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In 1932-33, the civil Aviation Branch of the Department of National Defence tried to find a suitable site for an airport in this region. Work began in October 1933, but was stopped in June 1934 when it was decided the location was too expensive to develop. A new site, a mile from the first, was selected and work began in 1936 but due to delays, was not completed until 1939. At that time, the airport consisted of three turf runways, the main one being 4000 ft. (07/25). The Department of Transport (now Transport Canada) officially licensed the airport in 1946. In 1956 runway 07/25 was resurfaced to concrete and was later extended to 6000 ft. in 1978. The turf runways were eventually closed down with the last one being officially closed in 1993.

From 1936 to 1953, a passenger terminal, radio range, weather office, maintenance garage, transmitter site, and employee dwellings were built to house the numerous airport functions and staff. In 1959, a temporary radar control unit was established until its closure in 1993.

At present, the airport is operated and maintained by the Kenora Airport Authority who officially took ownership of the airport from Transport Canada on March 22, 1996. The Kenora Airport Authority is a 12 member volunteer board made up of concerned citizens from the surrounding area.

The Kenora airport operates on a user pay basis with no federal, provincial or even municipal subsidies. The Flight Service Station is operated by Nav Canada who provides air traffic control (ATC) services and weather observation at their new facility that was built in 2005. The Kenora Flight Service Station co-ordinates about 10,000 aircraft movements a year; the movements include, private, commercial, and military ranging from ultra-lights to high powered military jets.

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High-Flying Family Fun Takes Off at St. Thomas Air Show

Original Article By: Shalu Mehta, London Free Press, June 18, 2018
<https://news.amco.on.ca/familyfunatstthomasairport>

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ...definitely a very loud plane.

The St. Thomas Municipal Airport played host to the 2018 Great Lakes International Airshow during the weekend.

Due to some rain early Saturday morning, the show saw a modest crowd of about 4,000 people according to airshow spokesperson Andrew Buttigieg. On Sunday, he estimated closer to 6,000 people attended the event.

Visitors saw many different aircraft, including a helicopter used in peacekeeping operations, a war plane built in 1945 and the show-stopping nine-plane Snowbirds.

Some aircraft, like the CH-124 Sea King helicopter, were static displays, giving visitors a chance to peek inside them and learn more about the machines.

This was the last year for people to see the Sea King, which will be retired, Buttigieg said.

Others aircraft soared high above the airfield, twisting and turning as the crowd cheered them on.

Planes like the Spitfire IX TE-924, the Vampire and the North American Harvard also were flown, giving the crowd a chance to see some historic planes in action.

The de Havilland Vampire MK 55, a British fighter jet built in 1958, is the only aircraft of its type flying in Canada and one of a handful worldwide.

"I think people appreciate the history we display here," Buttigieg said. "The St. Thomas airport has a lot of history to it too and I think we conveyed that well in the performances."



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Barrie Councillors on Board with Possible Airport Expansion

Original Article By: Raymond Bowe, Barrietoday.com, June 20, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/barriecouncillorsonboardwithairportexpansion>

Barrie city councillors are on board with Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA) officials for a potential \$66-million expansion of the Oro-Medonte Township facility.

LSRA officials made a presentation to city council earlier this month, gauging support for a possible three-phase expansion at the Line 7 facility.

On Monday night, city councillors endorsed, in principle, the airport's strategic plan. Invest Barrie and staff from the city's finance department will review the plan and report back on the business case and recommendations for funding alternatives, such as securing infrastructure funding from other levels of government.

The City of Barrie is the airport's majority shareholder, at 60%, and shares ownership with Simcoe County and Oro-Medonte Township.

With Toronto Pearson International Airport transitioning to a "mega-hub" focused on long-range, wide-bodied aircraft, LSRA officials say smaller carriers are being asked to find new operational facilities.

To take on additional such air traffic, several upgrades would be needed at the Oro-Medonte airport, including a longer runway, better navigational aids and perhaps even a new terminal building.

Other municipalities are also looking at expanding their airports in hopes of taking on some of the air traffic that will be redirected from Pearson in the coming years.



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FlyGTA Airlines Announces Plans for Air Taxi Service into Muskoka

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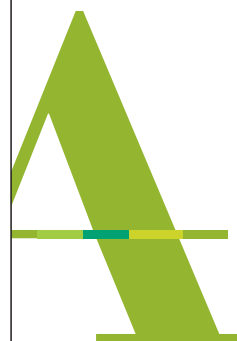
There may be a new option to commute to the cottage this summer.

FlyGTA and the district municipality of Muskoka have announced plans for scheduled air taxi service to and from the Muskoka Airport (YQA) starting later next month. The service will cater to tourists, cottagers and commuters from the Greater Toronto Area. The service is a one-year pilot program.

Proposed Flight Information: Scheduled flights would run from June until mid-October 2018; Thirty-six minute flight to Billy Bishop Airport; Approximately \$140/passenger for a one-way ticket; Up to eight passengers at a time.

The district and the airport board are working closely with FlyGTA, area municipalities and Muskoka Tourism Marketing Agency to plan flight schedules and develop strategies to market the pilot program.

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Aircraft and Automobiles Flock to Wiarton

Original Article By: Rob Gowan, Sun Times, June 11, 2018
<https://news.amco.on.ca/aircraftandautosflocktowiarnton>

The annual Air and Auto Extravaganza got the weather it needed to bring in the classic cars, motorcycles and aircraft.

The fourth annual event at the Wiarton Keppel International Airport attracted approximately 70 aircraft and about 100 vehicles and motorcycles to the airport on Saturday, after dealing with rain last year that put a damper on attendance.

"We got the weather," said spokesperson Sharron Colter. *"Last year I think it started raining around noon and everybody went home."*

"We still haven't had that perfect sunny day where if you get that you are going to have the fields full of airplanes, but we are quite pleased with the number that are here."



On Saturday, aircraft were landing and taking off regularly with many lined up in rows on the apron and others parked on nearby fields. A helicopter from Blue Heron Helicopter Tours was making regular trips to and from the airport with loads of passengers going for sightseeing tours.

On a nearby field, classic and unique vehicles were laid out in a horseshoe shape as crowds of visitors viewed the vehicles. Inside one of the large hangars nearby vendors sold their wares as part of the Hangar Village Market, while food vendors lined one stretch of the field.

Colter, a member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association Flight 68, which put on the event along with the Friends of the Airport, said the event was allowing the groups to showcase the airport to the general public.



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Flying Colours Promises 60 New Jobs With \$30M Expansion Plan at Peterborough Airport

Original Article By: Greg Davis, May 7, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/majorexpanansionforflyingcolours>

Flying Colours Corporation says 60 jobs will be created thanks to its \$30 million investment and expansion at the Peterborough Airport.

In a company press release issued Monday, Flying Colours, which does internal and external modifications and refurbishments to mid- and large-sized business aircraft, says the investment will also help retain 250 existing jobs.

"The expansion includes construction of a new manufacturing and operations hangar, which will enable increased global business and expanded technical capabilities," the company stated.

"There are new standards in design and construction that will be built in. As asphalt breaks up it creates debris and we can't have that on a taxiway."

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Airport Lands Federal Funds for Taxiway Rebuild

Original Article By: Hank Daniszewski, London Free Press, July 25, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/londonlandsfedmoneyfortaxiway>

Mary Ng, the newly appointed federal minister of small business and export promotion, announced the funding Wednesday at the airport.

The \$3.3 million will be drawn from a federal transportation infrastructure fund and will pay for about half the cost of the project. It is expected to create about 65 construction jobs.

Airport CEO Mike Seabrook said the current taxiway is about 40 years old and needs to be replaced.

The project will not enlarge the taxiway or enhance capacity but will improve safety and reduce maintenance costs, he said.

"There are new standards in design and construction that will be built in. As asphalt breaks up it creates debris and we can't have that on a taxiway."



(l-r) City councillor Michael van Holst, Airport CEO Mike Seabrook, Acting mayor Harold Usher, federal minister Mary Ng and London North Centre MP Peter Fragiskatos discuss funding for new taxiway at London International Airport which was announced Wednesday. (HANK DANISEWSKI, The London Free Press)



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WestJet to Pull Out of Sudbury

Original Article By: Callam Rodya, CTV News,
July 4, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/westjettopulloutofsudbury>

In 2016, the airline announced it would return to Sudbury after more than 15 years, with daily flights to and from Toronto, those flights began in February of last year.

But now, the company says the demand just isn't there.

In a statement to CTV news, the airline says, "West Jet bases our service on supply and demand and we review our schedule on a regular basis to ensure we are meeting both guests' and the company's needs. Unfortunately demand did not pick up sufficiently over the 16 months that we have conducted operations from the community. This lack of demand consistently left our aircraft operating with more than half of the seats empty."

The news comes as the Sudbury airport is reporting a near 20 per cent increase in passenger traffic so far this year.

CEO Todd Tripp says he's working hard to convince the company to stay.

In a statement, Tripp says, "Although the situation is not something we projected, we will continue to service our customers and travelers with our current air carriers. Our team intends on working together to mitigate any negative impacts this may have over the next few months. As always, the Greater Sudbury Airport continues to strive for growth and expansion. We are committed to servicing our community, and ensuring this transition period it is as smooth as possible."

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Norwegian Air Becomes Hamilton's Newest Low Cost Airline

Original Article By: Staff, CHCH, June 22, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/norwegianairbecomeshamiltonsnewestairline>

For the second time this week, the Hamilton Airport has announced another low cost airline that will be flying out of the city, this time to Europe.

Norwegian Airlines has chosen Hamilton as its Canadian base and non-stop flights to Dublin, Ireland will be taking off from Hamilton starting in March of 2019.

"The starting price will be \$279 Canadian, one way."

Norwegian Airlines, like other low cost carriers, keep their ticket prices cheap by charging extra for checked bags, food service, and seat selection and by flying into less busy airports like Hamilton.

According to Norwegian Airlines CEO Thomas Ramdaho, "Its a medium size airport. Its much more efficient for us as an airline."

The cheapest flight from Pearson Airport to Dublin is currently \$380. With one layover, offered by Wow Air,



and you'll still have to pay for bags.

The days of four course meals, spacious powder rooms and luggage galore are over.

Travel experts, like Pam Dehaan from Tripcentral, say if you want to get somewhere cheap no frills airlines are the way to go.

"This is just going to bring a whole new crowd of people that haven't been able to travel before, and they'll be able to travel now."

Earlier this week the new airline Swoop made Hamilton its hub as well, offering flights across Canada for discount prices. For example, a flight from Hamilton to Edmonton on June 25th with one checked bag will cost you \$325 with Swoop, \$609 with Westjet and \$599 with Air Canada -but with 2 layovers.

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Complaints About Airport Traffic Continue to Plague City

Original Article By: Dave Flaherty, The Oshawa Express, June 20, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/complaintsaboutnoiseplagueairport>

The message from residents at a June 13 town hall meeting regarding the Oshawa airport was quite similar to one delivered back in December 2017.

At that December meeting, numerous city residents brought forth complaints regarding increased traffic and noise at the airport.

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This speaker pointed directly at the flight schools operating out of the airport as the reason for the problems.

"They do not work in residential areas."

Airport manager Stephen Wilcox said flight schools only operate within the airport's regular flying hours of 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and must adhere to restricted hours on Saturday and Sundays, especially holidays weekends.

He also noted that the airport isn't allowing any more flight schools as Seneca College was interested in



partnering with the airport, but were declined and the program went to Peterborough instead.

Wilcox pointed out that flight movements are under the authority of NAV Canada, not the airport itself.

"All movement is managed by NAV Canada. They create benchmarks for the planes to funnel too," he added.

A letter was sent to Transport Canada with a list of concerns from residents in February but Wilcox said he has yet to receive a reply.



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Goderich Looks To Bringing Chartered Flights To Airport

Original Article By: Peter Jackson, Bayshore Broadcasting, May 25, 2018
<https://news.amco.on.ca/goderichlooksatbringingcharterservice>

Goderich Council is expecting a staff report on developing partnerships, to bring a charter passenger air service to Goderich Airport.

Mayor Kevin Morrison says the decision was made after representatives from Huron County's Economic Development department made a presentation to Council Tuesday.

The presentation outlined a County study released early this year, outlining the benefits of commuter air services from the Goderich and Wingham airports to Toronto.

Morrison says the County study left out several factors surrounding Goderich's drive to attract corporate partners, that the County may not have been aware of.

He tells Country 104.9 News that the Town has reached out to partner with Bruce Power, which is undergoing a major expansion.

Morrison observes that Goderich Airport has the longest runway in the area.



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County Will Not Fund Airport's Runway Campaign

Original Article By: Sean Chase,
The Daily Observer, July 10, 2018
<https://news.amco.on.ca/countywillnotfundrunway>

The County of Renfrew will not be financially contributing to the repaving of the runways at the Pembroke and Area Airport.

During their monthly session on June 27, County councillors passed a motion, by a recorded vote of 181-13, not to commit \$425,000 to the Project Runway initiative. The motion came as a recommendation from the finance and administration committee. The Pembroke and Area Airport Commission (PAAC) intends to repave 5,000 feet of aging runway with a campaign that solicits donations of \$250 per foot.

The campaign's ultimate goal is to raise \$1.25-million to repave the runway. Thus far, \$125,119 has been pledged by donors. Councillors determined that the airport's request violates the county's no-grants policy. However, Laurentian Hills Mayor John Reinwald felt his colleagues were making a mistake.

"I'm a little surprised at the lack of value people put on this," said Reinwald. *"I understand the rules and regulations, but I just hope if things don't work out at the Pembroke and Area Airport other families will find a plane when they need it."*

The airport had hoped each member of the county would contribute \$25,000 per municipality payable over five years. That would equal \$85,000 a year (\$5,000 per municipality) with the total coming to \$425,000. The City of Pembroke has already committed to \$5,000 annually. Reinwald explained that the airport plays an important role for Garrison Petawawa, Ornge Air Ambulance, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"I hope the one mile of runway will be a reality one day," the mayor added.

Bidder Selected in Airport Sale Process

Original Article By: Erika Engel, Collingwood Today,
June 26, 2018

<https://news.amco.on.ca/bidderselectedinairportsale>


The bids are in and the town of Collingwood will now negotiate with the top-ranked bidder for the sale of the Collingwood Regional Airport.

After a closed session following last night's council meeting, council voted to direct staff and the town's consultant, Ernst and Young, to pursue negotiations.


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The Township of Clearview did plan to submit a bid for the airport, but the bid process was closed and there are no public details on who else submitted a bid or which bid was top-ranked.

Earlier this year, the town's communications officer, Jennett Mays, confirmed the town is expecting to complete final negotiations and closing by the end of July.



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Sault Airport Expects Boost Thanks to Porter and Greyhound

Original Article By: Ben Cohen, The Sault Star, July 13, 2018
<https://news.amco.on.ca/saultairportexpectsboost>

Greater certainty surrounding Algoma's future helped Sault Ste. Marie Airport set a new record for passengers flown in June.

"The aviation industry has been seeing some solid growth of late," said Terry Bos, president and CEO of Sault airport. "I think we had been held back by the Algoma Steel CCAA uncertainty, with that starting to finalize it has made for more disposable income (for the public)."

He said the low Canadian dollar has also been helping to attract more Americans over.

Last month, 18,074 passengers flew to and from Sault airport, an increase of 8.12 per cent from 2017. This also marks a new 12 month record of 216,172 passengers served.

Porter Airlines recently lowered fares for the Sault. Bos said Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corp. anticipates an increase in passengers flown as a result. He said the airport did not have any direct discussion with

Porter in regards to this change, but that it is encouraged by the move.

Additionally, Greyhound Lines buses will stop servicing the Sault this fall, which Bos said will further boost flight sales.



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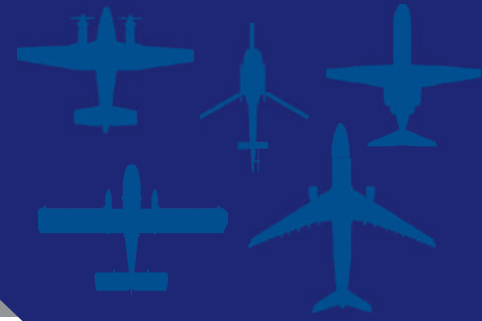


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Immediately following convention and moving right into the Fall AMCO has a number of training courses lined up including TP312 5th Edition, Wildlife, and Airfield Electrical. You can find more information on the courses and registration forms at amco.on.ca/training.

Over the summer AMCO has been working on a number of projects in order to provide the most benefit to our members that we can. The first included a complete website redevelopment campaign which saw the addition of four AMCO Convention presentation videos added and an upgraded member directory experience to help you keep in touch with all the airport and business members. The second project was introducing AMCO to the new Ontario Government formed by Premier Ford. We look forward to representing our members at the provincial level and encourage members to stay in touch with us regarding their concerns or the successes they are having with their local MPP's. Should you be looking to meet with your new MPP, AMCO would be happy to sit down with you to provide a voice for Ontario's Airport network through the AMCO Ambassador Program. Lastly, AMCO has been lobbying the federal government with regards to both ACAP and CATSA. We are always looking to make improvements in these systems and encourage our members to continue to push for better a better ACAP and more affordable CATSA.

We continue to encourage members to take part in the AMCO Aviation General Liability program, administered through business member The Magnes Group. Benefits include increased coverages and purchasing power. Contact the AMCO offices or The Magnes Group directly to learn how the program can benefit your airport or aerodrome. At this year's convention AMCO will be sitting down with some of those airports who have and have not joined the program so that we can work to improve the coverage and grow the program to the benefit of all our members.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing everyone this fall in Kenora!

Highest Regards,

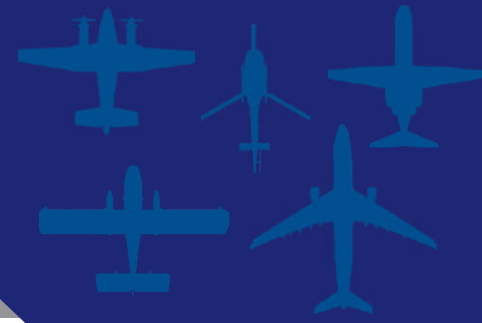
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