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Scotty recently asked me “what are feelings?”. This led to an intense conversation I wasn’t quite ready for with a three-year-old! But it is a good question and it is important to be aware of one’s own feelings. With Convention and Thanksgiving having recently passed, I am feeling very grateful.

I am grateful for everyone who attended Convention, for our speakers, sponsors, vendors, delegates and volunteers. Each and everyone of you had a hand in making the event the success that it was. We had a great time with our kick off golf tournament and dinner, to speakers with important and timely topics, and a trade show with excellent products and interesting new concepts that can be applied at airports. Taking a trolley each evening to some unique dinner venues, and visiting the Kingston Airport were also great times for networking and seeing some of the city we were in. A big thank you goes to our host – Kingston Norman Rogers Airport.

I am also grateful for the fall season. The leaves are beautiful and it provides a time to slow down and reflect. Construction season at airports is wrapping up, snow removal hasn’t kicked in, and it provides the opportunity to catch up, to cast vision, and reflect on the year that is quickly coming to a close. AMCO has been very fortunate this year to have great support from the membership, and to have many opportunities to learn, grow, and move towards increased representation for Ontario’s airports. We look forward to continuing on the momentum started this year.

Finally, I am grateful for Mr. Mike Karsseboom. He is taking on the role of Interim Manager of Airport Affairs as AMCO begins the process of finding a permanent person to fill this position. Mike brings a wealth of experience in airports and is a lifelong supporter of AMCO and we couldn’t be more pleased that he will be working with us.

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. I hope you can all find ways to feel grateful this fall and I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work with you and for you.

Sincerely,

Laura McNeice
CEO, AMCO

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Waterloo region's airport to get busier as Flair Airlines expands destinations in 2023

Original Article by Carmen Groleau, CBC News
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[For full article click here](#)

Waterloo region's airport is expected to see more foot traffic in the coming months as Flair Airlines says it will increase flight frequency, attain more planes and offer new destinations by next summer.

The airline held a press conference Wednesday afternoon to highlight the first phase of its summer 2023 growth announcements, which focused on more flight frequency to existing markets. Phase two, which will be announced at a later date, will detail new destinations and incremental flight frequencies.

By the end of next summer, the airline says it aims to have a total of 27 aircraft, be present in 28 cities with 77 routes.

"The entire seat growth year-on-year from summer 2022 to summer 2023 will be approximately 50 per cent. A 35 per cent growth is being announced today with these incremental frequencies and the balance will come with our phase two announcement," Stephen Jones, CEO of Flair Airlines, said during the press conference.

Jones said the airline's growth means bigger markets, like Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary will see more flight frequency.



London, Ont. airport reports passenger increase as winter travel season approaches

Original Article by Amy Simon, Global News
Sep. 2, 2022

[For full article click here](#)

Additional sunny flights scheduled for the London International Airport this winter are a good sign of pandemic recovery as more passengers are packing their bags and heading to the terminals, according to officials.

Earlier this week, the airport announced that Swoop flights are set to provide "non-stop service" to Orlando, Fla., Cancun, Mexico, as well as continued service to Edmonton starting December.

"We welcomed Swoop back in June after they had stopped operations here during the pandemic," said Scott McFadzean, president and CEO of London International Airport. "It's a great boost to the airport."

McFadzean added that the airport received its status to allow international flights again at the beginning of March, and since then, local terminals "are growing."

"We're planning to build on that momentum and keep things moving into 2023," he said. In 2019, the highest recorded number of passengers reached nearly 700,000 flying out of the local airport. Now on track to hit roughly 250,000 passengers this year, McFadzean said, "the whole industry is trying to come back strong."



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Regional airports get multimillion-dollar fed funding boost

Original Article by David Sali, Ottawa Business Journal, Aug. 31, 2022

For full article click [here](#)

Off the travel radar for most of the pandemic, Kingston Airport is clearing the runway for traffic to resume in earnest after landing a \$1.3-million federal grant.

The cash is part of a total \$2.8-million package of non-repayable contributions from the federal government for airports in southeastern Ontario, including terminals in Kingston, Cornwall and Arnprior.

The Kingston Airport will receive \$1.3 million to help it launch air service to Montreal via Pascan Aviation, which will begin twice-daily service to Montreal-Trudeau International Airport on Sept. 21.

The funding will go toward assisting the carrier with costs like baggage-handling fees, signage and other expenses as well as hiring increased security and service staff at the terminal.

Airport manager Aron Winterstein said about 18,000 passengers are expected to use Pascan's service by the end of the year, helping revive a facility that drew more than 75,000 travellers annually before the pandemic effectively grounded its operations.

The Kingston Airport was renovated in 2019 to expand the terminal and increase its number of passengers. But it lost its air connections when Air Canada halted its daily flights to Toronto's Pearson International Airport the following March.

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Five ways airports are going green

Original Article by Guy Nicholson and David Paterson, Toronto Star, Sep. 1, 2022
For full article click [here](#)

Up to 70 times a week for the past five years, a robotic bird takes to the skies over the Edmonton International Airport. Designed to look like a predatory falcon — it even has wings that flap — the drone has proved itself as a humane method of chasing other birds away, keeping them far from the flight path of planes. These days, as the robo-bird performs its patrols, it flies over stands of hemp planted on the airfield specifically to sequester carbon dioxide, as well as a prototype electric-powered aircraft de-icing vehicle that saves 35 tonnes of carbon emissions annually. And in the coming months, it will also soar over the construction site of the world's largest airport solar farm, which, when complete, will produce electricity to power 28,000 homes.

These initiatives are part of a broad push by the aviation industry, which produces an unsightly 2.5 per cent of global carbon emissions, to green its operations. Most of those emissions result from burning aviation fuel, but the sector's impact — and potential for change — goes far beyond the exhaust fumes. Airports occupy vast amounts of land, operate cavernous terminal buildings and house hundreds of organizations that do everything from selling designer handbags to maintaining aircraft.

While there is plenty of scope for environmental initiatives at airports themselves, Myron Keehn, a vice-president at Edmonton International, believes their potential to improve sustainability doesn't end at the perimeter fence. Airports sit at the centre of an "ecosystem cluster" of supporting business and transportation providers which, according to Keehn, positions them well to trial new innovations and stoke demand for cleaner technologies. "After safety and security, our job is to drive regional economic prosperity in a sustainable way," he says.

Event promotes joy of aviation

Original Article by Trevor Terfloth, Chatham Daily News, Sep. 10, 2022
For full article click here

With a near-perfect day for flight, about 180 kids and their families came out to the Chatham-Kent municipal airport on Saturday to start the process of earning their wings.

'Discover Aviation,' previously known as COPA for Kids, is organized by the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association YCK Flight 203.

Participants could ask questions about flight as a future career, or just for fun, and the requirements needed.

They even received ground school, learning the basics of aviation and the parts of an aircraft, before taking to the air.

"Everything came together very well," said Kelvin Halbauer, event organizer, as well as a director with COPA. "We hope it plants a seed for them to look towards a hobby, or maybe a career, in aviation."

In recent years, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the annual event. However, this time kids were able to take free flights with local pilots, as they went on a brief tour of Chatham-Kent.



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Manitouwadge's airport to receive new weather equipment

Original Article by Marya Kalen, SNnewswatch, Aug. 15, 2022
For full article click here

MANITOUWADGE -- This summer's lightning strike events were the final nail in the coffin for the Manitouwadge Municipal airport's Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), and the equipment is slated for replacement this fall. This important navigational aid, which provides accurate information for approaching aircraft, was already due for replacement as it was difficult, if not impossible to find parts for the aging system.

Weather information, such as cloud ceilings, wind speed, and temperature, is broadcast to pilots in the vicinity of the airport via a computer-generated voice message over a VHS radio frequency.

The lack of this pertinent information could adversely affect the landings and takeoffs of fire and medical flights, as well as chartered flights and private aircraft.

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Goderich Airport to host new flight school, airline, and maintenance facility

Original Article by Ryan Drury, Blackburn News, Sep. 13, 2022

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A recently announced new partnership is bringing new life to the Goderich Municipal Airport.

At an event held at the Beach Street Station on Monday, September 12, a partnership was announced between the town and Revival Consulting Inc. The event was to mark the signing of a new agreement between Revival and Goderich which includes plans to have Revival bring its owned and managed airline, air taxi provider, flight school, maintenance service provider, and consulting businesses to the airport.

Myles Murdock, the acting Goderich Mayor, says the agreement, which is for up to 40 years doled out in 10-year renewable increments, is a major boost to the town and the airport.

“It provides us with four modes of viable transportation for our town and for the county. Having an airport available that’s regional in nature provides a lot of opportunities, economic opportunities, for not just Goderich, but for the entire county,” said Murdock.

Additionally, Murdock says he’s looking forward to Revival Consulting Inc. taking over a larger role in the operation of the airport.

“Up until this point, the town of Goderich has been absorbing the cost, and now we have a major player coming in, where they’re not only gonna be running an airline’s headquarters, but also aircraft maintenance and aviation courses, and a few other things, including a taxi service,” Murdock added.

Hornepayne nears completion on \$4.8M airport refurbishment

Original Publication by Rita Mannella, Northern Ontario Business, Sep. 12, 2022

For more details click [here](#)

HORNEPAYNE — The Township of Hornepayne is nearing completion of a \$4.8-million refurbishment of its municipal airport.

The project, which was substantially finished in early September, included the resurfacing of the runway and the installation of a new LED lighting system.

Hornepayne Mayor Cheryl Fort made a statement on the project's completion in a Sept. 6 news release.

The facility enables the community to access important services like medical transfers, charter planes, and business and investment opportunities that will enhance Hornepayne's economy, the release noted.

These amenities are "vital" to the community, given its isolated location in the North, the release said. Hornepayne is located about two hours north of Wawa in northwestern Ontario.

"Safety is paramount to ensure we can have successful and meaningful lives where we live," Fort said.

"The upgrades to our airport ensure that now and into the far future we can safely be transported when required to medical facilities, plus it allows our community to explore further investment opportunities for our region.



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Pembroke and Area Airport invests in new fuel tanks

Original Publication by Pembroke Observer and News, Aug. 25, 2022

For more details click [here](#)

PETAWAWA – The Pembroke and Area Airport is installing a new fuel tank system that will serve the needs of aviation traffic and quality of life services in the Ottawa Valley. The new above-ground tank replaces the current in-ground tank that was installed in 1983.

Fuel sales account for an average of 40 per cent of the airport's revenues, making it a key resource to support the continued operations of the facility. Fuel is not only accessed by civil and commercial aviation traffic to the airport, but also for key services that benefit the region and the province as a whole. For example, often Ornge air ambulance flights can attend to local needs due to the ability to refuel at the airport. Rotary-wing aircraft can refuel before landing at a helipad (when the Ornge aircraft are helicopters) or the airport accommodates both fuel and landing service for fixed-wing (airplane) air ambulance services. Half of the Ornge fleet is fixed wing aircraft.

"Fueling is a key part of our operation on a daily basis," says Pembroke and Area Airport manager, Steve Gilchrist. "Whether it is visiting traffic, emergency refuelling for provincial services or accommodating forest firefighting needs, it is important the fuel system be available in a 24/7 operation."

The new double-wall steel fuel tank is a split tank, carrying 52,500 litres of jet fuel and 22,500 litres of 100 low lead. The capacity of the tanks correlates to the availability of fuel and the demand for each type of fuel given the different users. The contract for the fuel tanks was awarded to Northwest Petroleum Equipment of Thunder Bay, while several local businesses benefited from the sub-contracting work.

Thunder Bay Airport takes a role in preventing human trafficking

Original Article by TBnewWatch.com Staff

Aug. 25, 2022

For full article click here

THUNDER BAY — Thunder Bay Airport has joined a program aimed at preventing human trafficking. The airport authority announced Wednesday that it is partnering with #NotInMyCity to educate and raise stakeholder and community awareness about human trafficking in aviation.

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Human trafficking and sexual exploitation are the fastest-growing crimes in Canada. Twenty-one per cent of trafficking victims are under the age of 18. Although Indigenous people make up only four per cent of the population, they constitute 50 per cent of trafficking victims in Canada.

Thunder Bay Airport will implement an e-learning and awareness program with multiple objectives:

- Provide all airport employees and stakeholders with knowledge and awareness about sexual exploitation and human trafficking in Canada with #NotInMyCity's aviation focused e-learning platform. Members of the public are invited to learn more about the issue by taking a free e-learning course found at www.notinmycity.ca.
- Allow airport employees to understand the signs of human trafficking, and knowing what to do if they suspect trafficking.
- Implement informational signage and materials throughout the airport for all stakeholders and travelling public.
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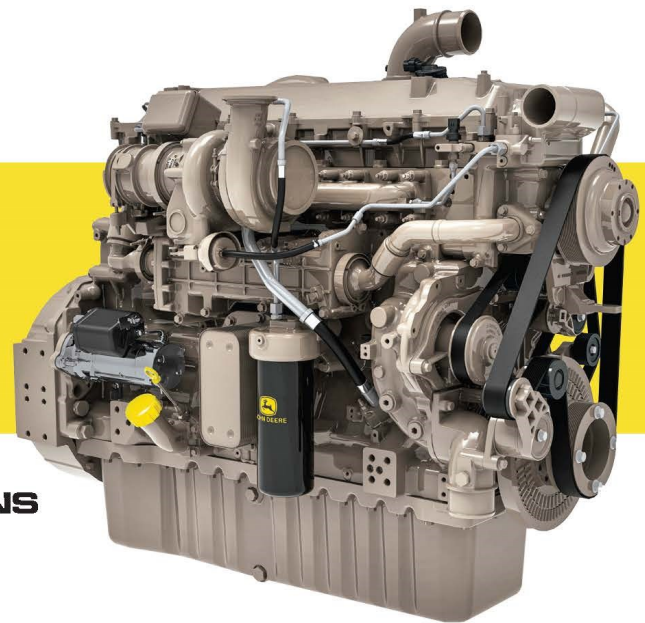


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Feds spend on safety upgrades at Moosonee Airport

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The federal government announced funding of more than \$700,000 for new wildlife control fencing and some runway maintenance and monitoring tools for the Moosonee Airport.

Transport Minister Omar Alghabra delivered the news on Sept. 22.

The funding, which is coming out of the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), is also earmarked for the purchase of a runway friction tester and a sweeper, used in the removal of ice and snow.

A runway friction tester is a fully instrumented pickup or a towed piece of equipment that evaluates surface friction on runway pavement due to changes in the weather (like heavy rain, ice, slush or snow) or rubber contamination.

Transport Canada's ACAP was started in 1995 when the federal government decided to get out of the regional airport business across Canada and turn these facilities over to local municipalities or to be operated by independent entities.

ACAP funding goes into projects like runway and taxiways repairs and fixes, airport lighting, snow clearing and firefighting equipment, and fencing. The government said it's dropped more than \$1.2 billion in these kind of projects at airports across Canada since 1995.



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