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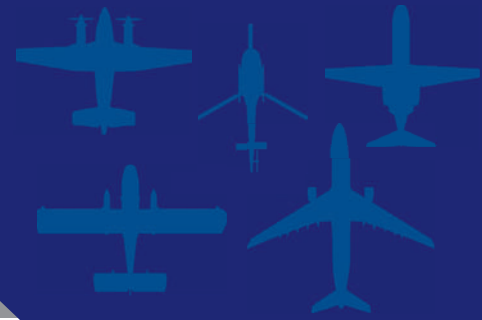
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Pembroke Airport Launches Project Runway

Original Article By: *Celina Ip, thedailyobserver.ca, Oct. 5, 2017*
<http://news.amco.on.ca/pembrokeairportlaunchesprojectrunway>

The Pembroke & Area Airport is embarking on a campaign to pave their way to a new runway.

Originally known as Brown’s Airfield – a grass strip that was established in 1954 – it wasn’t until 1968 that the municipality purchased the airport and installed 4,000 feet of paved runway. By 1986, an additional 1,000 feet of runway was paved and the Pembroke & Area Airport became one of the longest runways in Eastern Ontario. Ever since that historic year, the runway has not been refurbished and the runway has significantly broken down through years of regular usage.

According to data collected by the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission, there are over 4,800 aircraft movements every year at the airport – which range from life-saving air ambulance services to providing flight opportunities to over 100 local businesses.

Now, decades later, the runway is critically due for a repaving with some fresh asphalt.

On Oct. 4, the Pembroke & Area Airport held a media event to officially launch the campaign that’s been dubbed ‘Project Runway’.

Throughout the airport’s 49 years of history, this marks the first time that they’ve launched a fundraising campaign and are reaching out to the community for financial support.

The campaign is based on one simple ask: that community members support their region’s airport by purchasing a foot of runway for \$250. With 5,000 feet of runway and a cost of \$250 per foot, the campaign’s ultimate goal is to raise \$1.25-million to repave the runway.



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Niagara District Airport CEO Leaving

Original Article By: Mike Zettel, Niagara-On-The-Lake Advance, Dec. 4, 2017

<http://news.amco.on.ca/Niagaradistrictairportceoleaving>

Late last month, airport commission chair Terry Flynn sent out a notice to staff and stakeholders that O'Connor has tendered his resignation as of Jan. 29, 2018.

Flynn said the move is disappointing but understandable, as O'Connor had been offered a great opportunity and that the Niagara airport was not able to match it.

However, he said, the timing of O'Connor's departure puts the airport in a challenging position, as the commission is still working on a potential governance change which would result in the region taking over operations from St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The region supported in principle adopting sole responsibility for operations and governance of the Niagara District Airport and the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport in Welland in July 2016. In September of that year, regional council also asked for the environmental assessment to be paid for by the current three operators.

The assessment has now been complete, meaning region chief administrative officer Carmen D'Angelo has the go ahead to develop the new governance model, Flynn said.

But until that happens, it'll be difficult to recruit for O'Connor's replacement, as they won't be able to define what the job will be.

"It's a great loss for us, especially at this time as we're going through the governance piece," Flynn said. "But it was an opportunity (O'Connor) couldn't pass up."

"He really wanted to stick it out with us because of the growth we've seen and the progress that has been made."

For his part, O'Connor described the decision as one of the hardest he's ever had to make.



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Earlton-Timiskaming Airport Gets Hangar Funds

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<http://news.amco.on.ca/earlontimiskamingairportgetshangars>

The Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport will use \$318,000 in federal funding to complete upgrades that will help beef up security and encourage economic development.

FedNor announced the funding on Jan. 10. In a news release, the funding agency said the money would *"support the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority's efforts to construct six cost-efficient T-hangers to meet immediate and future demand for business development and expansion, as well as aircraft storage."*

"This investment will also be used to upgrade the runway's lighting systems and install new fueling stations with a cardlock security system that provides patrons with safe and secure access to refueling facilities 24 hours a day."

Carman Kidd, airport chair and mayor of the City of Temiskaming Shores, called the airport upgrades a *"priority project,"* which are included in the community's strategic plan.

Firm Hired to Manage Two Greenstone Airports

Original Article By: Northern Ontario Business Staff, Northern Ontario Business, Nov. 30, 2017

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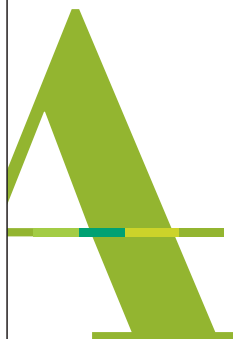
An airport management firm has been hired to manage and operate the two airports owned by the Municipality of Greenstone.

The Loomex Group announced in a Nov. 29 news release it had been hired for the contract to run the Greenstone Regional Airport, located in Geraldton, and the R. Elmer Ruddick Nakina Airport, located in Nakina.

In the same release, the company said it has hired Pat Fagnano as the new manager for both facilities.

Fagnano has 29 years of aviation industry experience, most of it spent working for one of the top five airports in Canada. Fagnano has a pilot's licence and is a certified member of the International Association of Airport Executives. He will start his new position on Dec. 1, and will be based out of the Greenstone Regional Airport.

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Bombardier Puts Toronto Aerospace Facility in Downsview Up for Sale

Original Article By: The Canadian Press, CBC News, Jan. 12, 2018
<http://news.amco.on.ca/bombardierputsdownsviewairportforsale>



Bombardier is shopping around its sprawling aircraft manufacturing site in Toronto's high-priced real-estate market.

The transportation company said it put its 152-hectare Downsview Airport location north of the city's downtown up for sale a couple of weeks ago as part of its financial turnaround plan.

Spokesman Olivier Marcil said the unique land with a runway is larger than the company needs and no final decision has been made regarding a sale or relocation of its operations. Only 14 hectares of space is regularly used.

"We think that there's a better use for the land than a current airport and that could be to the benefit of not only the company but the city of Toronto and the people," he said in an interview.

The Montreal-based company has been on the site since it purchased de Havilland Canada in 1992 but the airfield was built in 1929 to test de Havilland aircraft.

The land was used for the papal visits of John Paul II and served as a military base during the Second World War.

Bombardier used to run a shuttle service to transport employees between Toronto and Montreal, Wichita and Mexico. However, that was suspended as part of the transformation.

The land near subway stations, universities and Highway 401 is potentially very valuable.

Marcil said the company is working with professional advisers and has met with some potential buyers to assess interest. He declined to say how much Bombardier expects to receive from a potential sale.



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Huge Potential For Airports In Goderich, Wingham

Original Article By: Bob Montgomery,
 Blackburnnews.com, Jan. 16, 2018

<http://news.amco.on.ca/hugepotentialforgoderichandwingham>

The chair of Huron County's Economic Development Board says a presentation at last night's meeting made a very strong case for investing in the airports at Goderich and Wingham.

John Marshall says it was made clear that operating the Goderich and Wingham airports as one operation is not an option because they are two different entities. He adds that the employees at the Goderich Airport are employees of the town.

However, Marshall says what he got out of the presentation was there was a hierarchy of spending and even spending a little money on promotion would improve things at the airports and bring people into the county.

Marshall adds if they decide to go beyond a little promotional dollars to the next stage, or the whole package, which he admits is substantial, the result could be not just a recreational airport but a commercial facility.

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Georgian Bluffs Interested in Passenger Air Service at Airport

Original Article By: Rob Gowan, Sun Times, Owen Sound, Jan. 18, 2018
<http://news.amco.on.ca/georgianbluffsinterestedinpassengerservice>



Georgian Bluffs hopes to have a scheduled passenger air service from the Warton Keppel International Airport to the Toronto area.

On Wednesday, the municipality's committee of the whole recommended that council retain a marketing and consultant firm along with Georgian College to conduct market research and data collection into the possibility of a passenger air service at the airport.

Georgian Bluffs Mayor Al Barfoot said he excited about the prospect of having a passenger air service to the area.

"They want to know if people would use a scheduled passenger service to the GTA," said Barfoot. "We are certainly trying to tie in the whole area."

Georgian Bluffs would fund \$18,750 of the total cost of the study from its airport reserves after having received Rural Economic Development grant of \$13,250. The proposed cost for the marketing and consultant firm, Think Compass, is \$25,000, while the market research by Georgian's Centre for Applied Research and Innovation is expected to cost a maximum of \$7,000.

Barfoot said the study would utilize social media, Survey Monkey and consultants to gather input on an appetite for a scheduled air passenger service. With a goal to obtain 385 to 400 online surveys, Barfoot said they would look for a good cross-section of respondents from a wide geographical area of Grey and Bruce counties. The survey is expected to be complete by the end of March.

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Hamilton's Airport is the Fastest Growing in Canada

Original Article By: Hamilton Spectator, Jan. 23, 2018
<http://news.amco.on.ca/hamiltonfastestgrowingcanadianairport>

With a jump in passenger traffic of 80 per cent last year over 2016, John C. Munro Hamilton International has become the country's fastest growing airport.

It handled 599,146 passengers in 2017, up from 333,368 in 2016.

Cathie Puckering, the airport's acting president and CEO, said she expects continued growth in coming years, thanks to new services for 2018.

John C. Munro Hamilton International also continues to be the country's largest overnight express cargo airport. In 2017, its cargo volume rose 13 per cent as it asserted itself as a strategic gateway for facilitating goods movement from coast to coast and across the globe.

"This is an exciting time for Hamilton International as more passengers discover the ease and convenience of travelling from Hamilton," Puckering said in a news release. "The passengers are originating from Hamilton and surrounding areas including Toronto and beyond thanks to the wide variety of destinations being served."

District Chooses 6 to Sit on Muskoka Airport Board

Original Article By: Brent Cooper, Bracebridge Examiner, Jan. 17, 2018
<http://news.amco.on.ca/districtchooses6formuskokaboard>

The direction of the Muskoka Airport is now in the hands of six residents.

Robin Garrett, David Legge, Selma Lussenburg, Don MacKay, Bud Purves and Katherine (Kathy) Rethy were appointed by the District of Muskoka council at its Jan. 15 meeting to sit as members of the inaugural Muskoka Airport board of directors. District chair John Klinck will sit as an ex-officio member of the board.

In a Jan. 16 press release announcing the appointments, district officials say they have recruited a "skills-based board comprised of individuals who can bring the mix of expertise and perspective needed to shape a long-term strategic vision for the airport."

"We are delighted to be able to appoint such a high quality board of directors whose experience will put the Muskoka Airport on an extremely solid governance foundation," said Michael Duben, the district's chief administrative officer.

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Passenger Flights From Waterloo Region to Toronto Launch

Original Article By: Ryan Flanagan, CTV Kitchener, Nov. 6, 2017
<http://news.amco.on.ca/passengerflightsfromwaterlootoToronto>



Eight people enjoyed a first-of-its-kind commute from Waterloo Region to Toronto Monday morning.

Some parts of it felt familiar. It was an occasionally bumpy ride. Their vehicle seemed to be going much faster at some times than at others, and slowed down significantly once it hit Toronto.

But there was one big difference: The entire trip was completed in 20 minutes.

It was the first Toronto-bound flight from FlyGTA Airlines, which is starting a regular passenger service between the Region of Waterloo International Airport and Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport.

All eight passenger seats in the twin-engine plane were spoken for – although with seven of them belonging to reporters and people involved in promoting the new service, the sell-out may not exactly be a true indicator of demand.

Sean Christie, who works in insurance in Cambridge and had a meeting in Toronto on Monday, was the lone paying customer using the plane solely for transportation purposes.

"This is the perfect kind of trip for me," he said.

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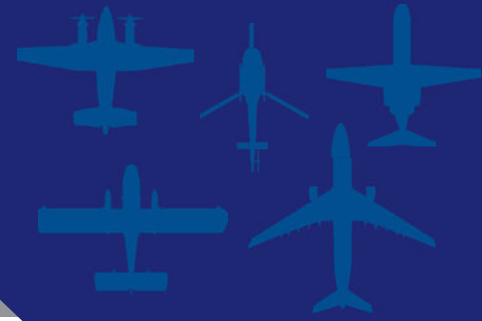
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Happy New Year to all of our AMCO members and "Airport Environment and You" readers. AMCO is excited about the events we have planned this year and the opportunity our new programs have in bringing value and benefit to our entire membership. We encourage all our readers to share this ezine with everyone in your organization and encourage them to subscribe so that they too may stay up to date on AMCO, our members, and local airport news from around the province.

We are excited to be partnering with the IAAE Canada to offer a back to back slate of fantastic events this spring with the FOAM conference running from May 27th – 30th and the Spring Airfield Workshop running immediately after on May 31st. We also have joint sponsorship opportunities and discounted attendance rates for everyone interested in attending both events. FOAM will be taking place this year in Toronto at the Hyatt Regency Hotel followed by the Workshop hosted by the Niagara District Airport at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharine's.

AMCO is currently planning our slate of in person training courses for the year with opportunities for both SMS/Human Factors Training and Airfield Electrical Training on the horizon. If you are interested in attending either of these courses or have other training needs please contact AMCO Association Coordinator, Laura McNeice.

AMCO also continues to promote our Ambassador Program. Designed with our small airport and aerodrome members in mind, we developed an Airports Value 101 PowerPoint and brochure for airports to use in conjunction with their own materials when presenting to councils, airport commissions, etc. As airport operators, our members see the value in maintaining a robust airport network and treating small and regional airports as critical infrastructure. As part of our commitment to provide advocacy for Ontario's airports and aerodromes you may now request AMCO's staff and board to advocate alongside you at the local level; including speaking with your governance organizations and writing letters of support. For more information on the program please contact the AMCO offices.

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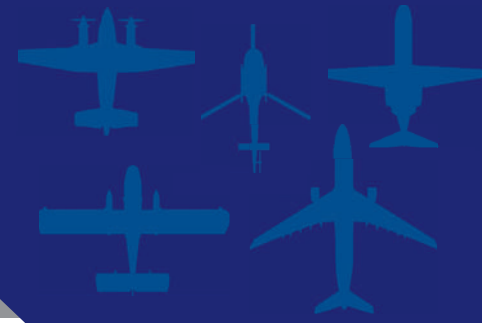
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