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Up Next at AMCO

Happy New Year to all of our members and *Airport Environment and You* readers. With the celebrations of the holidays over its time to look forward to the New Year and what it has in store. AMCO is excited about the events we have planned this year and the opportunity our new programs have in bringing value and benefit to our entire membership.

Please feel welcome to share this e-zine with everyone in your organization and encourage them to subscribe at amco.on.ca to stay up to date on AMCO, our members, and airport news from around the province and Canada. Don't forget that there is opportunity to include information in our e-zine. Whether you have press releases, local newspaper articles, or are businesses looking to educate and advertise, look no further than AMCO and we will help spread the word. To our members, this is your publication, let us help you highlight your achievements! On that note you will find many congratulatory messages in this edition of the e-zine and we wish the best to all those in their new roles in the coming year.

This year AMCO will be working hard to promote airports as critical infrastructure at both the Federal and Provincial levels. This includes partnering with the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) and other provincial and national organisations to seek changes to the Airports Capital Assistance Program that will benefit the Canadian airport network across the nation. We will also be working with the Provincial Government on eliminating the aviation fuel surcharge and focusing attention to airports in Ontario's Transportation System Strategies.

In early spring stay tuned for the 9th Annual Airfield Workshop hosted this year by the Midland Huronia Municipal Airport. A day of informative seminars, tours, and exercises is planned to help educate our small airport and aerodrome members on the importance of safety and due diligence and how to integrate simple SMS solutions into your operation.

Following a summer or airshows, fly-ins, festivals and booming passenger numbers, AMCO will be holding its 35th Annual Convention and Trade Show in beautiful Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario! Our Convention host is working hard with the AMCO staff to plan a memorable event with more networking, increased educational opportunities and unforgettable venues that will have you wanting more. Stay Tuned!

As always, thank you to our members for renewing your 2020 membership. Your dedication to the association is appreciated and invaluable to the airport network in Ontario. Enjoy this edition of the *Airport Environment and You*.

Best Regards,

Aaron Lougheed Executive Director, AMCO

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Master Plan for Airport's South Field Heading to Council

Original Article By Dave Flaherty, The Oshawa Express, November 25, 2019 For full article click here



The future of the south field of the Oshawa Executive Airport may be starting to piece together.

At the latest meeting of the city's development services committee, members received the sprawling 300-plus page report which has been in development for a number of years. The fields in question have been an issue of debate for some time. Back in 1987, it was first determined the lands would be best used for recreational purposes and sports field.

Today, the Ontario Regiment Museum and a soccer field call the space home, along with the 420 Wing Club, Gemini Gymnastics, and a community garden. In 2008, when city council approved the 2008-2012 Airport Business Plan, it was noted the south field was no longer required for the airport's purposes. However, it was not until the approval of the 2015-2019 version of the Airport's business plan that the development of the south field became a key priority.

The master plan was originally approved by council in November 2016, and nearly three years later, is moving towards the stage of final approval.

Toronto Buttonville Airport Site Going up for Sale

Original Article By Steve McLean, RENX, January 29, 2020 For full article click here



The 170acre Toronto Buttonville Municipal Airport site is being put up for sale by Cadillac Fairview and Armadale Co. Ltd.

"We can confirm that after forming a joint venture almost 10

years ago, Cadillac Fairview and our partner, the Sifton Family, have made a joint decision and are in the process of putting our positions in the Buttonville airport site for sale," said a statement from Cadillac Fairview manager of external communications and corporate communications Anna Ng in response to a query from RENX.



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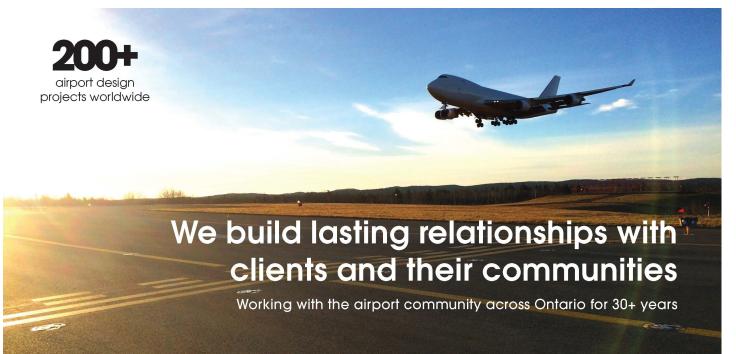
A hundred local people are about to be trained at Fleming College to work in the aerospace sector, thanks to \$1.5 million in provincial government funding announced on Friday at the Peterborough Airport.

Monte McNaughton, the minister of labour, training and skills development, called it "a remarkable project" that he wants to replicate elsewhere in Ontario. "We're creating a new talent pool in your region," McNaughton said at the Loomex Group hangar of the Peterborough Airport. The idea is to train people in skilled trades specifically to work jobs such as refurbishing aircraft or developing navigational software.

Half the 100 participants are already working in such jobs locally, McNaughton said, and will be upgrading their skills. The rest will be new trainees with no previous experience.

They will start their training in 2020 at Fleming College, he said; training will be carried out over the next two years. McNaughton also said Fleming will team up with three local firms to offer the program: Loomex Group, the firm contracted by the city to operate Peterborough Airport; Flying Colours, a company based at Peterborough Airport that refurbishes, modernizes and updates mid-sized to large business aircraft; and Safran Electronics and Defense Canada, which has a location on Fisher Drive in Peterborough and makes aircraft engines and components for both the civil and military markets.

McNaughton said he likes the project because it's "industry-lead," and it addresses what he calls "a critical shortage" of tradespeople across the province. He said that in the next five years, experts are predicting 230 job openings for tradespeople in the avionics field in Peterborough alone — and the program will ensure there's talented workers ready for hire.





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A Look at Swoop's Incredible Summer 2020 Expansion

Original Article by Mark Finlay, Simple Flying, December 15, 2019 For full article click here

Canada's ultra-low-fare airline Swoop earlier this week announced an incredible summer expansion in 2020. Named after WestJet's desire to 'swoop' into the Canadian marketplace with an ultra-low-cost business model, Swoop operates a fleet of nine Boeing 737-800 next-generation aircraft.

Rather than basing its aircraft at Calgary International Airport (YYC), Swoop strategically decided to use Ontario's John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (YHM) as its hub in the east and Edmonton International Airport (YEG) as its western Canadian hub.

In a press release Swoop President Steven Greenway said: "By introducing Swoop to more markets, we are achieving our mission of providing Canadians with accessible summer travel opportunities throughout North America."



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You Can Take an Air Taxi from Downtown Toronto to Muskoka This Winter

Original Article By Ainsley Smith, Daily Hive, December 5, 2019 For the full article click here

You can say goodbye to spending hours waiting in bumper to bumper traffic on Highway 400 during busy cottage weekends. Toronto-based airline FLYGTA is officially offering year-round weekend flights between Toronto and Gravenhurst, providing the best (and quickest) way to travel to Muskoka. As of Friday, FLYGTA is offering air taxi service from Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport to Muskoka Airport in Gravenhurst in 30 minutes.

Whether you're searching for a winter getaway for the family, a couple's winter escape, or a winter weekend getaway, FLYGTA can help travellers avoid the gridlock and stress of driving on the icy and snow-covered highways all winter long.

FLYGTA offers flex pricing, meaning the earlier you book the better the price, with tickets starting at \$158. Flights depart on Fridays and Sundays from Billy Bishop City Airport (YTZ) to Muskoka Airport (YQA) with no line ups or early check-ins required. "The Muskoka Airport is excited to see FLYGTA expand from their summer flight schedule to year-round service to Muskoka," said Len O'Connor, Muskoka Airport CEO.



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The 'Critical' Missing Link in Doug Ford's Southwestern Ontario Transportation Plan

Original Article by Jennifer Bieman, Windsor Star, January 27, 2020 For full article click here



The draft plan calls for an infrastructure survey and capacity study of the region's 16 municipal and international airports. The review would also evaluate the role of those airports in economic development and public service delivery, including policing and air ambulance services.

"I'm hopeful that they'll take a look at the airports in Southwestern Ontario and make sure we've got what's required to get people into and out of here efficiently," said Mike Seabrook, president and chief executive of the London International Airport.

As the task force of regional leaders looks at ways to improve the region's transportation assets, London Chamber of Commerce chief executive Gerry Macartney wants to see airports — and transportation to and from them — loom large.

"If we don't have, in that conversation, the multi-modal or intermodal transportation connection to the airport, I think we're missing huge opportunities," he said. "That task force absolutely has to include the airport as part of our transportation solution."

AMCO would like to congratulate Norm Sanders on his recent retirement! We would also like to congratulate his successor Tiffany Coffey on her new role as the Airport Manager of the Dryden Regional Airport!



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May: No New Airport in Pickering in a Time of Climate Crisis

Original Article By Steve May, The Sudbury Star, January 24, 2020 For full article click here



Could 2020 be the year that the federal government decides, once and for all, that building a new airport northeast of Toronto is simply not compatible with achieving Canada's climate targets?

The Pickering airport has long been a political football, punted down the road by every government of the day since it was first announced in 1972. At that time, it was believed that a new international airport was needed to address capacity issues. Farms, businesses and two whole villages were expropriated by the federal government in the early 1970s to make way for the airport's grand opening, scheduled for 1979.

But more than 45 years later, with air travel rates in the Greater Toronto Area never having lived up to expectations, those lands remain vacant.

In May 2019, the aviation sector's consultant, KPMG, submitted an assessment report to Transport Canada that many believe lays the groundwork for the federal government to greenlight the project. However, just a month later, the House of Commons passed a motion declaring a national climate emergency. Constructing new aviation infrastructure like the Pickering Airport is seen by many as incompatible with achieving Canada's long-term emissions reductions targets.

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Bombardier to Build Flagship Jetliner in New \$350M Plant at Pearson Airport

Original Article By Christopher Reynolds, Canadian Manufacturing, December 5, 2019 For full article click here

Bombardier Inc. has secured a long-term lease from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority for space to build its flagship business jet at Pearson airport, as the plane-and-train maker continues its shift toward private planes.

Preliminary work is underway at the new site in Mississauga, Ont., with production scheduled to begin in 2023, the company announced Wednesday.

The high-tech, \$350-million plant would take over final assembly of Bombardier's Global business jet series, which is currently assembled about 20 kilometres away at the company's Downsview facility.

Bombardier says the one-million-square-foot factory will house thousands of employees who carry out highly skilled tasks such as attaching the wings to the fuselage.

About 3,000 employees work at Downsview, "so we expect the workforce to stay pretty much at the same level," chief executive Alain Bellemare said at the announcement at Pearson.

"This is a strategic move for Bombardier and a strong commitment to Ontario's aerospace industry."

Regional Airport Takes Off with New Travel Option to New York

Original Article By Jessica Owen, Orillia Matters, November 27, 2019 For full article click here

Have you ever wanted to travel to New York City, but despise the hustle and bustle of Pearson International Airport?

A new opportunity flying out of Lake Simcoe Regional Airport could make your travel dreams a reality.

At an event at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport on Wednesday morning, the County of Simcoe and the City of Barrie announced a new partnership with CWT Vacations/Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. to announce a new air charter service to New York City that will start in Sept. 2020.

"The initial support we have received from the County of Simcoe and the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport has been exceptional. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future and to continued growth at the airport," said Scott Stewart, owner/president of Stewart Travel, a franchise of CWT Vacations.

Stewart outlined how this method of travel is different from the model currently used out of larger airports, with the focus on the customer experience being paramount.

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Nunavik Airport Upgrades See Some Turbulence

Original Article By Elaine Anselmi, Nunatsiaq News, November 27, 2019 For full article click here

Not all airport projects planned for this year could be completed, but Kuujjuaq for one is seeing smoother takeoffs and landings.

The centre of Kuujjuaq's airport landing strip was ground down and repaved this year by Transport Canada. But that's just a Band-Aid fix, Ian Darling, the Kativik Regional Government's director of transportation, told councillors on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

"There were some major cracks in the runway. Transport Canada came in and ground down the runway in places where it was peeling and put a subbase in and paved over that," he said. The new paving covers just 23 metres at the centre of the runway. "All of that is just a patch this year. Next year they're going in and grinding down the whole runway, so we'll have a whole new runway."

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Tests for PFAS Near Airport, Base Below Federal Guidelines

Original Article By Nugget Staff, North Bay Nugget, December 16, 2019 For full article click here



Ongoing tests near 22 Wing/CFB North Bay show levels of per- and polyfluoroalkylated substances, or PFAS, remain below Health Canada's drinking water guidelines and screening values, the Department of National Defence (DND) reported Monday.

A statement from the DND says the tests were done for residential wells, the base and municipal water supplies. "To ensure they remain safe, we will continue to test and monitor PFAS levels over the coming year," the statement said. Samples from nearby creeks and Trout Lake also remain below federal guidelines for environmental protection. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, however, did issue a fish consumption advisory for Lees Creek and Trout Lake in response to PFAS levels being identified in fish.

The DND, meanwhile, is working with the city to see if federal funding is available to help remediate the airport property. "While consumption advisories are not considered a permanent solution, they help mitigate risks to human health. The results of ongoing tests will help us better understand the impacts of PFAS in the area, and our options to remediate and manage them," the DND statement said. "We continue to work with the City of North Bay, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on this issue, and will provide the community with regular updates."

Fanshawe Program Soaring to New Heights

Original Article By Celine Zadorsky, CTV News, January 27, 2020 For full article click here

Fanshawe College created the aviation school a number of years ago, however it was four years ago that it grew to a more hands-on, state-of-theart program when the college took over the former Air Canada Jazz hangar beside the London International Airport.

"The core of our program, when it first started out, was all about aircraft maintenance and engineering," says Larry Weir, associate dean of the Norton Wolf School of Aviation Technology. "It was two kinds of programs, one was the Mlicence which was maintenance and mechanical and E-licence which is electronics."

Weir says in the four years more aviation programs have been added. There are now approximately 350 students at the Norton Wolf School of Aviation Technology with five programs to choose from and the school continues to expand. "The exciting program we are adding is a three-year advanced diploma in commercial aviation flight leadership where the graduates will learn the business of aviation but also graduate with a commercial pilot licence."

Weir says the program offers a perfect balance for students wanting to succeed in an aviation career.



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Military Plane Lands in Thunder Bay to Deliver Toys for the North

Original Article By Matt Vis, CBC News, December 7, 2019 For full article click here

A Canadian military Hercules aircraft landed at the Thunder Bay airport on Friday, loaded with over 2,700 kilograms (6,000 pounds) of toys and other items to send to remote northern Ontario First Nations during the holiday season.



"Hopefully this will brighten their day and make their year, hopefully, and make a change in the north." Matson said there will be more than just toys headed north. "It's basic needs, diapers, kleenex, toilet tissue," she said.

This marks the fifth year that North Star Air has partnered with the RCMP's Toys for the North campaign. Karen Matson, the director of marketing and community relations for North Star Air, said the campaign is about spreading holiday cheer. "There's a lot of families up north who don't receive anything for Christmas," Matson said. "We had a wonderful organization from Toronto jump on board this year. They put out the word and raised money and then went out and purchased snowsuits for the kids, hats and mitts, packages for teenagers. We're going to add that to the load this year and make even that much more smiling faces up north."



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Billy Bishop Airport to Convert Marilyn Bell I Airport Ferry to Electric-Power

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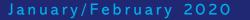
PortsToronto is proud to announce that the airport's Marilyn Bell I passenger/vehicle ferry will be converted to electric-power. This innovative retrofit represents a unique technological advancement in the airport's fleet as the vessel will be the first 100 per cent electric lithium-ion powered ferry in service in Canada. PortsToronto anticipates that the ferry's retrofit will be complete by the end of 2020.

The vessel's propulsion system will be entirely powered by battery and fueled by 100 per cent Bullfrog Power® renewable electricity, enabling the electric-ferry to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from the airport's ferry operation. In addition to operating more efficiently and eliminating related air emissions, the retrofitted vessel will build on the airport's award-winning Noise Management Program, as it will operate far more quietly, dramatically reducing related noise in the surrounding community.

As part of PortsToronto's sustainability program, a phased approach to greening the airport's ferry operations began in 2018 when the Marilyn Bell I was converted from diesel to bio-fuel, which resulted in the reduction of approximately 20 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions last year. The electric-powered ferry is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with ferry operations by 530 tonnes, dramatically reducing the airport's carbon footprint and setting the organization on a clear path toward achieving PortsToronto's overall emissions target.

"The retrofitting of the Marilyn Bell I to electric power clearly demonstrates how we can build a clean and efficient transportation system, create good jobs and protect the environment," said the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport. "The Government of Canada commends PortsToronto for this initiative that will benefit Toronto communities and reduce our carbon footprint."





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