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Marion Smith, Manager of the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport and Aaron Lougheed, Executive Director of AMCO

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Original Article By: Ellwood Shreve, Chatham Daily News, October 7, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/provincialairportconference

The Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport is planning for the future – and that means becoming better known on the aviation scene.

This goal is being accomplished by hosting the annual Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) conference and trade show, which runs until Wednesday at the John D. Bradley Convention Centre in Chatham.

"It's quite exciting," Marion Smith, Chatham-Kent airport manager, said about hosting the 145-attendee conference for the first time.

She said the airport is currently working on a master plan.

"We've got a new airport administrative committee that we just formed, so we're moving forward with a lot of different things. Just trying to grow the airport, promote the airport." Smith said.

Aaron Lougheed, AMCO executive director, said the conference is a chance to network and learn about best practices "and making sure that airports in Ontario are safe and up to date on regulations and all the new technology, so they can serve the flying public a little bit better."

AMCO would like to extend congratulations to Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation president and CEO Terry Bos on being included in Marquis Who's Who! https://news.amco.on.ca/marquiswhoswho



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Kenora Airport manager Michael Zroback and airport business liaison/development coordinator Stefan Robinson with brothers Phil Mostow and Alex Mostow.

Donation Joins Bush Plane Heritage Exhibit at Kenora Airport

Original Article By: Reg Clayton, Kenora Miner & News, October 4, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/bushplaneheritagedonation

There's a new addition to the collection of model aircraft on display at Kenora Airport's new terminal building.

Former Kenora bush pilot Phil Mostow and brother Alex Mostow donated a model Fox Moth float plane to the airport Sunday, Sept. 29.

The donation commemorates the first anniversary of the grand opening of the new McDougald International Terminal building at Kenora Airport.

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Travellers waiting for flights can also view interpretive panels depicting the history of commercial aviation in Kenora. The panels feature stories and photos of the airlines, the aircraft and the bush pilots, including Mostow, who flew them during the 'Golden Age' of Northwestern Ontario commercial aviation in the years following the Second World War.

The Fox Moth is a scale model replica of one of the actual aircraft Phil flew as a bush pilot back in the 1950s. The original three passenger biplane is on display at the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa. Another bush plane Phil piloted, a Stinson Reliant, is in the collection of the Bush Plane Heritage Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

New Plane Service at Muskoka Airport

Original Article By: Nathan Shubert, My Muskoka Now, October 29, 2019

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

Muskoka Airport is getting a new resident.

Skyservice is a company that offers aviation utilities such as maintenance, repair and overhaul services, which will pair with the services already at the 60,000 square-foot hanger.

According to Skyservice, this new location for the company will serve as a base of operations and will focus on catering their assistance to regional, commercial and corporate planes.

The company said the Muskoka branch is the newest in their already expanding company which is stationed in Toronto, Montreal and Calgary.

District of Muskoka Chair John Klinck, in a press release from Skyservice said "we are flattered that Skyservice has selected our community."

"I am so pleased that a world-class industry leader such as Skyservice has landed a home here at the Muskoka Airport."



The Pickering Airport, an Idea Whose Time has Come

Original Article By: David Wilkes, Kitchener Post, October 18, 2019

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

As we look at the growth expected in the GTA, current capacity at Toronto Pearson International Airport, and the growth in passenger traffic at Canadian airports, it becomes clear that the time is now to move forward on the idea of a new airport in Pickering.

Since 1968, there have been on-again, off-again discussions regarding how best to accommodate the growth in passenger air traffic projected for the region, especially in light of the anticipated capacity constraints at Pearson. Land has been expropriated and set aside for a new airport in the north of Pickering, and studies have been undertaken repeatedly.

At the same time, Pearson has been expanded and Billy Bishop has been brought on stream. Yet capacity at Pearson is becoming an issue again, with passenger volume growing steadily, doubling between 2003 and 2018, and forecasted to grow by an additional 70 per cent by 2037.

So why build a new airport in the east of this region? There are a number of compelling reasons. First, given the continued growth of passenger air travel and the population growth in the GTA that will see 2.7 million new residents call the region home by 2041, we will eventually need the capacity.

A project of this magnitude could typically take between 15 and 20 years from inception to completion.

North Bay Fire Brushes Up Airport Skills

Original Article By: Staff, North Bay Nugget, September 27, 2019

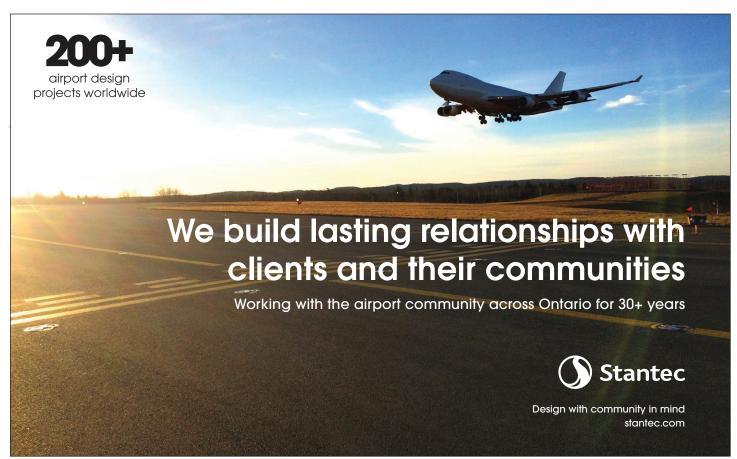
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North Bay Fire and Emergency Services members capped off a week's worth of exercises in aircraft rescue and firefighting training Friday at Jack Garland Airport.

All members took part, with crews performing exercises both day and night.

The training involved classroom instruction in the morning and scenarios later in the day, including initial crash fire knockdown, engine fires, landing gear fires, cockpit fires and passenger rescue.

While members are normally sent to Rochester, N.Y., for aircraft rescue training, North Bay Fire Chief Jason Whiteley said the department was able to hold the exercises at the airport with funds approved by city council.



Welland Councillor Wants to Push Back on Airport Takeover

Original Article By: Dave Johnson, The Standard, November 10, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/pushbackonairporttakeover

When Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake asked to be uploaded to the Region a few years ago, the owners of Niagara Central — Pelham, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland — made a similar request.

"At this point, the Region has been asking for a lot of information, which we have had no difficulty in providing," said Van Vliet.

While the local airport commission provided information, what was reported as its budget was 10 times the actual amount.

"Our budget was reported at \$875,000, it's only \$87,500," said Van Vliet.

Welland puts more than \$45,000 a year into the facility at 435 River Rd. in Pelham and council heard its manager was looking for a 30 per cent increase in pay.

"He's contracted to normally work 30 hours a week, but with all of the requests from the Region, he's putting in 45 to 50 hours." Niagara District Airport has the luxurious position of having an employee paid for by the Region.

"We don't have the luxury... at this point, we should put a stop to giving them information. Why should we do all the work?" Van Vliet said.

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Chief administrative officer Gary Long said the Region has positioned the airports as liabilities.

"We disagree. They are assets and the Region needs to come with a plan to maximize those assets," he said, adding there's still plenty of time for Welland council to discuss the issue.



DHL to Invest \$100M in Hamilton Airport Facility Expansion

Original Article By: Don Mitchell, Global News, October 29, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/dhltoinvestinhamilton

German-based logistics giant DHL will expand its gateway into Canada with a new \$100-million facility at the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport.

The international courier plans to replace its existing depot at John C.

Munro with a bigger, more modern facility.

"Hamilton International Airport offers us the benefits that we need to meet our growing demands in handling capacity," said Andrew Williams, CEO of DHL Express Canada, said in a statement on Tuesday.

"With 24-hour landing capability, dedicated onsite Canada Border Services Agency representation and the ability to grow in the future with a partner positioned



to become the cargo hub of Ontario, we know this is the best decision to continue leading the market."

The new facility
— expected to be completed in 2021
— will be about four times the size of DHL's current 200,000-square-foot

facility and will feature a fully automated sorting system with a capacity for processing 15,000 packages per hour.

The company is also expected to add more front-line workers to its existing complement of 225 employees to meet higher demand.

Currently, DHL has two daily flights from Hamilton to its international network in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Timmins Council Onboard With Demand for More Airport Funding

Original Article By: Bob McIntyre, My Timmins Now, September 26, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/timminscouncilonboardformorefunding

Since the federal government downloaded responsibility for local airports to municipalities a couple decades ago, it has never increased the money it puts into a capital fund for those airports.

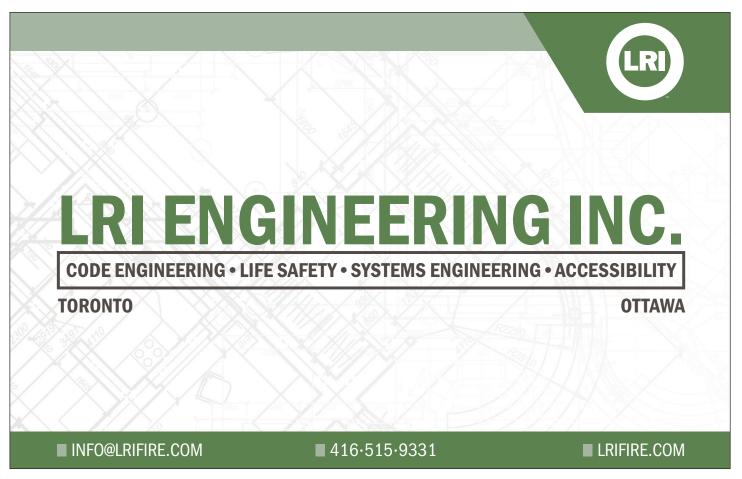
Timmins airport manager Dave Dayment asked city council this week to get onboard with a demand to the government, federal party leaders, and incumbent MPs that more money be put in.

"It's \$38-million. Two-hundred airports are eligible for it each year," Dayment outlined. "Runway overlays, snowblowers, sweepers fall into that category. Thirty-eight-million dollars hasn't been increased for about 20 years."

Dayment noted that he has applied for a grant to rehabilitate the runway worth \$15-million of that \$38-million alone.

With the federal election campaign underway, Councillor Noella Rinaldo asked Dayment if he plans to attend any meet the candidate sessions to ask for their support.

"We're trying to do business. We're in the North. We need to have reliable transportation. We need to have our airports modernized," she stated. "It's an eye-opening figure, when you're telling us that it hasn't gone up in 20 years, and we know what the cost of everything is. So if you don't go to the debate and ask it, I'll ask it."





Peterborough Air Show Called a Financial, Tourism Success

Original Article By: Joelle Kovach, The Peterborough Examiner, October 4, 2019

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

Last month's Peterborough Air Show attracted 9,000 people and finished in the black, with an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 surplus over the \$525,000 cost of the event.

Proceeds came from admission fees and corporate sponsorships, the city stated while announcing the total Friday.

The air show happened Sept. 21 and 22 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peterborough Airport.

The show featured performances by the Canadian Forces Snowbirds air demonstration squadron and the Canadian Armed Forces SkyHawks parachute demonstration team.

The performances lasted for nearly three hours on both days, Saturday and Sunday, and there were also vendors, food and a ground display at the airport.

About 60 per cent of visitors came from outside Peterborough, including Durham Region, Quinte and the GTA, and many hotels had no vacancies, according to a release issued Friday by the city.

Mayor Diane Therrien says in the news release that while the air show celebrated the 50th anniversary of the airport, "the real benefit of the event was tourism, the broader economic spinoff of the large event and the public awareness it created." The day before the air show, Therrien jumped with the SkyHawks to promote the event.





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Minister Rickford Announces Reduction in Aviation Fuel Tax Rate

Original Article By: NNL Staff, Net News Ledger, November 13, 2019

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

The Ontario government is delivering on its commitment to reduce the aviation fuel tax rate in Northern Ontario, helping to lower the cost of living for people in the region.

Today, Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous

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Affairs, spoke about the government's plan to make life more affordable for northerners at the Thunder Bay International Airport.

As announced in the 2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Build Ontario Together, the government is proposing to cut the aviation fuel tax rate in the North to 2.7 cents per litre from 6.7 cents per litre.

"Living and working in Northern Ontario comes with higher costs of living as we rely on air travel and freight to provide essential goods and services," said Minister Rickford. "That is why our government is proud to help reduce costs in this region by cutting the aviation fuel tax rate."

The lower aviation fuel tax rate would help reduce costs on things like groceries and air travel. This reduced rate would apply to aviation fuel purchases in the North as of January 1, 2020.

"Our government has heard loud and clear that people from all walks of life – especially those who live in Northern Ontario – are tired of paying more and getting less," said Minister Rickford. "That is why we have a plan to make life more affordable for families and individuals in every corner of the province."

Congratulations to Howard Eng, President and CEO of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, on being named CEO of The Year at 2019 Ontario Business Achievement Awards!

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Wings and Wheels Returns to Tillsonburg

Original Article By: Staff, Woodstock Sentinel-Review, September 10, 2019

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Vintage Harvards will again take flight this weekend.

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is hosting its 12th annual Wings and Wheels Family Fun Day at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A rain date is set for Sunday.

The event will feature classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and vintage aircraft. The Harvard association organizes the event with the Bygone Iron Car Club and Tillsonburg Cruisers.

Along with dozens of vintage motor vehicles, several Harvard airplanes will take to the skies. The club has eight Harvards – five Mark I's and three Mark IIs. About half are currently able to fly while the others are undergoing repairs or restoration.

The Harvard was the main training plane for the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War, with close to 3,000 Mark IIs produced from 1940 to 1945 that helped train more than 130,000 aircrew.



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New Management for Dryden's Airport

Original Article By: Ryan Forbes, Dryden Now, November 19, 2019 https://news.amco.on.ca/newmanagementfordryden

There will be new management at the Dryden Regional Airport next month. The City of Dryden has announced that they have entered into a contract with The Loomex Group, a leading aerospace operation firm.

The handover will take place in December, when long-time Airport Manager Norm Sanders retires. The Loomex Group currently operates five other airports in Ontario and Western Canada, and provides airport services across Canada.

Loomex and the City of Dryden already have a

long-term partnership in place with training and emergency exercises. Their key duties at the airport will be to ensure the safe, efficient and effective operations of the facility. Priority projects will include developing business and strategic plans to move the airport forward in the future.

"We understand the operations, appreciate the hardworking airport staff, love the community and see great potential in the airport. Our team is excited to hit the ground running" says Trent Gervais, President and CEO of The Loomex Group.

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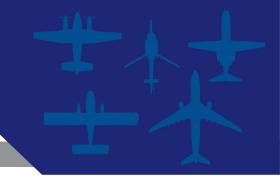


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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Up Next at AMCO

Winter has moved fast upon most of the province and we wish all AMCO airports a safe and efficient season as you move into winter operations! A special thank you this edition to Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport for all their hard work hosting the 34th Annual Convention and Trade Show and thank you again to all our attendees, speakers, and sponsors. As we look back on a successful year for AMCO and its members I'd like to take the time to thank outgoing Board Members Nancy Hewitt and Maurice Best for their service to the Board and Ontario's airport network. I'd also like to thank our 2019 Airfield Workshop host North Bay Jack Garland Airport, and all those airports who helped AMCO with training over the course of the year. Now begins the planning for 2020!

We plan to host two more premier events in 2020, the first being our 9th Annual Airfield Workshop, hosted next year at the Huronia Airport in Midland, Ontario, and the 35th Annual Convention and Trade Show hosted next year in beautiful Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario! AMCO is also looking to provide all the training its members need in 2020 so watch out for courses such as TALPA/GRF, AMSCRs, SMS/QA Auditing, and more. We are also looking to get out to more airports in the network to tour operations, have frank and in person discussions about the challenges at their facilities, and learn from their experiences. Stay tuned as these tours will take place in the summer and focus on Small Airport and Aerodrome members.

AMCO plans to continue to monitor changes in regulations, including TALPA/GRF and aviation fuel exercise taxes, participate in CARAC and the Canadian Aviation Safety Officer Partnership (CASOP), and work with its peers across the country for improvements to the Airports Capital Assistance Program. We are also committing this year to attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference to represent our members and spread the message to provincial and municipal leaders that airports are critical infrastructure and play a vital role in safe and prosperous communities.

Thank you to all our members and those readers outside of the province. We look forward to working with you all this fall/winter and into the New Year!

Best Regards,

Aaron Lougheed

Executive Director, AMCO



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