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From the Desk of the CEO

Up Next at AMCO

Scotty said to me the other day out of the blue "I like fireworks" and I can't say that I blame him! Fireworks are big, bright, loud, and exciting! Fortunately, with Canada Day coming soon we won't have to wait long to see some.

At AMCO there are always big, exciting things happening – some are even loud!

The "loudest" thing AMCO has been working on with HM Aero is the Study of Ontario's Airports and Aerodromes. The final version has been completed, and it will be released on June 14th at the Airfield Workshop! We can't wait for everyone to see it and make use of the information that has been compiled. We encourage everyone to bring this information to both the provincial and federal levels of government and use it to advance Ontario's airports cause.

You will see later in this issue that another bright spot for AMCO is the return of CBSA services to many of our member airports. AMCO worked with this organization and pushed for services to return and provide some much-needed relief to those who depend on serving the American market. We are very pleased that we were able to make so much progress and will continue to push until all service has been restored.

Big things are happening with AMCO's new committees. We have the Transport Canada Civil Aviation Committee and are coming up to our first meeting for the Provincial Relations Committee. If you are interested in either group, please talk to the AMCO Staff.

AMCO always has some exciting events happening as well. We look forward to seeing everyone in Red Lake next week for the Workshop. We are excited about the valuable speakers, discussions and in-person connections. We also have some in-person training coming up this year including On Scene Controller, TP 312 5th Ed., and Airfield Electrical. Please visit the AMCO Website or inquire with AMCO staff about this training if you are interested.

We are also expecting a Big Bang towards the end of the year at Convention! We will be in Kingston from Oct. 2-5 and we can't WAIT to see you there! This is the event you won't want to miss. Registration will be opening soon.

I hope you all have the chance to take some time to relax and recharge this summer. With construction projects and a return to normal travel it may be tough, but make sure you can soak up some sun while it's here! As always, I look forward to seeing you at events and regional meetings. Let us know about whatever bright exciting "fireworks" are happening at your facility!

Sincerely,

Laura McNeice, CEO, AMCO

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AMCO 9th ANNUAL AIRFIELD WORKSHOP

RED LAKE AIRPORT June 14, 2022

-EVENT-

The event will be presented to airport managers and staff from around Ontario.

This one-day workshop is full of detailed presentations from industry experts, networking, discussions, and so much more, in order to bring the best value for everyone attending!

It is the aim of AMCO to assist Ontario's airports to become the safest and most efficient possible.

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What once was a float and sea plane base a century ago, Red Lake Airport has evolved into the point of call for air carriers offering scheduled passenger service, and an operating base for Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. The airport terminal welcomes you with large ticket and rental car counters, luggage carousels, naturally lit seating areas, NAV CANADA offices, and a modern parking lot. AMCO Workshop will contribute to tourism directly in that we will be attracting people from around Ontario to visit, stay, and explore Red Lake!

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Municipal airports provide value to communities, say Interprovincial Air Tour organizers

Original Article by Dave Johnson, Tribune Reporter, The Standard, Jun 6, 2022

For full article click here

As plane after plane landed at Niagara Centre Dorothy Rungeling Airport last Thursday, nearly all pulled up to the fuel pumps for a splash of Avgas (aviation gasoline) before taxiing to park along a closed runway.

In addition to pumping fuel, pilots and passengers from between 40 and 45 planes pumped money into the economies of surrounding municipalities.

Niagara Centre was the first stop in the Interprovincial Air Tour, planned for 2020 but cancelled twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Adrian Verburg, captain of Canadian Owners and Pilots Association 149.

"COPA 149 is hosting the first day of the tour. There are aircraft coming in from across Ontario and a couple from the U.S.," said Verburg, who guided planes in as they approached the airport on River Road in Pelham.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is gradually resuming border services at select airports affected by the temporary measures put in place as a result of COVID-19. The Agency has resumed services at 47 small airports.

For the list of affected airports click here





Community spotlight: New pediatrician serving Renfrew County flies from Toronto to Petawawa on a weekly basis

Original Article by Rudy Kadlec, PembrokeToday.ca, May 11, 2022 For full article click here

The Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC) has secured new funding and has brought a pediatrician to the area.

The PCFHC Board Director Keith Greenfield says the timing works out great because another pediatrician who was serving the area from Ottawa retired back in January and this will help fill the gap.

Greenfield says Dr. Jay Dahman works out of Toronto and flies to the Pembroke and Area Airport on a weekly basis to provide care to residents in the area one day a week.

Judy Hill, the Executive Director of the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, says thanks to a pilot program with Ontario Health, the services of Dr. Dahman are available to all residents across Renfrew County. As a member of the primary care network in Renfrew County, Hill says she is able to use a distribution list to let other doctors know his services are available.

Hill says with 40 percent of the population in Petawawa under the age of 16, having a pediatrician is important.

Greenfield says through connections with Garrison Petawawa, Mayor Bob Sweet was able to link Dr. Dahman with the Family Health Centre.

Upcoming Huronia Airport Task Force report is anything but flighty

Original Article by Derek Howard, thestar.com, Apr. 13, 2022

For full article click here

A joint virtual presentation from the Huronia Airport Task Force (HATF) will take place on April 19 at 7:00 p.m., addressing their "Strategic Development Plan - Next Steps" report to the ownership group of Midland, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township municipal councils.

Huronia Airport manager Zachery Premate noted that the HATF, which the three municipalities created last year, was intended to review items, including areas of growth, goals ranging from short term to long term, governance and capital spending.

"The overall objective," wrote Premate through email, "was to look at ways to drive even greater benefit for the owner municipalities, and in turn, the residents of the three municipalities."

Hosting a 4,000-foot runway located adjacent to Concession 8 East at 20 Ed Connelly Drive in Tiny, the Huronia Airport (CYEE) was jointly purchased in 1965 by the three municipalities. The airport services a mix of aircraft traffic.

"For example," wrote Premate, "CYEE provides support/services to local business, Ornge (air ambulance service), Medevac, (Georgian Bay General Hospital), other highly valued emergency services, (spongy moth) control operations, etc. In terms of the airport's physical attributes, the property boasts approximately 350 acres of land which we believe some of which can be strategically developed for aviation and non-aviation purposes should that be the will of council."



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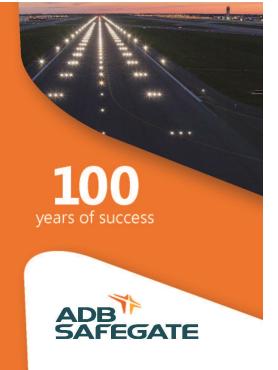
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Peterborough airport soars again with first chartered flight since 2019

Original Article by PTBO Canada, May 12, 2022 For full article click here

It was a three-year flight delay but Peterborough Airport had its first chartered trip this year, sending 107 passengers off to New Orleans, La. on Thursday morning.

The flight was from Blowes & Stewart Travel Group (BST), flying a Boeing 737-400 that will return on Sunday as part of their three-day travel package.

The travel agency has not had a flight in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Scott Stewart, BST president was happy to see the passengers' smiling faces when they boarded the plane.

"We knew it had to be about community and the community first," he said. "When we saw the thralls of people that came that have been on our regulars, it was just so heartwarming to see that."

The flight offered its passengers food and drink that are all locally sourced.

Continental breakfast and in-flight meals were hand-picked and made the morning of the flight by Sobeys Catering department (Lansdowne Street location). Beer served was from Publican House Brewery with a new Pet Pilsner. Those proceeds went towards funding the Peterborough Animal Care Centre for the Peterborough Humane Society. Liquor came from Black's Distillery, specifically their Heritage Vodka as an alternate alcoholic option.

Official opening of the new domestic arrivals building at the Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF)

Original Article by Association Municipalities Ontario / Canada Community-Building Fund, Apr. 22, 2022

For full article click here

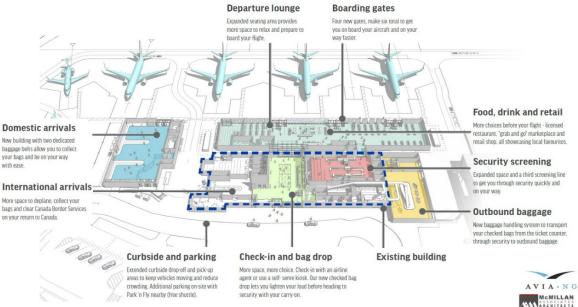
Region of Waterloo, ON – On April 21, the Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) officially opened a new domestic arrivals building. The building is one piece of the airport's \$35 million Airport Terminal Expansion Project currently underway.

"Airports play a vital role in the prosperity of communities by connecting people and businesses with the world," said Tim Louis, Member of Parliament for Kitchener–Conestoga, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities.

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Battery parts plant to be built at Windsor Airport

Original Article by windsoriteDOTca News Staff, Jun 3, 2022 For full article click here

The City of Windsor is leasing twelve acres of land at Windsor Airport to Dongshin Motech Ltd (DS C&K Inc) to support the needs of the recently announced \$5 billion LG Energy Solutions Stellantis Electric Vehicle battery production facility.

The City says DS C&K Inc. is planning to invest \$60 million to locate their 170,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Windsor and will employ approximately 300 people when fully operational. The company will manufacture highly specialized aluminum casings for the electric vehicle batteries that will be produced at the LG/Stellantis facility.

"We always knew that a significant supply chain would be necessary to support the massive investment that Stellantis and LGES are making in our community," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens. "Dongshin Motech's investment in our community proves that Windsor is on the move. We're competing and we are winning the race to attract investment, create great local jobs and build an EV battery manufacturing base."

The proposed site, west of Wheelton Drive, is municipally serviced to the lot line, and local utilities have confirmed that more than adequate electricity supply exists to comfortably accommodate energy demand. It is anticipated that ongoing discussions around incentives will continue with provincial and federal governments to support Dongshin Motech Ltd.

Publication of the proposed Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2022

Original Publication by Cecile Siewe, Director General, Industrial Sectors and Chemicals Directorate Environment and Climate Change Canada, May, 2022

For more details click here

This [publication] is to inform you that the <u>proposed Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations</u>, 2022 (proposed Regulations) are now available online (Canada Gazette, Part I, May 14, 2022) and are open for a 75-day public comment period ending on July 28, 2022. The proposed Regulations would repeal and replace the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012 on the day the final Regulations come into force.

Concurrently, the <u>proposed Order Amending Schedule 3 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act,</u> 1999 (proposed Order) was published to amend the Export Control List.

The <u>Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012</u> are a multi-substance risk management instrument used to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale and import of certain toxic substances, as well as products containing these substances, with a limited number of exemptions.

The proposed Regulations would further restrict the manufacture, use, sale and import of three groups of oil and water repellents (perfluorooctane sulfonate, its salts and its precursors (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid, its salts and its precursors (PFOA), and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and their precursors (LC-PFCA)), and two flame retardants (hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)), and products containing them, by removing or providing time-limits for most remaining exemptions.

The proposed Regulations would also prohibit two additional flame retardants, Dechlorane Plus (DP) and decabromodiphenyl ethane (DBDPE), and products containing them, with a limited number of exemptions, as their final screening assessment reports concluded that they are toxic to the environment under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, 1999.





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Finally, the proposed Regulations also include changes to simplify the structure and improve the clarity and consistency of the regulatory text.

The amendments to the Export Control List (ECL) include the addition of PFOA, HBCD, PBDEs, LC-PFCAs, DP and DBDPE to the ECL, making their exports subject to the *Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations*.

The publication of the proposed Regulations and the proposed Order are followed by a 75-day public comment period, which will close on July 28, 2022. We encourage you to provide your written comments and information to:

Chemicals Management Division
Environment and Climate Change Canada



Runway work begins at Thunder Bay Airport

Original Article by Sandi Krasowski The Chronicle-Journal, Wings, Jun. 8, 2022 For full article click here

THUNDER BAY, ONT. — After 18 months of planning and consultations, the Thunder Bay Airport's main runway is undergoing a \$20.4-million rehabilitation.

Construction on runway 725 began on May 16 and is expected to conclude on Oct. 15. More than half a dozen contractors are working on the project. Of these contractors, two are from an outside source due to specific airport requirements and complexities.

Ryan Brading, the airport service manager, says the improvements will incorporate the latest technology, increase the life of the runway, create environmental sustainability and increase aviation safety.

"The runway is getting repaved with 150 millimetres of new asphalt that we are milling and applying on top," Brading said.

London International Airport reaches new heights in Environmental Sustainability

Original Article by London International Airport Apr. 22, 2022 For full article click here

LONDON, ON – As London International Airport continues to invest and participate in environmentally friendly practices as we work towards greater environmental sustainability, we are pleased to celebrate reaching a significant milestone. As of 2022, fifty percent of all ground support equipment such as baggage tugs and auxiliary power units at the airport are now fully electric, resulting in a reduced carbon footprint.

Implemented together with our Ground Handling partners, Executive Aviation and Jazz Air LP, this achievement further solidifies our commitment to environmental sustainability and innovation. The upgraded ground handling equipment is not only better for the environment but is also more dependable for operations.

Chatham-Kent airport starting to rebound from pandemic

Original Article by Millar Hill, Blackburn News May 9, 2022 For full article click here

The airport in Chatham-Kent is starting to rebound after taking a hit in business over the past two years because of COVID-19.

A new report presented to council Monday showed that the pandemic played a significant role in reducing the amount of business in 2020. It also showed that business bounced back a bit in 2021.

Now the airport is planning to make some significant changes to its facility in the future.

According to the report, the airport will be constructing two additional private corporate hangars, expanding its taxiway and apron, as well as the addition of scheduled air service to Toronto.

Airport Manager Marion Smith said the airport also plans on operating a flight school for aspiring pilots.

"The airport plays a pivotal role in the community," said Smith. "It connects our community to the world." Annual movement at the airport has decreased over the past two years, but Smith anticipates that to change over the next five years.

"We are hoping to start construction on some of the hangars in June," said Smith. "As for the new cafe, it will be open for breakfast and lunch starting June 1.





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Air Canada returns to three flights a day out of North Bay starting May 1

Original Article by Eric Taschner CTV Northern Ontario, Apr. 28, 2022 For full article click here

Passengers at the North Bay Jack Garland Airport will have more options when flying with Air Canada starting in May.

The airline confirmed to CTV News that starting May 1, it's returning to three flights a day from North Bay to Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

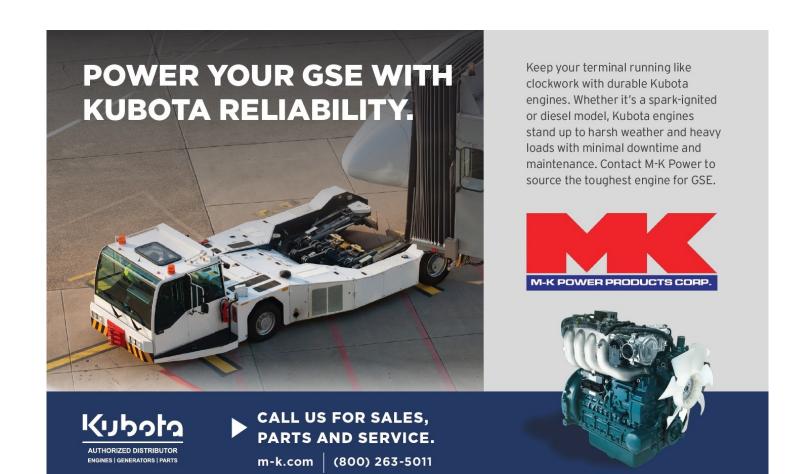
"We are increasing to three times daily service between North Bay and Toronto operated by Air Canada Jazz with a 50-seat CRJ-200," said Air Canada in a written statement.

In March 2020, Air Canada put a temporary halt to service between North Bay and Toronto and then indefinitely suspended it a few months later.

Air Canada then flipped the script last June and returned to run two flights a day, before dropping to just one flight a day, six days a week in response to the pandemic, government-imposed travel restrictions and quarantines.

Air Canada's website confirms flights will depart from North Bay after 9 a.m., around 3:30 p.m. and close to 7:30 p.m.

The airline said the flights will continue through to Labour Day.



Greater Toronto Airports Authority to create online job portal with funding from Ontario's Skill Development Fund

Original Article by Toronto Pearson Press Release, May 3, 2022 For full article click here

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is receiving more than \$1.6 million from the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) to create Toronto Pearson's first ever airport-wide job portal called Pearson Works! Online. The funding comes from the ministry's Skills Development Fund.

Pearson Works! Online will support the recovery, reskilling and upskilling of the Toronto Pearson workforce, one of the country's most dynamic, multi-employer workplaces. This portal will connect more than 400 airport employers and the thousands of airport workers with job opportunities, training and supports while helping one of the hardest hit sectors of Ontario's economy.

Toronto Pearson is the anchor institution at the heart of the Airport Employment Zone, which pre-COVID was Canada's second largest employment cluster, employing more than 300,000 people.

"Over the past two years, the aviation sector workforce has demonstrated tremendous grit, innovation and resilience in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing the impacts of COVID-19 on the airport, this funding will provide the foundation of our long-term vision for workforce recovery," says Deborah Flint, President and CEO of the GTAA. "This funding will create a work environment that allows employees to build on their dynamic skillset and access available job opportunities across the airport to further the good jobs the airport facilitates. We thank the Government of Ontario for this support."



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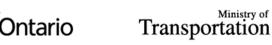
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