Airport Eyed For Conestoga Program

Original Article By: Vincent Ball, Brantford Expositor, Apr. 9, 2018

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



Backhoes and bulldozers soon may become part of the landscape at the Brantford municipal airport.

Conestoga College is looking to lease space at the airport

to deliver its heavy construction operator program starting in September. The proposal will come before city councillors for consideration at a committee-meeting-of-the-whole Tuesday.

College officials are asking that land-use and parking fees of \$3,901.80 be waived for a three-year period to accommodate the program in exchange for in-kind services. If supported, the plan would come before city council on April 24 for approval.

"I think this is a good deal for the city because the land they'll be using can't be used right now anyway," said Ward 3 Coun. Greg Martin, a member of the airport advisory board, which has endorsed the proposal.

"And we're going to get some work done and some improvements to the airport."

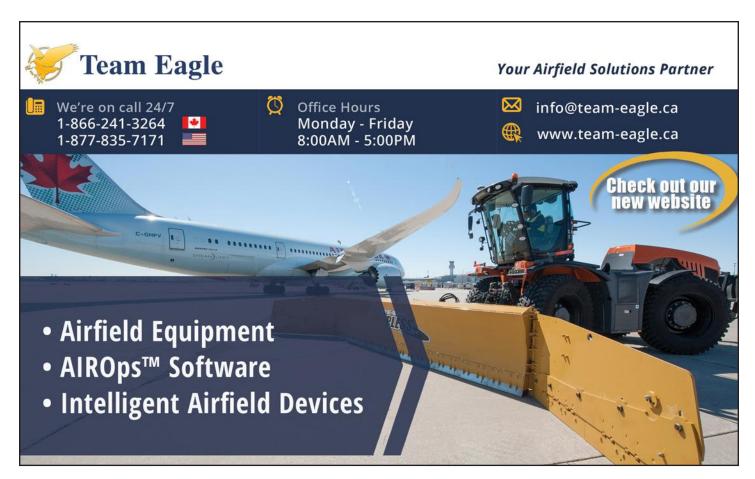
Conestoga plans to start the one-year Ontario college certificate program in Brantford in September with 20 students.

Plans call for Conestoga to use about four hectares (10 acres) at the airport for its program. A field trailer, similar to a portable or office trailer, would be set up on the site. And there would be space for student and staff parking, says a city staff report prepared for councillors.

The vacant and unserviced land to be used by Conestoga is designated for commercial use but there is no expectation that it would be developed within the next three years.

It's expected the condition of the land will be improved through the Conestoga program, which could include asphalt removal and site grading that would benefit the airport, according to the staff report.

The benefits the airport would receive as a result of the work would exceed the almost \$4,000 the city could expect to get through land-use and parking fees, says the report.



Toronto City Airport Reducing Taxes and Improving Facilities

Original Article By: Jim Byers, Travel Pulse, Apr. 1, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/bbtcareducestaxesimprovesfacilities

As of Easter Sunday, the folks who run Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) have reduced the Airport Improvement Fee by \$5, dropping the fee from \$20 to \$15. They're also making significant improvements to an airport that many critics laud as one of the best in North America already.

Airport Improvement Fees are customary amounts that are charged to departing passengers of an airport to pay for infrastructure and capital improvements to the airport. At \$15 per departing passenger, the AIF at Billy Bishop Airport will now be among the lowest in Canada and represents the airport's commitment to delivering "a superior customer service experience" that includes cost efficiency.

Five dollars isn't a great deal of money, but it all adds up when you're buying a ticket. Looked at

another way, a drop from \$20 to \$15 is a 25 per cent fee reduction, and that's pretty good.

"Billy Bishop Airport has grown into a world-class airport and a key gateway to and from Toronto," said Geoffrey Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, PortsToronto, which manages Toronto Island Airport, a short ride from downtown. "The airport and its passengers have benefitted from a consistent and strong stream of AIF funds that have been reinvested into infrastructure and capital projects such as the pedestrian tunnel and the airfield modernization, a three-year project that will successfully conclude this summer."

"With these big projects complete, and with passenger numbers continuing strong, PortsToronto is in a position to reduce the fees charged to the consumer and ensure a travel experience that is not only efficient, convenient and service oriented, but also cost effective."



Scheduled Air Service at Muskoka Airport Indefinitely Delayed by Bill C49

Original Article By: Alison Brownlee, Bracebridge Examiner, Apr. 20, 2018

https://news.amco.on.ca/billc49holdsupairserviceinmuskoka

Plans for scheduled commercial passenger flights at Muskoka Airport have been at least temporarily grounded.

Scot Weeres, special adviser to the District of Muskoka CAO, told district council on April 17 that long-awaited scheduled commercial air service at Muskoka Airport would not happen in 2018.

"Scheduled air service won't be happening in this summer season at Muskoka Airport," said Weeres. "The issue here isn't one of the district not being prepared, the airport not being prepared, the airline not being prepared. It's strictly and completely a legislative issue at the federal level."

The district and its partners – Explorers' Edge and an unnamed air carrier – noted their concern to council roughly a month ago about the unknown impact federal "regulatory aspects" could have on their plans for scheduled air service at the airport,

but remained optimistic the service would still launch this summer.

But now it won't.

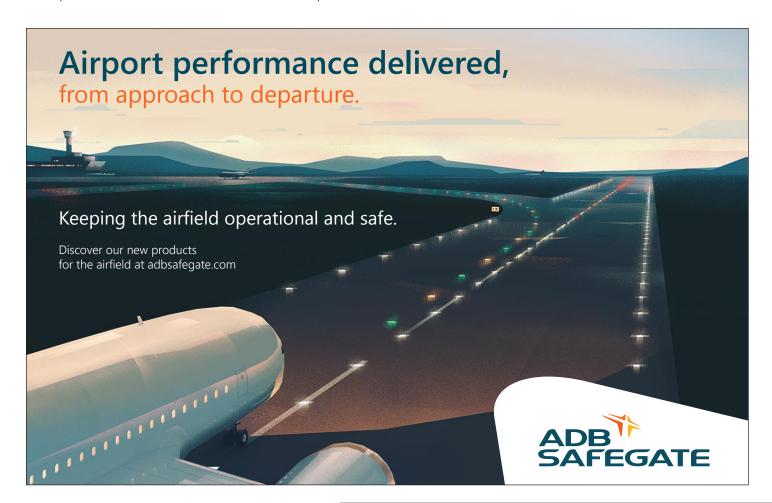
"Legislation that is required to enable CATSA, the Canadian Air Transportation Security Agency, to deliver services has not passed through the House of Commons," said Weeres. "It's not going to, likely, pass until later in the spring and by that time we've lost our window of opportunity to undertake the infrastructure development at the airport that is needed to provide the security service and screening services for passengers."

And he noted the unnamed air carrier partner would not accept unscreened passengers.

Bill C49, the Transportation Modernization Act, said Weeres, was an omnibus bill to amend several pieces of legislation, including the Transportation Act.

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Snowy Owls Posing Challenges For Airport Staff

Original Article By: Julie Jocsak, The Standard, Feb. 27, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/snowyowlsposeproblem

The large number of owls spotted in local fields this winter have been a fascination for many in Niagara this winter — not so much for those at Niagara District Airport.

"We don't want any wildlife near the runway so as soon as we see it maintenance has to be called," said Cliff Reinhart, airport operations co-ordinator.

Keeping birds and animals of all kinds away from the runway is a constant task. The large majority of wildlife chased away from the runways are small birds and coyotes but this year there has been a spike in the amount of snowy owls that have been hanging around the airport.

"It started in 2013, late in December. I saw four and then it went down to three in 2014 and then they stayed consistent until this year, I counted eight myself," said Reinhart.

Blue Skies Ahead For Hamilton International Airport

Original Article By: Bay Observer Staff, Bay Observer, Feb. 12, 2018

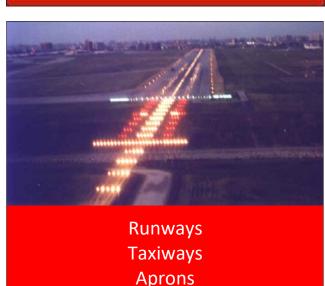
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With 2017 passenger traffic climbing to 599,146 passengers versus 333,368 in 2016—Hamilton International Airport can claim to be Canada's fastest growing airport. And 2018 should be a better year yet with the launch of Westjet's Ultra low cost carrier—Swoop which will compete with Flair and possibly Canada Jetlines which also announced plans to fly from Hamilton in 2018.

In addition Air Canada offers daily connections to Montreal; but from Montreal passengers can reach hundreds of international and US destinations without having to handle their baggage after they check it in Hamilton. All this in addition to Westjet's scheduled service, and sun destination charters offered by Air Transat and Sunwing.

Dina Carlucci, Director, Marketing & Communications at the airport sees a bright future for Hamilton as home to Ultra Low Cost Carriers (ULCC) even though they have not succeeded in Canada in the past. "The new low cost carriers are aiming for a target market that has not done a lot of air travel—millennials and younger couples with children. Instead of cannibalizing existing travel demand, effectively the pie gets bigger because the fares are so attractive."





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Expanded Peterborough Airport Envisioned As Hub For Pilot Training, Commuter Flights, Consultant Tells City Council

Original Article By: Peterborough Examiner, Feb. 5, 2018

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

An aviation planner told city council that Peterborough Airport could potentially grow as a hub for pilot training and also for commuter flights, into the future - but it's going to take significant investment.

Adam Martin, an aviation planning manager at WSP

Canada Inc., spoke to councillors on Monday evening.

Martin said there will be a worldwide pilot shortage in the future and Peterborough Airport could become a hub for training.

The city and Peterborough and the Kawarthas Economic Development is looking into finding a new commuter service to take business travellers quickly to cities such as Toronto, he also said.



But progress will come at a cost: Martin presented a strategic plan that recommends \$48 million to expand and improve to the Peterborough Airport over the next 20 years.

Councillors gave preliminary approval to adopt the plan as a guide, although spending needs to be debated and

discussed at budget time over the coming years.

Coun. Dan McWilliams also pointed out that the city is still hoping to land an annexation deal that would bring the airport property into city limits - and councillors agreed they want to see that happen soon, as they continue to invest in the airport. Meanwhile the airport plan calls for a series of developments to take place in the short, medium and long term.



Last-minute Flight Cancellations Have Nothing to do with Sarnia Service, Officials Say

Original Article By: Tyler Kula, Sarnia Observer, May 2, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/sarniabeginslookingtoimproveairport



City and chamber of commerce officials are taking a closer look at the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport, and they want to hear how people think it might be improved.

"It's been a while since anybody's looked at the bigger picture there," said Marg Misek-Evans, the city's chief administrator.

With Sarnia in the midst of assessing its various assets, alongside a recent pledge by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) to assist in developing a strategic direction for the 90-year-old airport, and a taskforce of the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce also looking into the airport, the timing was right, she said.

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"We're looking to broaden the task force membership (currently the city and the chamber) and try to move forward," she said.

What that means right now isn't clear, but people with ideas or who want to be part of the process are asked to email airportparticipation@sarnia.ca.

"In terms of having a plan, we're probably looking into early '19," Misek-Evans said.

Scottsdale Aviation Inc.'s Clare Webb has run the city-owned airport since 1986 under Transport Canada and then the city – it took over ownership in 1997.

"We've run it for an awful long time; but you never know, some new ideas may not hurt anything," Webb said.

Scottsdale's contract with the city extends to 2027.

AMCO congratulates Cathie Puckering on her appointment as President and CEO at the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport.

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\$1.7M Boost for The Sudbury Airport

Original Article By: CBC News, Apr. 20, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/sudburygetsboostfromnohfc



The Greater Sudbury Airport is receiving more than \$1.7 million from the provincial government for transportation infrastructure.

Sudbury MPP Glenn Thibeault made the announcement on Friday. The money is coming from the province's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

The province says the money will be used for upgrades to the airport's water system. It adds the money will be used for upgrades to make sure water supplies for fire suppression are up to standard.

The money will also make sure drinking water is safe and available at current and future airport facilities.

In addition, Porter Airlines is getting more than \$50,000 from the province to establish a new maintenance facility at the airport in Sudbury.





Federal Government Postpones Study of Airport Privatization

Original Article By: Bill Curry, The Globe and Mail, Apr. 21, 2018 https://news.amco.on.ca/federalgovtpostponesairportprivatization

The federal government is shelving its in-depth study of airport privatization after nearly two years of examining the multibillion-dollar potential of selling off the key federal assets.

During a private meeting with airport executives in Ottawa this week, Transport Minister Marc Garneau confirmed that

the Liberal government is not moving ahead with privatization at this time.

The assurance provided some welcome certainty for Canada's airports, said Marc Laroche, president and chief executive of the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport Authority.

"It was like a cloud hanging over the airport model and this brings clarity," he said in an interview Friday. "It's the first time that the minister has stated it so forcefully. We kind of felt that the discussions had diminished quite a bit, but the minister confirmed that it's not under active consideration by the government. I was glad."





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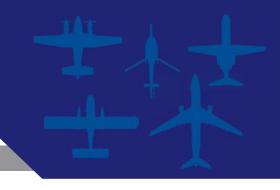
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Up Next at AMCO

We are finally on the right side of winter and moving into what is sure to be a busy and exciting spring/summer. After a number of spring sessions, including two Small Airport and Aerodrome Working Group meetings and CASOP we are looking forward to a number of other events throughout May and into the summer. We encourage all members, and non-members to keep a close eye on the events section of AMCO member email and watch for training and networking events coming up in your area.

We are excited to be working with the IAAE Canada to offer back-to-back events this month. The IAAE Canada FOAM conference runs from May 27th – 30th and the Spring Airfield Workshop will be hosted immediately following in the Niagara Region on May 31st. We also have joint sponsorship opportunities and discounted attendance rates for everyone interested in attending both events. FOAM will be taking place this year in Toronto at the Hyatt Regency Hotel followed by the Workshop hosted by the Niagara District Airport at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharine's.

AMCO has two training courses running this May and we are always looking to partner with member airports to host training in their region to help lower costs and increase attendance. If you have any training needs coming up this summer and would like AMCO to help facilitate your event please don't hesitate to contact the AMCO offices.

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 now request AMCO's staff and board to advocate alongside you at the local level; including 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.

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