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From the Desk of the CEO

Up Next at AMCO

This month my son, Scotty, had a week of "practice kindergarten" before he heads off to school full time in September. He will be attending a French school, although we are an English family. Within 2 days he came home with a new French accent! It's amazing how fast people are capable of learning and adapting in new situations. It speaks to the resiliency of humans and our ability to take on new challenges every day. As an industry, aviation provides plenty of opportunity for learning and adaptation. And there is always a new challenge to face! Whether it be the ups and downs of airline routes and schedules, challenges with construction or even a happy challenge of running out of space — we all have the opportunity to continually learn and grow.

One great way to learn and grow is by attending the AMCO 38th Convention and Trade Show. There will be speakers imparting valuable information and knowledge, service providers who can work with you for all your airport needs and a network of colleagues and friends who encounter similar situations daily. Following this event there is a training course scheduled. SMS and Root Cause Analysis training – another great opportunity to learn!

AMCO is here to serve you and to assist with any challenges you may face. Whether it be regulatory, government related issues including funding, or the unique challenges faced by small airports and aerodromes, we have a committee for you! Each committee is chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and meets quarterly or as needed. Each region also meets quarterly with their regional director on Zoom to catch up, raise concerns and learn from one another. We want to hear from you and have you involved in all we do here. This is your association so we hope you will make the most of it.

Lastly, to learn and grow there needs to be training involved. These days a lot of that can happen online and we encourage you to check out AMCO's new online training resource. Our previous training platform was no longer serving you, our members, so we have changed directions. We now have a document resource that provides a list of courses you may need and where to find them. If you know of any other courses you think would be beneficial to the membership, please let us know and we will continue to keep this document up to date with as many resources as possible. We will also continue to provide live/real time training with an instructor.

As we move towards fall and the harvest season, it is easy to see how quickly growth can happen. The world is constantly changing and growth happens even when we aren't looking for it. Keep your eyes and ears open to what may be happening in and around you. I wish you the best end of the summer season and look forward to seeing everyone in October!

Sincerely,

Laura McNeice CEO, AMCO

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AMCO 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW

The **Thunder Bay International Airport** was established in 1938 as the Fort William Municipal Airport to help alleviate unemployment. It played a vital role during World War II as home to No. 2 Elementary Flying Training School under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The airport also served as a base for test flights of fighter aircraft built at the nearby Canadian Car and Foundry factory. Prior to the merger of Fort William and Port Arthur, it was known as the Canadian Lakehead Airport. In 1994, the airport underwent significant renovations, which included the construction of a new terminal building featuring two jetways, a food court, a gift shop, and an arcade.

In 1997, the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority, a non-profit organization, assumed control of the airport from the government. Since assuming control, the Thunder Bay Airport underwent significant renovations in 2018 throughout the terminal building to keep up with the ever-growing passenger volumes. This included expanding the secure departure lounge by 55%, increasing the Customs facility by 450% and bringing in new and local food vendors to showcase the amazing culinary talent in Thunder Bay. 2022 saw Thunder Bay Airport undertake the largest project in the history of the airport authority which was rebuilding the primary runway. Both renovation jobs literally laid a foundation for continued air service in Northwestern Ontario for many years to come.

TBIAA is the private, non-shareholder corporation responsible for the operation of the Thunder Bay International Airport. Economic activity related to the Airport is responsible for an estimated \$645 million dollars in GDP annually and over 5000 jobs.



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Whether you're a local or a visitor, here for a week, a weekend, or just passing through, you'll be amazed at what Thunder Bay has to offer. Gateway to a region of over 500,000 sq. km of Canadian wilderness with over 150,000 lakes, rivers and streams - and home to about 120,000 residents, Thunder Bay, is the region's largest city and the largest on Lake Superior.

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'Huge kettle of fish' faces new Transport Minister Pablo Rodriguez

Original Article by Christopher Reynolds, CBC News, July 26, 2023. For full article click here

Pablo Rodriguez has been sworn in as Canada's new transport minister as part of a major cabinet shuffle, taking the baton on a raft of turbulent issues as the aviation sector emerges from a period of crisis.

Leaving his spot atop the Heritage Department, Rodriguez takes over from Omar Alghabra, who assumed the cabinet post in January 2021 while the pandemic pummelled the travel industry.

Alghabra steered the government through negotiations with airlines on financial aid, COVID-19 testing at airports and a new passenger rights charter.

But with the traveller complaint backlog at a record high — topping 52,000 — both advocates and airlines continue to find fault with parts of the overhauled regime, even as other issues demand ministerial attention.

Rodriguez comes across as "fearless," having shepherded a pair of controversial bills to passage this year, said John Lawford, executive director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre [..]

He holds out hope Rodriguez will address advocates' concerns — aviation sector transparency is one about proposed new rules. The would-be changes to the passenger rights charter stem from legislative reforms passed last month to toughen penalties on airlines, shore up the complaint process and target flight disruption loopholes that have allowed carriers to avoid compensating travellers.



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Pearson airport will be home to Ontario's 1st public hydrogen refuelling station

Original Article by Kiernan Green, CBC News, July 6, 2023 For full article click here

Toronto's Pearson International Airport will be home to Ontario's first public hydrogen refuelling station for zero-emission vehicles powered by fuel cells.

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) and Carlsun Energy announced in a news release Thursday that the refuelling station will have capability for both cars and transport trucks.

Carlsun will build, own and operate the station, which the two groups said is enabled by a \$1 million investment from Natural Resources Canada.

The airport is an ideal location for the station, said Julie Dabrusin, the parliamentary secretary for the minister of natural resources and the minister of environment and climate change.

"Today's a pretty exciting day," she said at a news conference Thursday.

"Through novel investments like this, we're building a sustainable refuelling network for people to use."

Hydrogen is typically extracted from sources including water and methane, and can be used as a fuel in fuel-cell-powered electric vehicles. It's a clean-burning fuel, meaning it doesn't produce greenhouse gases or other pollutants — just water vapour.





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Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport is for sale

Original Article by Clare McCormack,
Bayshore Broadcasting
June 23, 2023
For full article click here

The Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport is once again, for sale.

The property, which is actually within Meaford, was sold by the City of Owen Sound in 2021 to Clayton Smith, a member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association who has experience in airport ownership and operations.

Smith also bought the Wiarton Keppel International Airport in 2021. A December 2021 report by Bayshore Broadcasting News noted, at that time, he also owned Lake St. John Airport and Float Plane Base in Orillia and Georgian Bay Airways, a float plane service in Parry Sound.

The Owen Sound Billy Bishop Airport is currently listed on Realtor.ca for \$3.7 million.

Greenstone unveils new airport name

Original Article by Justin Hardy, Northern Ontario Business, July 17, 2023 For full article click here

The Municipality of Greenstone unveiled the new name for the Geraldton District Airport on Sunday.

The airport is now named the Renald Y. Beaulieu Greenstone Regional Airport, after former mayor Renald Beaulieu, and is intended to honour his dedication in uniting the various communities in the municipality over his career. Beaulieu has already had a park named after him from his time as the mayor of Longlac but he said that having the airport named after him has been a dream come true.

"At the same time, it's not just that. What I'm proud about is the fact that that it's being recognized and they're putting the name Greenstone on the airport that is paid by all the taxpayers of Greenstone, you know, and I think to me that's key. That's what it's all about," he said.

"I've been around and living here almost all my life, you know, I've been here since I was at the age of 18 months, so I really know the area, I know the people and I want to say thank you to the people that supported this whole thing."

James McPherson, the current mayor of Greenstone, said that Beaulieu's work in bringing the community together has been extremely important. "We need to become one. We're geographically apart, yet we are one municipality, and we need to work to become that one municipality," he said.

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Calm Air flight draws attention during stop at Kincardine Airport

Original Article by Kelly Kenny, Kincardine News, June 22, 2023 For full article click here

The crew of a large passenger plane that landed at Kincardine's airport received an impromptu tour of the area. [...]

"It is rare that we have an aircraft of that size at CYKM," said Pickles, noting the ATR-72 airliner had four crew members and 42 passengers onboard. "It was handled quite well by those involved."

Headquartered in Winnipeg, Calm Air mainly services northern Manitoba and Nunavut, according to the company website.

Kiiwetinoong MPP calling on federal government to address critical air service disruptions in Northern communities

Original Article by Tim Brody, Sioux Lookout Bulletin, June 7, 2023 For full article click here

Kiiwetinoong MPP Sol Mamakwa is expressing deep disappointment in what he says is Transport Canada's failure to address regulatory challenges severely impacting northern First Nations across the riding, resulting in reduced flights impacting essential services.

Mamakwa shared in a June 2 statement that new flight duty time regulations implemented by Transport Canada have reduced air services in the north, hindering access to medical aid and increasing the burden on First Nations populations to access the services they need.

Mamakwa says urgent action is needed from the federal Minister of Transport to rectify the ongoing crisis.

"In a crisis, the Federal Minister of Transportation should be working with us to strengthen vital air service to northern and fly-in communities. These regulations are causing great harm to communities across the north, resulting in reduced access to essential services, and potential evacuation delays in the forest fire season."

"Airports are lifelines to fly-in First Nations. Air carriers, service providers and First Nations wouldn't be in this position had they been consulted on these regulations in the first place. Instead, Transport Canada attempted to find a quick fix and gave air carriers and the communities depending on these flights a uniform solution that did not align with the community's needs.."

"The Coalition of Northern Air Services and Nishnawbe Aski Nation have already issued letters to the Minister urging immediate action but have yet to receive a response. It is time for Transport Canada to listen and take action before the situation escalates further."



Shortage of air traffic controllers causing delays, cancellations in Canadian airports

Original Article by Kate McKenna and Stephen Hoff, CBC News, July 19, 2023

For full article click here

Canada's federal transport minister says he's pressuring the corporation that oversees the country's air traffic controllers to find solutions to staffing woes affecting passenger flights. "I am having regular conversations with the CEO of NAV CANADA, including one this week to keep asking him for an update on the status of their staffing operations" said Omar Alghabra.

NAV CANADA, the corporation that oversees Canada's air traffic controllers, admits some summer flight delays have been caused by personnel shortages. "We do certainly acknowledge the fact that we have had some staffing-related challenges," said Marie-Pier Berman, NAV CANADA's Vice-President and Chief of Operations.

The union representing air traffic controllers in British Columbia has been sounding the alarm on staffing since 2021.

Berman said NAV CANADA is training more than 400 new employees now and that the organization hopes to increase that number.

Unlike in the United States, there is no publicly available data that breaks down why or how many flights are delayed, but the president of the Canadian Airports Council says the number of delays caused by a lack of air traffic controllers has been noteworthy.

Swissport and Air Canada open lounge at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

Original Publication by Elizabeth Baker, Passenger Terminal Today, July 24, 2023 For more details click here

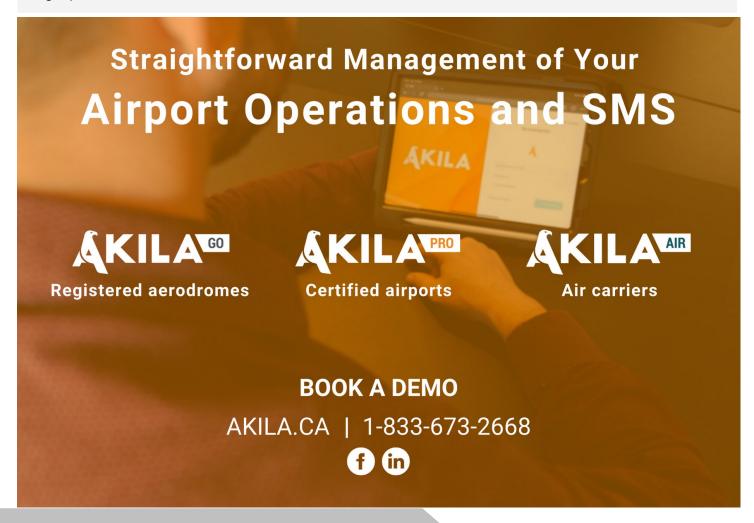
Swissport International's airport lounge brand Aspire Lounges and airline Air Canada have launched the Aspire | Air Canada Café at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) in Canada.

The environmentally conscious lounge features private workspaces and locally-sourced food and drink. Located in the domestic departures area, the Aspire | Air Canada Café can accommodate 133 guests. The lounge will be open daily from 5:30am to 8:30pm and features locally roasted coffee delivered via state-of-the-art coffee machines, private workspaces, lounge seating and communal tables to provide eligible passengers a comfortable and relaxing environment.

The food and beverage selection features locally sourced options, like local breads and pastries, baked on site, as well as a special 'Homemade-to-go' area, delivering freshly made sandwiches or light bites for those short on time. Additionally, lounge guests can access a fully tendered bar, stocked with local Ontario wines, beers, spirits and cocktails.

The lounge has been built to meet the LEED ID+C standards as one of the top priorities for it was to be as eco-friendly as possible in order to reduce the collective environmental footprint. One example of this is that the wine is served on tap, eliminating the need for 9,000 glass bottles per year, and all of the water is provided via a filtered water system, without any need for plastic bottles.

Domestic travelers can experience the Aspire | Air Canada Café by booking online through executivelounges.com or via other membership programs such as Priority Pass, American Express, or Dragonpass.





Brantford Airport study ready for takeoff

Original Publication by Michelle Ruby, Simcoe Reformer, June 10, 2023 For more details click here

On a clear, calm, late spring day, ideal for flying, a pilot prepared for takeoff in her Cessna 172 on the tarmac at Brantford Municipal Airport. "Have a good flight," called out an airport employee after handing the pilot a packet of paperwork.

On a sunny summer day there can be 200-250 "movements" (takeoffs and landings) at the airport, which has a history dating back to the Second World War. On a cold, February day, there may only be five or 10 movements, said Shawn Broughton, manager of both the airport and the Brantford Flight Centre.

The original airfield, known as Commonwealth Flight Training Base No. 5, was constructed in 1940 by the federal government for air force flight training. After the war, the Brantford Flying Club, which had been providing flight training since 1929, relocated to the airport. In 1970, the federal government transferred the airport lands and management duty to the City of Brantford. [...]

There are plans to add new t-hangars, which hold 10 planes each, to help meet the demand for storage of privately-owned aircraft. But Brantford Mayor Kevin Davis is among those who think the airport could be more.

The city has hired consultants McSweeney and Associates to complete a "visioning exercise" for the airport that will help set its future. It will include consultation with stakeholders, such as the flying club, private plane owners and corporate users. There also will be public consultation.

Airport 'on the cusp' of ramping up to pre-pandemic levels

Original Publication by Tyler Clarke, Sudbury.com, June 28, 2023 For more details click here

Although travellers have been returning to the Greater Sudbury Airport in greater numbers, air traffic is still half that of pre-pandemic levels.

The Greater Sudbury Airport Authority hosted their annual general meeting at Tom Davies Square on Tuesday, during which chair Dave Paquette maintained an optimistic tone.

"There's lots of exciting news on the horizon," he said, adding the airport's future will be entwined with economic prosperity he anticipates for the Greater Sudbury area.

"We are at the mercy of the airlines ... but all the things we can have an impact on, we're trying to do our best to improve the customer experience and really make the airport a jewel for our community," he said. "The airport is in good hands," he added. "We obviously went through a challenging period with the pandemic, but what's been really positive is we're seeing it come up again, and projections for the future looking good."

Greater Sudbury Airport Authority CEO Giovanna Verrilli attended Tuesday's AGM. Sudbury.com caught up with her after the meeting for additional insight on how post-COVID recovery has gone.

Last year saw a passenger count of approximately 112,000, she said, which was roughly double the count recorded in 2021, but still half their pre-pandemic annual volume.



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Sault Airport has ridden out turbulent times in aviation

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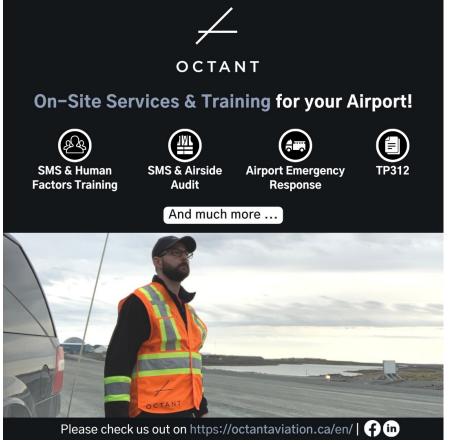
Do you know how close Sault Ste. Marie came to losing its airport in the 1990s?

Designated in airport code as YAM, the airport is a unique facility in its own right as the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation (SSMADC) celebrates its 25th anniversary as an independent airport corporation. The operation continues to surprise the community amid plenty of recent turbulence.

Terry Bos, president and CEO of SSMADC since 2004, recently reflected on two-and-a-half decades of takeoffs and landings, ups and downs. "When the federal government was divesting itself of regional and smaller airport operations in the 1990s, most cities took over operations or set up corporations to do so, but our city council did not want to own or operate the airport," Bos said.

"If someone didn't step in, the airport would have closed, as it was losing a million dollars a year." After a feasibility study was completed in March of 1998, SSMADC took over YAM, making it one of the only regional airports in Ontario that is privately owned and operated. The disadvantage of the model is that the SSMADC still has to pay municipal taxes, unlike neighbouring regional airports like Sudbury, North Bay, and Timmins.

The airport raises its own revenue through user fees, leases, parking and improvement fees to cover its operational and capital expenses. The corporation also pays municipal taxes. As a not-for-profit, surpluses are reinvested into the airport and the community.



Flair offering new travel options at southwestern Ontario airports this winter

Original Article by Ruby Sweeney, CK NewsToday, Aug. 1, 2023 For full article click here

Residents in southwestern Ontario will have several more flight options to tropical destinations that won't require them to travel to larger airports away from home.

Flair Airlines announced a number of sun routes to its upcoming fall/winter schedule on Tuesday, including flights out of London and Windsor to attractive destinations such as Cancun, Mexico and Orlando, Florida.

Flair President and CEO Stephen Jones said the decision to add these flights to markets in Windsor and London were selected because of the demands seen from the two cities.



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