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AIRPORT PROFILE: Penticton Regional Airport (CYF), BC

Penticton is the trading and education center of the South Okanagan, focal point of the wine industry and third largest city in the Okanagan. It is renowned the world over as one of the most pleasant areas in Canada in which to live.

The population of the Regional District is currently 82,000 with expected growth to 100,000 by the year 2020. Penticton is home to BC's second largest which hosts over 100,000 delegate days per year.

The first site examinations for an airport at Penticton were conducted at two locations, by the Department of Transport (DOT), in 1937. The selected site, part of which was on an Indian reserve, is west of and adjacent to the City of Penticton, and north of Skaha Lake. The airport is 73 km north of the Canada-USA border.

Sixty-one hectares of land was expropriated from the Indian band in 1949, and preliminary development of the airfield was completed in 1941. During the war years, the runway was paved and some buildings erected, to allow the use of the airfield as an emergency military aerodrome in 1944.

In 1954, the temporary operating license was replaced with a permanent license. In 1959, the runway was extended, from 5,400 ft. to 6,000 ft. in length. A new air terminal was opened in 1963.

A mobile control tower was installed in 1969; this was replaced in 1971 when the ATB was expanded to accommodate a permanent control tower, plus space for aeradio and telecommunications staff. In 1976, a private-owned aviation center was constructed on the airport including a 12-unit motel, flight training school, and aircraft overhaul shop.

In 1988, Canadian Airlines (formerly PWA), withdrew jet service from Penticton. This had been replaced by Time Air and Air BC, using turboprop aircraft. The airport now serves as a water bomber base for the area. Helicopter flight and training is also provided here.

In 2001, the Penticton Regional Airport recorded 51,000 itinerant and local aircraft movements. The Airport is a point of entry for international flights, with Canada Customs providing "on airport" service.

The thirty businesses comprising the Penticton Regional Airport make it a full-service destination. Visitors will find Canada Customs, Flight Services, Aircraft fuel, both 100LL and JB, Ramp Services, Certified Maintenance, aircraft painting and part facilities, Flight Training Services, Restaurant, Car Rentals and secure aircraft parking. Space is available for lease both in the Terminal Building and on the Airport Property. The airport is conveniently located, within city limits and walking distance to the beach!

Penticton Airport activities sustain the equivalent of 247.1 full-time jobs. This estimate includes the full-time equivalent of all employment, including part-time and seasonal, generated by airport businesses and organizations.



David L. Allen, Airport Manager

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CONFERENCES & TRAINING – 2017

April 25-28	IAAE Canada Online Courses
June 5-9	IAAE Canada Emergency Management Team & Committee Training – Winnipeg, MB
Sept 16-20	AAMA Airfield Maintenance Seminar and Training Course – Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton, AB
Sept 18-21	IAAE Canada 2017 Accreditation Academy – Toronto, ON
Sept 24- 29	SWIFT Airfield Operations Conference and Equipment Expo – Halifax, NS
Sept 26-28	CANEW (Canadian Airport Electrical Association) Workshop – Campbell River, BC
Oct 2-4	IAAE Canada AMSCR Course – Prince George, BC
Oct 11-13	AMCO (Airport Management Conference of Ontario) 32nd Annual Convention and Trade Show – Waterloo, ON
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February 14, 2017

1. [Nicola Valley Search & Rescue Agreement](#) - City of Merritt Council Minutes

Motion 027/17 – Moved, Seconded and CARRIED: THAT Council directs staff to work with Nicola Valley Search & Rescue on drafting an agreement that would formalize the use of the airport terminal building basement and lands that the fenced compound are constructed on.

February 22, 2017

2. ['If You Build It, They Will Come'](#) – by Chris Clegg, South Peace News

A \$2 million High Prairie Airport expansion and upgrade project proposed by Big Lakes County is being supported by town council up to \$100,000. However, the project is dependent on grants from the Alberta government and contributions from industry.

February 27, 2017

3. **Airport Lands Acquisition** – Town of High Level Council Minutes

Resolution #078-17: Moved by Councillor Langford: THAT Council instruct Administration to send a letter to Alberta Environment and Parks to keep the file active; AND THAT Council plan for the purchase of the parcel surrounding the airport in 2018. CARRIED

March 1, 2017

4. **Town Council Briefs: Airport Grant** – by Jackie Gold-Irwin, Hanna Herald

CAO Kim Neil reported that administration has submitted a grant application to the Province of Alberta under the Strategic Transportation Program Community Airport Program for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the Hanna Airport runway. With the Province budgeting \$2,000,000 for the program, the town could be eligible for 75 per cent of the estimated cost of \$759,470 if the application is successful.

March 10, 2017

5. **Airport Request for Funding** – by Lynne Bell, Carlyle Observer

The Airport Commission is applying for funding to cover the cost of painting the lines and numbers on the runway.



March 15, 2017

6. [City Announces Trail Airport Terminal Building Call for Tenders](#) – by Trail Champion, Castlegar Source

The City of Trail announced last week that it has launched a [call for tenders](#) inviting eligible contractors to bid on the civil works and construction of the Trail Regional Airport Terminal Building. The tender, released March 8, closes March 28, at 3 p.m. PST and will require the successful contractor to start construction in early spring 2017 with substantial completion by December 2017.



7. [Advisory Committee Appointed to Airport](#) – by Taylor Hermiston, Vermilion Standard

All three readings were passed to Bylaw 3-2017 by town council, during the latest council meeting on March 6, resulting in the establishment of the Airport Advisory Committee for the Vermilion Airport. Following the establishment, council then appointed Councillors Harp Khela and Greg Barr, as well as residents Darcy Balaneski, Rick Bozak, and Shawn Jacula.

March 16, 2017

8. [Support Grows for Prospective Drag Strip at Airport](#) – by Mike Davies, Campbell River Mirror

Jim Johnson and the rest of the [Vancouver Island Motorsports Association \(VIMSA\)](#) board seem to be gaining traction off the starting line when it comes to their proposed drag racing facility out by the Campbell River Airport. That's if the attendance at Sunday's information session and first annual general meeting is anything to go by.

9. [Air Canada's YQQ-YVR Service to Double in Coming Months](#) – Comox Airport News Release

Air Canada (AC) will increase its current Comox-Vancouver service of two flights per day to four flights in preparation for the summer season. The extra capacity resulting from the service addition is well timed to meet YQQ's peak summer demand.



Cavan Monaghan Township office and Peterborough City Hall

10. [Peterborough' Chamber of Commerce Supports Annexation Agreement Between City and Cavan Monaghan Township](#) – Peterborough This Week

PETERBOROUGH — The Peterborough Chamber of Commerce is calling on the City of Peterborough to move ahead with an annexation agreement with Cavan Monaghan Township. The agreement would see Peterborough receive lands currently in the township, while in exchange the township and Peterborough County would receive yearly compensation from the city.

11. [New Safety Rules for Recreational Drone Use Take Immediate Effect](#) - CNW

TORONTO - Canadians expect to feel safe on the ground & in the sky. The number of incidents involving recreational drones has more than tripled since 2014, prompting the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport to introduce a measure to prevent the reckless use of drones that is putting the safety of Canadians at risk. Today at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, in the presence of airport, airline & pilot representatives, Minister Garneau announced an immediate [measure](#) which will affect the operations of model aircraft & recreational drones of more than 250 g & up to 35 kg.

12. [New Canadian Drone Regulations Welcomed by Porter Airlines](#) – CNW

TORONTO - Porter Airlines strongly supports the interim order introduced today by Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, to regulate recreational drones. The increasing use of drones must be appropriately managed in a way that emphasizes safety for everyone.



13. [WestJet Applauds Minister Garneau's Crack Down on Recreational Drones](#) - CNW

CALGARY - WestJet today thanks the federal Transport Minister, Marc Garneau for adopting tighter regulations around the use of drones for recreational purposes. "The safety of the flying public is paramount for everyone involved in commercial aviation," said Cam Kenyon, WestJet Executive Vice President, Operations.

14. [WestJet Pilots' Association Rallies Behind New Safety Regulations](#) – CNW

CALGARY - The WestJet Pilots' Association (WJPA) supports the new safety rules regarding the operation of recreational drones announced today by the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport. WJPA representatives attended today's announcement at the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport to show their support of the interim order. "We recognize the potential hazard to aviation safety posed by recreational drones and we applaud the interim measures announced today," said Captains Paul Ysselmuiden and Patrick Bruce, Co-Chairs of the WJPA.



15. [Editorial: Private Ports](#) – North Shore News

Who has ever made their way through a busy airport and thought, "Gee, what this place needs is a middleman looking to add a profit margin?" But that's essentially what's on the table.

March 17, 2017

16. [New Drone Rules Hamper Recreational Use in Northern Communities](#) – by Marc Winkler, CBC News

Some drone-owners in the North are looking to sell their machines after federal regulations were released Thursday prohibiting their use within nine kilometres of an airport. Drones also need to be at least 75 metres away from people and buildings.



An aerial photo taken by Kristian Binder of the Aboriginal Day celebrations last year at Jim Koe Park in Inuvik, N.W.T. New regulations now prohibit the use of drones within nine kilometres of an airport, which would encompass all of Inuvik. (submitted by Kristian Binder)

17. [Kamloops Airport Sees Decline in Number of Flights](#) – KamloopsBCNow.com

The Kamloops Airport saw a decline in the number of flights this February compared to the previous year. February saw a significant drop in the number of air travelers and Fred Legace, managing director of the Kamloops Airport says it has t do with the Alberta Market.

18. [Local Flyers Had Anticipated Drone Rules for Quite Some Time](#) – by Collin Gallant, Medicine Hat News

Recreational drone pilots will now face stiff fines for taking off within nine kilometres of any airport in Canada after a federal government announcement Thursday that essentially bans flights throughout Medicine Hat. The measures however, don't apply to commercial



NEWS PHOTO EMMA BENNETT Local photographer and videographer Randy Feere, owner of RJF Productions, is pictured with his drone at the Medicine Hat RC Flying Club on Thursday, March 16, 2017. New national guidelines for flying drones within city limits were announced yesterday.

drone operators who are regulated separately, but could mean fines of \$3,000 for unlicensed flyers, or \$15,000 for companies not following rules.

19. [NAV CANADA Reports February Traffic Figures](#) – NAV CANADA News Release

NAV CANADA announced today its traffic figures for the month of February 2017 as measured in weighted charging units for en-route, terminal and oceanic air navigation services, in comparison to the last fiscal year. The traffic in February 2017 increased by an average of 1.7 per cent compared to the same month in 2016.

20. [Plane Makes Emergency Landing in Pickle Lake](#) – TbNewsWatch.com

PICKLE LAKE -- A North Star Air BT-67 cargo aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at the Pickle Lake airport on Friday. Ontario Provincial Police officers were called to the airport at 12:20 p.m.



"Airports, like Pearson, are natural monopolies," writes David Macdonald. "Whoever operates them has no real competition because it's just too expensive to build several international airports in Toronto." (RANDY RISLING / TORONTO STAR)



A North Star Air plane was involved in an accident on Friday, March 17, 2017 near Pickle Lake (handout).

21. [Selling Off Canada's Airports Could Result in Sky-High Prices](#) – by David MacDonald, Toronto Star

If the leaks are true, the upcoming federal budget will include an ill-advised move to sell off Canada's airports, which would result in both travellers and governments paying a heavy price. The potential sale of Canada's airports is part of a larger trend of "asset recycling," the politically popular term describing government sales of public assets to investors who then control prices and quality, often with little to no competition.

March 18, 2017

22. [Range Length Council's Call: CFO](#) – by Sabrina Bedford, The Brockville Recorder and Times

The province's Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) has informed Elizabethtown-Kitley Township shooting range extensions at a municipal airport here will no longer be approved unless the municipality agrees first. This latest development stems from a situation in which Reticle Ventures Canada Inc., the company developing a firearms facility at the Brockville-1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport in the township, constructed a 400-metre outdoor firing range on the property in November, despite a range limit of 50 metres set by the township.



Loyalist Shooting Club director Bryce Geoffery shows the Reticle-owned facility's shooting range in this Recorder and Times file photo.



23. [Chetwynd Airport Getting Some Upgrades Courtesy of Provincial Funding](#) – by Chris Newton, Energeticcity.ca
 CHETWYND, B.C. – Peace River South MLA Mike Bernier was in Chetwynd today to announce that the town's airport will receive \$1,301,350 in funding from the B.C. Air Access Program this year. The funding will go towards runway resurfacing at the Chetwynd Airport.



One of the planes came to rest in the parking lot of a shopping centre on Montreal's South Shore. (Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press)

24. [Air Traffic Control's Frantic Message Before Saint-Bruno Crash](#) – by Jonathan Montpetit, CBC News

Moments before two small airplanes collided with each other in the skies above a suburban shopping centre, air traffic control at Saint-Hubert airport, near Montreal, was trying desperately to warn one of the pilots of nearby traffic. "Papa November Papa, are you listening?" an air traffic controller is heard saying on a recording of the communications between the airport and planes in the area.

March 19, 2017

25. [Youth Express 150 Reasons Why They Love Canada Through Art Project](#) – by Julie Kotsis, Windsor Star

The community is dropping in and leaving its mark on a mural symbolizing Windsor and marking Canada's 150th birthday that will be displayed across the country. ... A digital copy of the finished mural will be displayed at Windsor Airport this summer.

March 20, 2017

26. [Students Test the Elements and Their Limits](#) – by Sabrina Bedford, The Kingston Whig-Standard

It wasn't your typical March Break getaway, but a group of university students geared up and took part in an exhaustive series of outdoor exercises in Tincap that kept them awake and hustling for 40 straight hours. ... All enrolled in the university's Smith School of Business, the students spent 40 hours completing a series of tasks at Reticle Ventures Inc., based at the Brockville 1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport.

27. [There's Still Time to Comment on Airplane Noise Over](#)

Oakville – by Marta Marychuk, Oakville Beaver

Oakville residents have until Friday, March 31, to provide comments or feedback on the issue of airplane noise in town. Helios, an aviation consultancy hired by Nav Canada to conduct an independent review of Toronto airspace, held a community consultation on Thursday, March 2, at St. Luke's Community Centre.



There's still time to comment on airplane noise

28. [No Decision Made on Sell-Off of Canada's Airports: Finance Minister](#) – by Bruce Campion-Smith, The Star

OTTAWA—Ottawa has made no decisions on the sell-off of Canada's big airports and the government continues to weigh its options, Finance Minister Bill Morneau says. The federal Liberals have been looking at the potential sale of major airports, now run by not-for-profit airport authorities, to reap a windfall that could be directed to other spending priorities.

March 21, 2017

29. [County Accused of Taking the Competitive Edge](#) – by Ben Proulx, Sherwood Park News

Strathcona County is being accused of unfair competition between municipally-operated and volunteer-run airports. On Feb. 21, the volunteer team at the local Cooking Lake Airport sent a request to the federal Competition Bureau of Canada to investigate allegations against Strathcona County of "anti-competitive practices", saying: "Strathcona County has granted its Warren Thomas Aerodrome massive financial advantages, including property tax exemptions, and taxpayer-funded subsidies, while withholding similar equitable treatments from the Cooking Lake Airport."



Jim Johannsson File Photo



30. [SLIDE SHOW: Langley-Built Biplanes in France for Vimy Anniversary](#) – by Dan Ferguson, Langley Times

A squadron of replica First World War biplanes that includes three Langley-built aircraft has arrived at the airport in Lille, France, just in time for the [100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge](#). The two Sopwith Pups, built by volunteers at the [Canadian Museum of Flight](#) at the Langley airport, were partially disassembled and packed into a Royal Canadian Air Force transport jet at Comox air force base on March 17 for shipment to France, along with a Langley-built SE5a and four replica Nieuport 11 'Bebe' biplanes of the same era.



Director Lorne Kelsey of business development and director Joyce Manser of corporate services take a break on Tuesday March 21, 2017 outside The Loomed Group at the Peterborough Airport in Peterborough, Ont. Loomex is launching a western division office and is hiring two staff to assist the growing sales in Calgary. Clifford Skarstedt/Peterborough Examiner/Postmedia Network

31. [Peterborough Airport Operator Loomex Expands into Western Canada](#) – by Jason Bain, The Peterborough Examiner

Launching a new sales office in Calgary is a sign of The Loomex Group's commitment to serving that part of the country, according to the city-based company's director of business development, Lorne Kelsey. "We're looking to get a stronghold in Western Canada," he said after CEO Trent Gervais announced the hiring of Western Division manager Mary Clare Massicotte and lead instructor Ron Adams to assist with growing sales.

32. [No Plans for Airport Sales in Liberals' Federal Budget](#) – by Bill Curry, The Globe and Mail

Wednesday's federal Liberal budget won't announce plans to sell off Canada's major airports, even though such a move could raise billions in one-time revenue for a government that has little room left for new spending. The Globe and Mail has learned that, while the issue of airport privatization will continue to be debated inside government, it will not be resolved in this week's budget.



A six-year-old boy kept 911 dispatchers busy for about 40 minutes with false reports. File photo

33. [Six-Year-Old Keeps 911 Dispatchers Tied Up](#) – by Mark Brett, Penticton Western News
Penticton RCMP are urging people to make sure children understand the dangers misusing the 911 emergency number after a six-year-old boy kept dispatchers busy for about 40 minutes one day last week. The boy, who, at the time, was not under the direct supervision of his grandfather at a residence on Hemlock Street, made the first call to 911 on March 14 at 1:20 p.m. reporting a robbery at the Penticton Regional Airport.

34. [Funding for Pitt Airport Infrastructure](#) – Maple Ridge News

Pitt Meadows Regional Airport will receive \$280,000 in funding from the B.C. Air Access Program this year for construction of the main terminal helipad, the provincial government announced Monday. "With the completion of the main terminal helipad in Pitt Meadows, YPK airport will be able to expand its services," said Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows MLA Doug Bing.



Airport manager Elvio Pecchio and MLA Doug Bing (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows). — image credit: Flickr

35. [Airport Privatization Could Hike Costs and Threaten Security, Ambrose Says](#) – by Kathleen Harris, CBC News

A "botched" job of selling off Canada's airports would be costly for travellers and could even threaten national security, interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose says. The government is studying the potential privatization of some of Canadian airports, but has not yet made any decision.

36. [Canada Mulls Joining U.S., Britain Electronics Ban for Flights](#) – by Rover Fife et al, The Globe and Mail

Transport Minister Marc Garneau says Canada is evaluating intelligence passed on by the United States to determine if it should require passengers travelling from some Middle East countries to pack all large electronic devices other than mobile cellphones in their checked baggage. U.S. Homeland Secretary John Kelly spoke by telephone Tuesday with Mr. Garneau to explain why the Trump administration has ruled that only cellphones and smartphones will be allowed in the passenger cabin of flights into the United States from 10 airports in eight Muslim-majority countries.



37. [Amherstburg Approves of Snowbirds Flypast](#) – by Mary Caton, Windsor Star
Amherstburg council will send a letter to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds authorizing a community flyover when the team is in the area for a May air show at Windsor Airport. The Snowbirds are appearing in Windsor May 27-28.



March 22, 2017



An almost 13,000-square-foot fire hall and training centre will be constructed on this site at the Boundary Bay Airport at a cost of approximately \$8 million. Photograph by Gord Goble

38. [Construction Start Gets Closer for Fire Hall at Boundary Bay Airport](#) – by Ian Jacques, Delta Optimist

Delta is moving closer to the start of construction of the Boundary Bay Airport fire hall. At a special meeting of Delta council last Wednesday, councillors approved a motion to award a contract for site pre-loading work in the amount of \$227,000 to Key-West Asphalt.

39. [Inaugural Meeting of Flying Club to be Held March 29 in Gore Bay](#) – by Alicia McCutcheon, Manitoulin Expositor

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Transport pilot Wade Cook is looking to make the best of his newfound Island home and all that it, and he, has to offer—including the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Airport. ... The former Boeing 727 pilot noted that airport manager Robbie Colwell has been urging him to do something with his skills for some time, and he decided to act.



Gore Bay Flying Club

40. [Drone Restrictions Welcome: GP Airport](#) – by Kevin Hampson, Daily Herald-Tribune

New restrictions on recreational drone users are a good thing for the Grande Prairie Airport and the general public, said airport CEO Brian Grant. The restrictions, announced last week by Federal Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, limit the use of unmanned aerial vehicles near people, animals, buildings and airports.



Writer Carolyn Evans Hammond steps off the plane at Niagara District Airport. The roughly 12-minute flight from Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto is the shortest regular scheduled flight in North America. (BERNARD WEIL/TORONTO STAR)

41. [Editorial: 'Good Show,' as History Takes to the Air](#) – Opinion, Langley Times

Canadian Museum of Flight general manager Mike Sattler summed it up best when he described seeing one of two Sopwith Pup replicas take to the air at the Langley airport as an “absolutely wow” moment. Wow, indeed.

42. [Fly to Wine Country from Toronto in 12 Minutes](#) – by Caroline Evans, The Star

Hey, did you know you can now hop on a 12-minute flight from Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake? It's true. And it will only set you back \$180 return, creating the foundation for a great little wine-tasting adventure when you're tight for time but need a getaway.

43. [Looking to Fly Your Drone for Fun in Sault Ste. Marie?](#) – by Kenneth Armstrong, SooToday.com

Welcome to a no drone zone. New federal rules that restrict recreational drone users from flying within 75 metres of buildings, vehicles and people effectively eliminates their use within the city for recreational users.



Screenshot of National Research Council Canada's UAV site selection map for Sault Ste. Marie. Areas in red show where flight is restricted to recreational drone operators.



44. [Smithers Airport Expansion Project Receives Contribution from Northern Trust](#) – by John Crawford, cftktv.com

The Smithers Airport Expansion project has received another financial boost -- this one from the Northern Development Initiative Trust. And both the mayor and the airport's manager are hoping to have shovels in the ground later this spring.

45. [Money Lands at Airport](#) – by Darren Handschuh, castanet.net

Close to a million dollars has landed at the Vernon airport thanks to the B.C. government. The latest of a flurry of funding announcements from the ruling BC Liberal Party has the airport receiving \$823,700 in funding from the B.C. Air Access Program this year for runway rehabilitation.



An aerial view of the Penticton Regional Airport. Western News file photo

46. [WestJet Seasonal Flight on Pause](#) – by Kristi Patton, Penticton Western News

Penticton will drop to just one flight to Calgary leaving the airport starting May 1. WestJet media relations director Lauren Stewart said the seasonal second flight will end, but they will continue with the daily WestJet Encore Flight that still allows for a connection to Calgary and the broader WestJet network.



March 23, 2017

47. [COFFEE WITH ... Maxine Montgomery](#) – by Erin Haluschak, Comox Valley Record
Maxine Montgomery was on a river cruise when she got the call. “Why wouldn’t I do it?” was her first thought when she was offered a contract from airport CEO Fred Bigelow, to be the market development manager for the Comox Valley Airport.



Maxine Montgomery is new to the Comox Valley. — image credit: Erin Haluschak

48. [OUR VIEW: Privatizing Airports is a Very Bad Idea](#) – New West Record
Who has ever made their way through a busy airport and thought, “Gee, what this place needs is a middleman looking to add a profit margin?” But that’s essentially what’s on the table.



49. [Red Bull to Bring RallyCross Auto Racing Championship to Ottawa as Canada 150 Event](#) – by Vito Pilioci, Ottawa Citizen

Red Bull is adding Ottawa as a stop in its 2017 Global Rallycross racing series this June, marking the first time one of the events has been held in Canada. The two-day race event on June 17-18 features 16 drivers at the wheel of 600-horsepower super cars on a track that will be built at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum. The course will incorporate part of the runway at the Rockcliffe Airport, but will require construction of a large dirt track component, complete with a 70-foot jump near the finish line, to complete the circuit.



Welland council deferred a motion to divest its interest in Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport this past Tuesday night. The question of who will pay for an environmental assessment of the airport was brought forward during the meeting.

50. [Welland Defers Airport Report](#) – by Dave Johnson, Welland Tribune
As Welland prepares to divest its interest in Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport, the question of who will pay for an environmental site assessment of the facility is being raised. And whether it’s even required.

51. [Aircraft Movement Statistics: Major Airports, January 2017](#) – Statistics Canada
There were 368,640 aircraft take-offs and landings in January at the 91 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations, compared with 362,599 movements in January 2016. Both itinerant movements and local movements increased in January 2017 on a year-over-year basis.

52. [Breslau Airport Welcomes New Federal Regulations Governing Use of Drones](#) – by Whitney Neilson, ObserverXtra.com

Drones the kind of tech toys that appeal to you? Before taking to the skies, you’d better check exactly where you can fly, after new rules for recreational drone use were issued last week.



Firefighters Dexter Giesbrecht (from left), Jesse Wallace-Webb, Tyler Olsen, Bryce Wiebe, Thomas Blaszczyk, Nicklas Pankratz and Smokey the Bear join MLA Coralee Oakes, fire centre manager Krista Dunleavey, MLA Donna Barnett as they cut the ribbon to officially open the new \$7.1 million Cariboo Fire Centre at the Williams Lake Airport Thursday. — image credit: Monica Lamb-Yorski photo

53. [New Fire Centre Open for the Season at the Williams Lake Airport](#) – by Monica Lamb-Yorski, Williams Lake Tribune

Under sunny skies government officials helped open the brand new \$7.1 million Cariboo Fire Centre at the Williams Lake Airport Thursday. Built by Lauren Brothers Construction of Williams Lake, the new centre’s buildings replace 11 separate structures and trailers, some which were 40 years old.



Volunteers and participants wait aboard a plane for a flight to Disney World in Florida for the 2011 Dream Lift. (Brian Thompson/Expositor file photo)

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54. [2017 DreamLift Prepares for Takeoff](#) – Brantford Expositor
Another Sunshine DreamLift will soon be taking off. For the 62nd time since the first special flight left the tarmac in 1987, the Sunshine Foundation of Canada is taking more than 80 children with severe physical disabilities and life-threatening illnesses on a whirlwind trip of a lifetime.



55. OPINION: Big Discrepancy in Flight Cancellation Rates on Sault-Toronto Route – by Tom Mills, Sault Star

Many Saultites rely on flights to Toronto to get them to important appointments, connecting flights and family events. When the alternative is a couple of days of driving, dependable air service is vital to Sault Ste. Marie.



Aerial shot of the Yarmouth International Airport ©Contributed

56. Drone Regulations Welcomed at Yarmouth Airport – by Carla Allen, Yarmouth County Vanguard

YARMOUTH - The implementation of new Transport Canada safety rules for recreational drones and similar units is welcome news to management at the Yarmouth International Airport. Airport manager Mike Fields says the potential risk associated with unregulated use of model aircraft and recreational drones is serious.



Canadian Forces Snowbirds are scheduled to fly at the first Windsor airshow in years. (Mark Ausseneegg)

57. Windsor Airshow Back by Popular Demand, Say Organizers – CBC News

Windsor's first airshow in years is the result of popular demand, according to organizers of the event coming up in May. Airshow YQG was officially announced Friday by members of the Canadian Historical Aircraft Association and members of the airshow planning committee.



Seven students at Urban Aboriginal School created a mural to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. (Photo courtesy Tammy Fiegehen)

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58. Province Pledges Funds for Airport – by Jim Elliot, Salmon Arm Observer

The Salmon Arm Airport will be receiving an influx of provincial government funds which will go towards upgrading their fuelling system. The provincial government announced they will contribute \$225,000 which will fund the upgrades along with a \$75,000 contribution by the city of Salmon Arm.



Shuswap MLA Greg Kylo presents Salmon Arm Mayor Nancy Cooper and Councillor Kevin Flynn with \$225,000 from the BC Air Access program on Monday, March 20. The money will go towards relocating the Salmon Arm Airport's fuelling system. The city is also contributing \$75,000 to the project. - image credit: Jim Elliot/Salmon Arm Observer

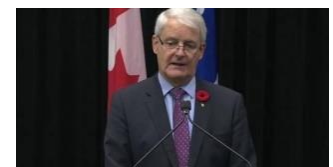
59. 'Wow' is Word for Canada 150 Mural – by Brian Kelly, Sault Star

Working with six other students at Urban Aboriginal School to create a mural that'll get national exposure celebrating Canada's 150th birthday brought "a big smile" to Jacob Carter's face and one word from his lips. ... A digital

image of the work will be featured on 300 digital billboards and seven airports, including Sault Ste. Marie Airport, with possibly more to come.

60. Will Airfares Be Lower if Foreign Ownership is Increased? – by Modou Sarr, hibusiness.ca

In a response to the increasing complaints of high airfares, the Transport Minister Marc Garneau revealed that the Liberal government is making plans to increase on foreign ownership of airlines in Canada from 25% to 49%. This came as good news to customers, but the main concern is whether this step will lower airfares.



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