CANADIAN AVIATION CONFERENCE & TRADESHOW

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Sessions are subject to change

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Monday, November 16 (Pre-Conference)

09:00 – 13:30	**Board of Directors' Meeting (Board Members Only)** ***(Lunch Sponsored by WASCO)***
13:30 – 17:30	**Pre-Conference Workshop: Beyond SAF – What ESG Really Means for Canadian Aviation** *Stephanie Bertels, Professor of Sustainability - Simon Fraser University; Constance Drilhon, Snr Director Sustainability – CAE; Nancy Foran, President & Founder - ESG Partners; Airline (TBC) and MRO (TBC)* > This workshop will take participants through three practical steps: 1. **Understand the ESG landscape** Learn where ESG comes from, where aviation stands today, and where industry expectations are heading. 2. **Explore real-world case studies** Discover how aviation organizations are turning ESG into business value while understanding the risks of inaction. 3. **Participate in an interactive workshop** Exchange ideas with industry peers, discuss upcoming challenges and help shape a collaborative approach for the future of Canadian aviation.
16:00 – 17:30	**Associations Presidents' Meeting *(by invitation only)***
18:00 – 20:00	**"Usual Suspects Dinner" for Flight Training Community *(by invitation only)***
20:00 – 23:00	**"Moose Milk" Reception / Welcome Reception *(Everybody welcome)*** ***(Co-Sponsored by Global Aerospace, Air Inuit, Apex Aircraft Sales, Northern Lights Aero Foundation and PAL Airlines)***

Tuesday, November 17

07:30 – 17:30	**Registration**
08:00 – 15:00	**Exhibitor Set up**
08:30 – 11:00	**Air Cargo Committee**
08:30 – 11:45	**Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 1**
08:30 – 12:00	**Flight Training Committee (Session 1)**
09:00 – 11:45	**Cabin Operations Committee**
09:00 – 11:45	**Safety Committee and C-CAST (Session 1)**
10:00 – 10:30	**Coffee Break** in Foyer ***(Sponsored by The Boeing Company)***
11:00 – 12:00	**Dangerous Goods Committee (Session 1) (MEMBERS ONLY)** > **SWAP SHOP**
12:00 – 13:30	**Industry Luncheon (Ticketed Event)** ***(Co-Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and NAV CANADA)*** > **ATAC Awards Presentation** > **DCAM Award Presentation** > **Keynote Speaker: Neil Van Andel, Air Canada - Pioneering Aircraft Drone Inspection in Canada**
13:30 – 17:00	**Dangerous Goods Committee with Regulator (Session 2)**
13:30– 17:00	**Flight Training Committee (Session 2)**
13:30 – 17:00	**Safety Committee and C-CAST (Session 2)**
14:00 – 17:00	**Security Committee (MEMBERS ONLY – NO MEDIA)**
14:00 – 17:00	**Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 2**

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break in Foyer**
(Sponsored by Air Canada Maintenance) MAINTENANCE

17:00 – 19:00 **Opening Reception in the Tradeshow**
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Wednesday, November 18

07:00 – 17:30 **Registration**

07:15 – 08:15 **Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow**
(Sponsored by Deutsche Aircraft) DEUTSCHE AIRCRAFT

08:15 – 08:45 **92nd Annual Meeting**
> Chair's Remarks
> Treasurer's Report
> President's Annual Report

08:45 – 09:00 **Exhibitors Spotlight**

09:00 – 09:20 **ATAC Year-in-Review**
Julie Mailhot, Air Transport Association of Canada

09:20 – 10:00 **Coffee Break in the Tradeshow**
(Sponsored by Air Support) AIR SUPPORT

10:00 – 11:00 **Plenary Session with Transport Canada Civil Aviation**
Michel Béland and Jamie MacDermid, Transport Canada

11:00 – 11:15 **Exhibitors Spotlight**

11:15 – 12:00 **Plenary Session on Human Factor of Pilot During Cyber Threat**
Hans Obas, A330 Captain

12:00 – 13:30 **Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow**
(Co-Sponsored by Avmax)

13:30 – 14:30 **Fireside Chat with CEOs**
Speakers: Joseph Sparling, Air North; Shelly De Caria, Canadian North; Joey Petrisor, Perimeter Aviation and Derek Nice, Rise Air
Moderator: Tracy Medve, KF Aerospace
> Together, these northern aviation leaders will explore the critical challenges shaping air transportation across Northern Canada, including airport infrastructure and funding, navigation and weather services, regulatory requirements, duty time constraints, workforce shortages, and the long-term sustainability of regional air service. From runway standards and airport modernization to pilot recruitment, fatigue regulations, and sustainable funding models, this conversation will examine what must change to ensure northern communities have access to safe, reliable, and affordable air transportation.

14:30 – 15:15 **Plenary Session with Chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada**
Yoan Marier, Transportation Safety Board of Canada

15:15 **Coffee Break in room**
(Sponsored by ATR) ATR

15:15 – 15:30 **Introduction of New Chair of the Canadian Transportation Agency**
Alain Langlois, Canadian Transportation Agency

15:30 – 16:30 **Plenary Session with NAV CANADA**
Marie-Pier Berman and Amanda Sarginson, NAV CANADA
> Strategic Initiatives (TBO and CNMU, DAATS) including joining SESAR
> ANS Outlook – i.e. DME expansion/resiliency
> Traffic Forecast and Financial Strategy Update
> System Performance: Summer 2026 Retrospective
> Training and Recruiting
> LOS - Aeronautical study updates, VAMP
> ADS-B in Classes C, D, and E

16:00 – 19:00 **ATAC Tradeshow Connect (Ticketed event for invited guests)**
This is a new networking opportunity taking place in the tradeshow area for full-conference delegates, as well as exhibitors who wish to bring local employees, customers, prospects, and operational staff, particularly those who directly use exhibitors' products and services.

16:30 – 17:00 **Plenary Session on Lithium Battery**
David Wroth, UL Standards & Engagement
Turning Lithium Battery Incident Data into Aviation Safety Action
Lithium battery thermal runaway incidents continue to be a growing concern across the aviation sector. Learn how TRIP (Thermal Runaway Incident Program) is helping the industry better understand and mitigate those risks.
1. Understand the emerging risk landscape.
2. Discover how industry data is driving safety improvements.
3. Explore the power of industry collaboration.

17:00 – 19:00 **Chair's Reception in the Tradeshow**
(Sponsored by Air Canada Maintenance)

Thursday, November 19

07:30 – 15:00 **Registration**

07:30 – 08:30 **Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow**
(Co-Sponsored by The Benefits Trust)

08:25 – 12:00 **Legal Committee ** Eligible for CLE ** (LEGAL COMMUNITY ONLY)**

08:30 – 12:00 **Flight Training Committee (Session 3)**

08:45 – 09:45 **ATAC Exhibitor Committee with ATAC's President (All Exhibitors Welcome)**

09:00 – 10:00 **Joint Environment and Flight Operations Committee**
> **Taking off Permafrost: Impact of Climate Change to Northern Runways**
Dr. Michael Allard, Université Laval and Dr. Fabrice Calmels, Yukon University

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee Break in the Tradeshow**
(Sponsored by Vancouver International Airport)

10:30 – 12:00 **Environment Committee**

10:30 – 12:00 **Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 1)**

12:00 – 13:30 **Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow**

13:30 – 17:00 **Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 2)**

13:45 – 16:30 **Flight Training Committee (Session 4) (CLOSED SESSION – FTUs ONLY)**

13:30 – 17:00 **Human Resources Committee**

13:30 – 18:00 **Tradeshow Teardown**

14:15 – 16:45 **Accessibility Committee**

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break in Foyer**
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16:30 – 19:00 **Closing Reception**
(Sponsored by KF Aerospace)

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