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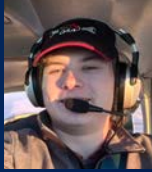


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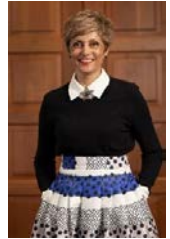
Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GONDEK

On behalf of my City Council colleagues, I want to welcome all in attendance at the Alberta Aviation Council Conference!

The Royal Canadian Air Force is marking its 100th anniversary in 2024, which is a momentous occasion and adds an extra layer of excitement for this conference.

Alberta's rich aviation history dates back to the tumultuous days of World War I. One story I would like to highlight is Calgary's own, Fred Robert Gordon McCall, who rose to prominence as a pilot displaying unmatched courage and skill. He earned many military decorations and saved countless lives. In recognition of his extraordinary achievements, the City of Calgary honoured Fred McCall by naming the new airport 'McCall Field' in 1956. Over time, this linkage has sadly been lost to most. Fred McCall's spirit and heroism shaped Calgary and I'm sure you would agree that it is important to highlight today.



It is heartening to see professionals, pioneers and enthusiasts converge to collaborate, exchange information and idea and promote the growth and prosperity of aerospace, airports and aviation in Alberta.

Thank you for choosing Calgary as the host city. We wish you another memorable and productive conference here in our city!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jyoti".

Jyoti Gondek
Mayor of Calgary



WELCOME FROM THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS



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*Office of the Minister
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Message from the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors 2024 Alberta Aviation Council Conference

Welcome to the 2024 Alberta Aviation Council Conference.

Since the beginning of flight in the early 20th century, aviation has been a key factor in Alberta's history and development, from flying medicine to remote communities in times of need, to training pilots and aircrew in World War 2, getting our goods to far away markets, and bringing tourists from around the world to partake in our natural wonders. The aviation industry has been vital to Alberta, and we recognize the importance of its well-being to our citizens as well as to all industries in the continued success and development of our province and its people.

We welcome companies like De Havilland Canada to Alberta and others that are considering the growth opportunities found in our great province. The Government of Alberta is supportive of this sector and many of our ministries have initiatives contributing to it, including the following:

- The recently launched Regional Airport Grant project by Transportation and Economic Corridors and our partner Ministry Jobs, Economy and Trade;
- The Airport Engagement that Transportation and Economic Corridors will co-lead this spring, along with the Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade and the Ministry of Tourism and Sport;
- The Aviation Bursary program offered to students in post-secondary aviation studies through Alberta Advanced Education, as well as the Aviation Centre of Excellence that Ministry is exploring;
- The Aviation Skills Grant offered by the Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade;
- The work Travel Alberta and its host, the Ministry Tourism and Sport, are doing to attract new airlines, routes, and connections into the Province; and
- The research and advice our Government receives from the Strategic Aviation Advisory Council.

All regions of the province can benefit from improved aviation services to help Albertans connect themselves and their goods to markets and increase Alberta's economic competitiveness globally. Our citizens enjoy world-class and developing transportation networks, infrastructure, and economic corridors, which in turn grow our economy, improve Albertans' quality of life, and attract the best and brightest from around the world. Our government knows it needs to work with stakeholders within our vast aviation sector to assess how it can best support our fast-growing provincial needs.

I hope you have a great conference, and I thank you for your contributions to both the aviation industry and Alberta.

Honourable Devin Dreeschen, ECA
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

WELCOME FROM OUR COUNCIL CHAIR



Kendra Kincade,
Chair

Welcome to the 2024 Alberta Aviation Conference!

In Alberta, our aviation and aerospace industry thrives with great potential for growth and innovation. Our diverse ecosystem of airports, airlines, drone companies, 4 Wing Cold Lake, and aviation training facilities like Mount Royal University, SAIT, and the Elevate Aviation Learning Centre, paints a vibrant picture of our dedication to meeting the demands of a dynamic market. Our province is at the forefront of technological advancement and we stand as a testament to Alberta's commitment to aviation and aerospace excellence.

At the Alberta Aviation Council, we are dedicated to growing our organization, amplifying our voice, and fostering unity within our industry. With the support of the Government of Alberta and industry stakeholders, we are poised to showcase our progress and chart the course for future success.

As we focus on the future, the Alberta Aviation Council invites passionate individuals to join us. Whether it's through board membership or committee involvement, your voice is vital in driving positive change.

I encourage each of you to immerse yourselves in this conference, to engage in meaningful conversations, and to make lasting connections that will propel our industry forward.

Thank you for being part of this exciting movement!

WELCOME FROM OUR CONFERENCE CHAIR



Brian Andrus,
Conference Chair 2024

The Alberta Aviation Council (AAC) welcomes you to our premier annual event encompassing all aspects of aviation and aerospace in Alberta.

The growth in this province over the last few years has been amazing. From post-secondary education to pilot training to new airlines and manufacturers, the heightened activity in the aviation and aerospace community has been remarkable.

AAC would like to provide a huge thank to the Ministry of Jobs Economy and Trade for their contribution to the major sponsorship of this conference. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our valued sponsors, exhibitors, and supporters. Their support makes a significant impact to our conference and we would encourage you to extend a personal thanks for their involvement.

Thank you to the AAC Board of Directors and the conference planning committee for putting together this event. A special acknowledgement to all the volunteers who have contributed hundreds of hours into making this a meaningful conference for you. These volunteers worked extremely hard over the last eight months to plan and prepare for this conference. Thank you!

A final thanks to all the delegates who chose to attend our conference. We hope you enjoy your time – Welcome Aboard!

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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: *Meet and Greet*, Railyard Brewing

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM: *Opening Remarks*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Hosts: Kendra Kincade, Sophia Wells

8:10 AM: *Greetings*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Speakers: Hon Matt Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek,

8:30 AM: *Opening Speaker Address*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Speaker: Vic Chaudhary, CEO, HeavyAero

9:05 AM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

The Wings of Tomorrow

Panel: Sophia Wells (Moderator), Hannah MacKay (Edmonton Flying Club and Elevate Aviation), Alissa Stirling (WestJet Encore), Anas Abdulazim (ISS)

9:05 AM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Rotary Session

Panel: Jordan Freake (Moderator), Trevor Mitchell (Helicopters Association of Canada), Mark Hodgson (Helisource Ltd), Sean Rickards (Yellowhead Helicopters)

9:50 AM: *Energy Break* sponsored by Mountain View County

10:20 AM: *Charting the Future of Alberta Airports with Industry Leaders*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Panel: Steve Michoulas (Moderator), Chris Miles (Calgary International Airport), Monette Pasher (Canadian Airports Council), Carmen Donnelly (Edmonton International Airport), Denean Robinson (Fort McMurray Airport Authority)

11:05 AM: *Lunch* sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd.

12:25 PM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

Awareness and Opportunities in General Aviation

Panel: Hannah McKay (Moderator), George Farrington (COPA), Ken Zachkewich (Alberta Air Tours) Allison Pelletier (Calgary Flying Club)

12:25 PM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Creating Civility in the Workplace

Speaker: Dr. Lew Bayer

1:15 PM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

Alberta Aviation Careers Alliance: Creating Pathways

Panel: Sophia Wells (Moderator), Nova Andrews (Elevate Aviation), Lara Barnett (Careers), Ryan Geddes (Canadian Council for Aviation and Aerospace), Scott Cadwell, Anders Klues (Avmax Aviation Services)

1:15 PM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

What's Happening with Aerospace In Alberta?

Panel: Brian Andrus (Moderator), Amy Smith (Calgary Economic Development), Denean Tomlin (SkyAlyne), Ben Hewitt (University of Calgary)

2:00 PM: *Energy Break* sponsored by Mountain View County

2:15 PM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

RPAS, RPA & UAV

Panel: Charmain Calancia (Moderator), Derek Krivak (Flight Insight Inc), Genevieve Dacambra (Suncor Energy)

2:15 PM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Recruitment and Retention in Aviation

Panel: Kirstan Jewell (Moderator), Stephanie Shrum (Canadian Apprenticeship Forum), Nova Andrews (Elevate Aviation), Kyle Hunt (Winnipeg Airports Authority), Justin Jimmy (Urban Cree Consulting)

3:05 PM: *Only Up – Documentary*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Panel: Sophia Wells (Moderator), Kendra Kincade (Only Up – Director), Blaire Hamilton (Air Racer), Cassandra Hepp (HeavyAero)

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 29, BLACKFOOT CD BALLROOM

6:00 PM: *Cocktail Hour*, Music by Dean Lauderdale

7:00 PM: *Welcome*, Kendra Kincade, Sophia Wells

7:05 PM: *Dinner*

8:00 PM: *Scholarships & Awards*

8:35 PM: *Featured Guest Speaker*

Speaker: Shaesta Waiz, The Youngest Woman to Fly Solo Around the World in a Single Engine in 2017

9:30 PM: *Draws for Prizes*

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 AM: *Breakfast*

9:00 AM: *Welcome*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Hosts: Kendra Kincade, Sophia Wells

9:10 AM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

Guardian Angels in Aviation

Panel: Michael Curtis (Moderator), Bill Dimmer (CASARA), Jason Arthur (STARS)

9:10 AM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

AME Overview

Panel: Charmain Calancia (Moderator), Nicole Holinaty (HeavyAero), Marc Hanatschek, (Centennial Flight Center), Mel Cornelius (RMA)

10:00 AM: *Fireside Chat with RCAF 4 Wing Commander*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Speaker: Colonel David Turenne, Cold Lake Wing Commander

10:30 AM: *Energy Break* sponsored by Fort McMurray International Airport (YMM)

10:45 AM: *Fireside chat with NAV CANADA CEO*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Speaker: Ray Bohn, President and CEO, Nav Canada

11:20 AM: *ULCC Outlook: The Future of Affordable Air Travel*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Fireside Chat: Michael Stimac (Moderator), Stephen Jones (Flair Airlines)

12:05 PM: *Lunch*

1:05 PM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

Safety, Training, Insurance & Risk Management

Panel: Charmain Calancia (Moderator), James Colvin (Serious Industrial Motion Simulators), Josh Varickanickal (Canadian Aircraft Insurance Group), Max Mitchell (NFP Canada)

1:05 PM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Electrification Panel

Panel: Hannah McKay (Moderator), Anna Pangrazzi (Apex Aircraft), Erika Holtz (Harbour Air)

1:50 PM: *Energy Break* sponsored by Energy Break sponsored by Fort McMurray International Airport (YMM)

2:05 PM: Breakout Session 1, Blackfoot B Ballroom

Aviation Management and Leadership Training

Panel: Lynda Holden (SAIT)

2:05 PM: Breakout Session 2, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Career Trajectory and Networking Mentorship

Panel: Sophia Wells (Moderator), Christine Merrick (Elevate Aviation), Deanna Wiebe (MRU Aviation), Stephanie Hogewoning (SAIT), Kyla Ewasiuk (College of Aeronautics), Tim Kitchen (James Folwer High school)

2:55 PM: *Closing Remarks*, Blackfoot CD Ballroom

Hosts: Kendra Kincade, Sophia Wells

3:05 PM: *Award Ceremony for AME Competition*

Hosts: Cassandra Hepp (HeavyAero), Nicole Holinaty (HeavyAero)



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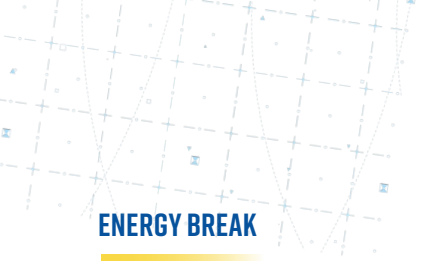


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SHAESTA WAIZ KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Shaesta Waiz became the youngest woman to fly solo around the world in a single-engine in 2017. The global flight was launched through her non-profit, Dreams Soar, which aims to inspire the next generation of STEM and aviation professionals.

Waiz's upbringing was turbulent. Born in a refugee camp, Shaesta and her family traveled from Afghanistan to America in 1987 to escape the Afghan-Soviet war. They lived in an underprivileged school district where substitute teachers, sharing textbooks with classmates, and witnessing friends drop out of high school was the norm. It wasn't until she found aviation that she started thinking about having a career and attending college. Waiz is now a commercial pilot who has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in aviation.

SHAESTA'S STORY

Through Dreams Soar, Shaesta is bringing tech-forward and innovative solutions to the aviation workforce. Waiz currently serves as a STEM Ambassador to the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). She is the host of the AVIATE with Shaesta podcast, where she provides women in aviation to express themselves, along with the challenges they face as a minority in the aviation and aerospace industry. Shaesta is a mother and wife of an airline pilot. She enjoys cooking, reading, and advocating for women.

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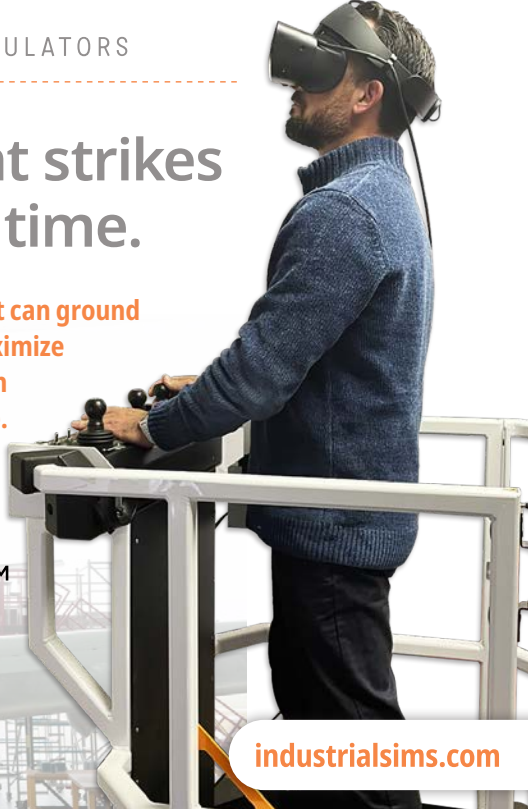
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