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From the Desk of the CEO

Up Next at AMCO

Scotty's favourite part of summer is camping. He loves the adventure of going somewhere new, and the time spent as a family. Summer is a great time to relax and reconnect with friends and family, and I hope everyone of you has had the opportunity to do so.

At AMCO we have been pausing some of our committees and regional meetings over the summer, but in other areas we have been kicking it up a notch! Convention preparation is in full swing, and we are so pleased to be able to see everyone in October. This is an event you won't want to miss! There is everything from a golf tournament to exciting networking dinners and an airport tour. We also have an incredible lineup of speakers, a fabulous Blue-Ribbon Panel, and a trade show! Make sure you are keeping an eye on AMCO's membership emails and the [AMCO Website](#) for all the details of this fantastic event taking place in Kingston on October 2-5.

Immediately following Convention, we have an in-person TP 312 training course being taught by Octant Aviation. We are very excited that we are returning to in person training this year as the learning is that much more dynamic! Following this course, we have the Airfield Electrical training in Waterloo in November. Please check out the [AMCO Website](#) for more information on both courses.

AMCO is also attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Conference next week. We are looking forward to meeting with elected officials and staff from around the province and reminding them of the importance of local airports. We will be sharing the results of the Study of Ontario's Airports and Aerodromes, completed earlier this summer, to gain support in asking the provincial and federal governments for additional funding. We hope that you have all taken the time to read the [study](#) and champion the importance of your airport locally.

Finally, we know that summer also means many of you are under construction. This can be crazy and chaotic, but we hope that everything goes as smoothly as possible for you. Take some time to breathe and bask in the sunshine and enjoy it while it lasts!

Sincerely,

Laura McNeice
CEO, AMCO

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AMCO 36th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW

—EVENT—

This year the Convention begins with our traditional golf tournament and dinner followed by two full days of seminars, a trade show, and lots of networking opportunities! A tour of the Kingston Airport will conclude the event.

—HOST—

Kingston Airport was established in 1940 in the throes of the Second World War. Within a span of five months, Britain's Royal Air Force cleared 283 hectares (700 acres) and adapted the Nordair attendants and to accommodate Canada's first air training school.

Today, Kingston Airport provides daily scheduled air service to Toronto via FLYGTA, air service to Montreal via Pascan Aviation (Starting Sept. 12), fixed base and itinerant general aviation traffic, corporate and charter traffic, and both airports related and unrelated businesses. YGK Airport grounds are home to an excellent executive golf course, The Landings. Watch this [video](#) on the history of the Kingston Airport.

The airport terminal building has been expanded and reconfigured to increase the number of passengers that can be accommodated. All upgrades comply with international airport standards and the City and passengers can enjoy: check-in, baggage processing and delivery systems that can comfortably handle peak demand, enhanced accessibility features, and improved energy efficiency.

A \$16-million expansion of more than 300 metres was added to the north-south runway, bringing its total length to almost 1,830 metres. The longer runway, which required 200,000 tonnes of aggregate that was trucked in, compacted, and graded to support the new pavement, includes new energy-efficient LED edge lights and inset strobe lights. The longer runway will also provide greater safety for smaller aircraft and allow the airport to accept larger aircraft. Aircraft as large as a Boeing 737 or an Airbus A319 will be able to land and take off on the extended runway.

City of Kingston

History and innovation thrive in our dynamic city located along the beautiful shores of Lake Ontario, an easy drive from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, in the heart of eastern Ontario. With a stable and diversified economy that includes global corporations, innovative start-ups and all levels of government, Kingston's high quality-of-life offers access to world-class education and research institutions, advanced healthcare facilities, affordable living and vibrant entertainment and tourism activities.

Kingston is home to:

- ◆ Queen's University, the Royal Military College of Canada, and St. Lawrence College (we have the most PhD graduates per capita and the "smartest" workforce in Canada).
- ◆ [Fort Henry](#) and the Kingston Fortifications (part of the [Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage site](#)).
- ◆ The resting-place of [Sir John A. Macdonald](#), Canada's first Prime Minister, vibrant arts, entertainment, recreation and leisure [communities](#), festivals, events, attractions! See the [Tourism Kingston website](#) to find out more.
- ◆ Burgeoning green technologies and alternative energy sectors. We were the first Canadian City to adopt a protocol for sustainable energy procurement.
- ◆ The best freshwater sailing harbour in North America (we hosted 1976 Olympic sailing events).
- ◆ A healthy and bustling [downtown](#) core offering a variety of independent shops and superb restaurants.
- ◆ Beautiful [parks](#), [trails](#) and strolls steeped in [history](#) are free for everyone's active enjoyment.



AMCO calls for Government funding

Original content by AMCO, Jun. 21, 2022

[For full Study click here](#)



The Study of Ontario's Airports and Aerodromes prepared for the Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) by HM Aero Aviation Consulting has revealed the major challenges that have and continue to affect Ontario's airports such as the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory changes at the federal level, municipal financial pressures, and decreasing public and political will, as well as the persistent need for provincial and federal funding support.

Ontario's airports have directly contributed to our economy for decades and play a pivotal role in the communities they serve. These airports facilitate medevac flights, disaster evacuation, wildfire suppression, law enforcement activities and support local businesses.

Airports are required to maintain a wide-ranging series of infrastructure assets to meet the requirements of a highly regulated air transportation industry and to support safe aircraft operations. The degradation of infrastructure threatens the future of Ontario's airports.

Looking ahead, the Study recommends that the Government of Ontario take on an increased leadership role in championing the provincial airport network and:

- Implement a new Ontario airport capital funding program similar to models utilized by other provincial governments by putting in place a mechanism for the reinvestment of the aviation fuel tax revenues into Ontario's airports;
- Restore the joint industry and government Ontario Air Advisory Panel to address issues of concern and set priorities.

In addition to the recommended call to action at the provincial level, the Study recognizes the important role that federal support has served in ensuring the continued availability of Ontario's airports in the past decades. At the federal level, the following recommendations are made to the Government of Canada for targeted supports to ensure the continued availability and safety of the country's airports:

- Permanently increase the budget of the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) to \$95M per year. in order to appropriately address the needs and costs associated with implementing safety-related projects at the airports;
- Recapitalize the Regional Air Transportation Initiative (RATI) to support the community airports not eligible for ACAP funding.

This study highlights the importance of Ontario's airports as economic drivers and critical social assets, as well as longstanding gaps in capital funding support. To ensure that Ontario's airports can continue to serve the province's residents, businesses, and communities, provincial and federal funding is imperative to complete critical infrastructure renewal projects.

In the coming years, it is expected that success will, more than ever, be contingent on effective partnerships between airport operators and the provincial and federal levels of government. Through effective and targeted support, the preservation of the airport network of transportation assets can occur, ensuring that their critical social and economic benefits can be realized within their surrounding communities and across Ontario.

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Parry Sound airport receives \$1.3M for development of 12 building lots

Original Article by Taylor Clark, Parry Sound North Star, Jul. 11, 2022

[For full article click here](#)

The Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport is set to expand again with a \$1.3 million investment.

Seguin and Parry Sound councils both gave the funding the thumbs up and 12 building lots for the business park are on the horizon.

The Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport Commission requested a capital investment from its municipal owners in June for construction and site preparation for the lots.

Amid the airport's largest runway and business park refurbishment to date, an opportunity arose to realign rock borrow and blasting activities. The revised plan would open the 12 additional lots.

"The idea was to create all the rock fill on-site and in doing so you would create lands for development, said airport manager Neil Pirie, adding the blasted rock would be used to fill in low-lying areas.

The improvements will enhance both business and safety, according to Pirie. "For the business park, it's an opportunity to expand the businesses and to expand the economic impact of the airport, create jobs.

AMCO congratulates **Mike Karsseboom** who is retiring from the North Peace Regional Airport. We wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter in his life. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Aviation Industry!

Local airport to be inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame

Original Article by Zachary Roman, CaledonCitizen, Aug. 4, 2022

For full article click here

The history and success of the Brampton Flying Club is being recognized this year.

The Brampton Flying Club (BFC) is being inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame later this year, and receiving the Hall of Fame's 2022 Belt of Orion Award for Excellence.

The Belt of Orion Award was founded by Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame to honour organizations, groups, societies or associations who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation in Canada.

It will be the first time a flying club is inducted to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1973. The Brampton Flying Club actually predates the hall of fame as it was founded on March 8, 1946.

The BFC is a not-for-profit corporation and operates the Brampton-Caledon Airport, which is located at 13691 McLaughlin Rd. in Cheltenham — and happens to be the largest privately-owned airport in Canada.

Back in 1946, the BFC's flight school, which is now world-renowned, had just one instructor: Bud Young. He taught students how to fly in a de Havilland Tiger Moth CF-DHR which was purchased from the Oshawa Flying Club for \$250 in 1945.

These days, the BFC has a fleet of 24 aircraft, and has restored the original Tiger Moth, too. The BFC also has two flight-training devices.

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De Havilland Canada says goodbye to Downsview

Original Article by Frederick K. Larkin
 Skies, Jun. 13, 2022
 For full article click here

In April 1929, De Havilland Canada (DHC) purchased a 70-acre property in Downsview, Ontario – just north of Toronto. By the end of that summer, a 20,000-square-foot plant had been constructed and Moth biplanes were being produced. Almost a century later, DHC is saying farewell to Downsview as the land is due to be redeveloped for residential and commercial purposes.

On June 11, DHC held a special event to honor the thousands of employees who had designed, built, and flown the generations of aircraft produced at Downsview over the past 93 years. To assist in the celebration, the company convinced the owners of many iconic models to bring their airplanes back to the place where they had been built for one last visit.

Upon arrival, the 10 aircraft were parked on the ramp beside the oldest surviving hangars at the manufacturing facility. Hundreds of former and current employees, members of their families, and guests were able to walk amongst the aircraft and speak with their owners. Inside the delivery hangar, a detailed account of the company's history by decade was posted along with many memory-prompting photographs.

Private aviation group touches down at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport

Original Article by Christian D'Avino
 CTVNews Barrie, Jul. 7, 2022
 For full article click here

The County of Simcoe is welcoming a private aviation firm to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, hoping to garner sky-high interest for outside investments.

Chartright Air Group will operate out of a 34,000-square-foot fixed hangar space, unlocking the ability for the company to handle customs and other check-in services.

"It's night and day, especially with what we've got going on after the COVID situation," said Peter Boyd, vice president of marketing for Chartright Air Group. "With the demand for commercial travel, what makes it so expedient that we can do, we can take a client from point A to point B and onboard them within about 10 minutes."

A boardroom for company meetings and a special "snooze" room for pilots needing an extra break are offered on-site.

Boyd said Chartright could also provide aircraft maintenance for private planes and companies.

"Anything you can possibly think," he added. "From a commercial airline to a turboprop airplane coming here for business, so that means full-service maintenance, lab service, cleaning, whatever that client or that organization or that company or that airline needs."

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Kenora Airport begins runway rehabilitation project, all flights set to temporarily shut down in September

Original Article by Kenora Miner and News, Jul. 22, 2022

For full article click [here](#)

The Kenora Airport has begun rehabilitation work on its runway, which will see the takeoff and landing strip close in sections before shutting down completely until the work is complete.

Phase I of the project began on July 18, and will run until Aug. 16. During this time, 3,800 ft of the runway on one side will be closed off for repairs, although some flights may still be able to land and take off on the other portion.

Phase II of the project will run from Aug. 17 to Sep. 9. During this time, 3,800 ft of runway on the opposite side will be closed off, still allowing for some flights to potentially occur.

Phase III, the final phase, will run from Sep. 10 to Sep. 30, during which the central portion of the runway will be closed off, meaning no flights will be able to come and go during the 20-day time frame.

The Kenora Airport Authority says the timelines could be subject to change depending on external factors like weather and other work conditions. Helicopters may potentially be able to come and go from the airport during the closure, but as of July 19 the possibility remains up in the air.



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Sarnia airport ‘fly-in’ and aircraft display planned for August

Original Article by Paul Morden, The Sarnia Observer, Jul. 22, 2022

[For full article click here](#)

A group of Sarnia-area airplane owners, pilots and enthusiasts are organizing a public event at the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport in August to show support for the city-owned facility and raise money for a local health-care centre for children.

The Save Our Airport Rally will include a “fly-in” of aircraft open to the public on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retired astronaut Chris Hadfield and other members of the Hadfield family are expected to attend.

Hadfield’s father, Roger, is said to have been the first pilot to land at the airport in 1955 and later became a flight instructor in Sarnia and a pilot with the first commercial airline serving the airport. Chris Hadfield’s brothers became commercial pilots.

The city’s airport was named after Chris Hadfield in 1997 to recognize his accomplishments as an astronaut.

“It’s our mandate to give back to the community, promote aviation, save the airports and mentor others about flying,” said Bruce Bond, president of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association Flight 7 in Sarnia. The roughly 40-member group held a previous fly-in at the airport in 2021 and plan to make it an annual event, he said.

AMCO extends congratulations to **Robert Tyrer** in his retirement from the Greater Sudbury Airport. Thank you for your years of dedication to Ontario’s airports. All the best in your new adventure!

A closer look at Sioux Lookout Municipal Airport: The hub of the north

Original Publication by Northern Ontario Business, Jul. 15, 2022

For more details click here

Local airport serves as a major transfer point between southern and northern communities.

Located approximately 400 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay and 450 kilometres east of Winnipeg, Sioux Lookout (Hudson) Airport started its operation in 1933 and was surprisingly coined the second busiest airport in North America next to Chicago. Today, “The Hub of the North” now facilitates travel on a 24-hour basis to and from all northern communities in Northwestern Ontario, averaging 30,000 movements annually. It serves as a regional centre that provides services and goods to the surrounding region and to 29 remote First Nations communities. It also serves as a hub for patients from the local Meno-Ya-Win Health Centre.

Because of its valuable services to the northern communities, the airport acts as a major transfer point between the southern and northern communities. Its main objective is to enhance the airport’s role within the community as an economic catalyst while achieving a high level of excellence in its operation as a safe and secure facility.

The original single-story air terminal building (ATB) was constructed in 1982. To accommodate the annual passenger traffic of approximately 55,000, the building saw an expansion in 1985. Since then, annual passenger traffic has grown to approximately 123,000 of which 80 per cent is business and medical-related, 70 per cent originating from Sioux Lookout and the remaining 30 per cent being connections from other airports.

Congratulations to **Gene Cabral** on his appointment as CEO of Avia NG!



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Swoop resumes non-stop flights to Las Vegas from Hamilton Airport

Original Article by Don Mitchell

Global News, Jun. 23, 2022

For full article click here

Ultra-low-fare Canadian airline Swoop resumed service between Hamilton and Las Vegas on Thursday.

The first flight of the season left John C. Munro International Airport (YHM) just after 2 p.m., spurred on by a Vegas-themed gate-side celebration.

“We are thrilled to be resuming our highly demanded service between Hamilton and Las Vegas,” said Bert van der Stege, head of commercial and finance at Swoop.

“Today’s celebration reinforces our commitment to Canadian travellers and the Hamilton community, providing more convenient options for residents to enjoy weekend getaways and long-awaited vacations.”

The Swoop flights to Vegas happen biweekly accompanied by a pair of return trips. The fare to Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) runs around \$139 plus taxes, with the return venture back to Hamilton at about \$119 plus taxes.

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Sault airport passenger numbers are trending upward

Original Article by Northern Ontario Business Staff

Jul. 12, 2022

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Airlines increasing capacity to meet passenger demand .

Passenger traffic numbers continue to recover at the Sault Ste. Marie Airport, according to its development corporation. The airport recorded 12,481 passengers through the terminal in June, but still down 28 per cent from the same month in 2019 when the facility handled 17,331 passengers.

“The recovery trend that started in February has certainly been encouraging,” said Terry Bos, Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corp. President-CEO in a news release.

“The leisure travel market is recovery much nicer than that of the business travel market. As the economy continues to return to more normal activity, it is hoped that business and government travel will soon return as well.”

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Feds pledge \$2.6M to the Greater Sudbury Airport

Original Article by Tyler Clarke, Sudbury.com, Jun. 28, 2022

For full article click here

The federal funding announced this week will be spent on various infrastructure projects, which include replacing the incandescent lights along the runways with LED lights .

Offering a boost to a beleaguered organization, the federal government has pledged \$2.6 million to the Greater Sudbury Airport toward infrastructure needs.

Capital spending has largely fallen by the wayside since the pandemic hit in early 2020, which saddled the airport with a significant drop in travellers alongside various continued expenses.

The funding announced on Tuesday will help fill this infrastructure gap, Greater Sudbury Airport CEO Todd Tripp told Sudbury.com.

It'll cover some efforts to repair "wear and tear" issues, he said, and "more importantly, it's upgrading to new infrastructure."

The runways are currently lit by incandescent bulbs, which will soon be replaced by LEDs, which Tripp said last longer, reduce associated electrical costs by approximately 65 per cent...

AMCO extends congratulations to **Todd Tripp** who is retiring from the Greater Sudbury Airport.
All the best in this new chapter!

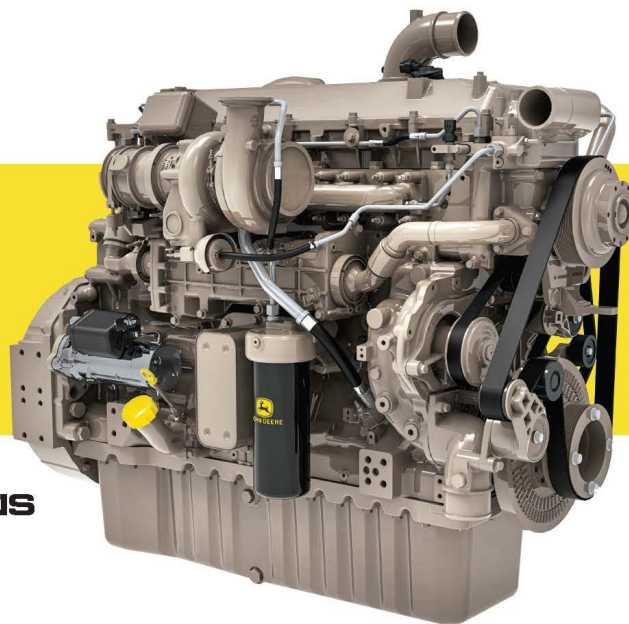
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Connect Airlines to conduct US Regulatory Proving flights at Billy Bishop Airport scheduled to begin July 18

Original Article by Ports Toronto, Jul. 7, 2022

[For full article click here](#)

Toronto (July 7, 2022) – Beginning Monday, July 18, US-based Connect Airlines is scheduled to commence United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required Proving and Validation flights into and out of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ). This is one of the last stages of the airline's certification application process for Part 121 scheduled and non-scheduled service. Connect Airlines plans to offer passengers service between Billy Bishop Airport and Chicago O'Hare and Philadelphia later in 2022. This new service was first announced in April 2021 and was presented to the airport's Community Liaison Committee in September 2021.

As part of the process to prove and validate the flights, a Connect Airlines Dash 8-400 with FAA and company personnel on board will land at Billy Bishop Airport, simulate the unloading, loading and other procedures of an airport stop, before taking off and returning to the United States. This will take place approximately once a day and take place over the course of three weeks.

About Connect Airlines

Connect Airlines is an operating brand of Waltzing Matilda Airlines (WMA), a Boston based FAA Part 135 charter operator currently adding FAA Part 121 scheduled and non-scheduled services. WMA identified the need for a "smarter airline" and brought together aviation leaders with over 150 years' experience who share a common passion – to work and fly smarter.

Congratulations to **Giovanna Verrilli** on becoming the new CEO of the Greater Sudbury Airport!



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