

Alberta Aviation Summit

9797 Jasper Ave Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1N9, Canada

May 3 - Sunday

Networking Reception

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06:00PM - 09:00PM

The Banquet
(Edmonton ICE
District)

Connect with industry leaders, innovators, and partners in a relaxed evening setting. The Networking Reception offers a perfect opportunity to build relationships, exchange ideas, and foster new collaborations across the aerospace and defence sectors.

May 4 - Monday

Private Breakfast Event

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07:30AM - 08:45AM

Salon 3

Inspiring Leadership, Inspiring Progress.

This event offers a unique opportunity to hear from a select group of leaders about the latest trends, initiatives, and innovations shaping aviation, aerospace, and defense. Our theme, Women Transforming the Future, highlights the vision and impact of women driving progress across these industries.

Michele Evans



Assistant Deputy Minister

Prairies Economic Development Canada, Alberta Region

Michele Evans provides leadership to PrairiesCan, the federal government’s regional economic development agency in Alberta. Michele has been a public servant for nearly 20 years, holding senior leadership positions with the

Government of Alberta in sectors like immigration, workforce, tourism, economic development and health.

Before entering public service, Michele worked in the private sector in the pharmaceutical industry.

Michele holds a Masters of Health Science from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan.

Callie Lissinna

Callie Lissinna co-founded Wyvern, the first company to sell hyperspectral imagery from space. She graduated from the Y Combinator startup accelerator with her co-founders in 2022 and from Creative Destruction Lab (Toronto, space stream) in 2019. She has held various roles in business operations, leadership, engineering, and sales, and has helped the company raise over \$24MM in funding to date. Previously she managed the AlbertaSat student satellite program at the University of Alberta. This included leading in-orbit operations of Ex-Alta 1—the first satellite ever made in Alberta—for the last 12 of its 18 months in orbit. Callie holds a BSc. Mechanical Engineering with a mathematics minor from the University of Alberta. In the evenings she teaches dance classes to kids and teens.

Dr. Susan Skone

Associate VP (Research) at UCalgary, co-leading the SD Tech MIF in Alberta, holding significant funding from the Canadian Space Agency, running a start up company under the prestigious NATO DIANA accelerator program, serving in the Royal Canadian Navy

Morning Coffee & Tea

**May 4 -
Monday**

08:00AM - 09:00AM

Start the day with fresh coffee, tea, muffins, and biscuits while networking and getting ready for the sessions ahead.

Grand Opening

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09:00AM - 09:30AM

MLA Justin Wright



Justin Wright serves as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Cypress-Medicine Hat in Alberta.

With over 20 years of experience in entrepreneurship, business management, and public service, he has established himself as a multifaceted leader.

As the founder of Fryer Tuck's Food Truck Inc., Wright successfully scaled the business to eight locations in just 18 months. After his election as MLA for Cypress Medicine Hat in spring of 2023 he handed the running to his business partners. He was recently appointed Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health-South, Chief Caucus Whip and also serves as the Alberta Government Military Liaison. Wright is actively involved in his constituency, supporting healthcare funding, education, and flood/drought protection projects, and has demonstrated a strong commitment to community mentorship through board service and coaching youth hockey.

AME Competition

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09:00AM - 04:00PM

Salon 12

The Canadian AME Competition brings together teams to compete, while also showcasing the skills and talents demonstrated in the everyday role of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. While this event is open to the public, it also involves daily tours of numerous high school groups from across Alberta. Students have the opportunity to try out hands-on activities and see our industry's talented AMEs first-hand!

09:30AM - 09:45AM

Hall D

Discover how Alberta is aligning its aviation, aerospace, and defence sectors around a shared vision. By breaking down silos and strengthening collaboration, the Provincial Council is helping build one unified industry voice to support growth, resilience, and long-term success across the province.

Kendra Kincade



Alberta AAD Chair | Air Traffic Controller | Director, Writer, Producer, Only Up | Founder, Elevate Aviation

With 26 years as an air traffic controller, Kendra founded Elevate Aviation, creating national programs that empower women and underrepresented groups, and produced Only Up, a documentary sharing resilience and hope. As Chair of the Alberta AAD she champions investment, collaboration, and workforce development across the sector. Recognized nationally and internationally with awards including the King Charles III Coronation Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, she leads with a commitment to building opportunity for the next generation.

09:45AM - 10:30AM

Hall D

Continuing the conversation: Discover how Alberta is bringing its aviation, aerospace, and defence sectors together. From breaking down silos to creating a unified industry voice, this dynamic group of speakers offer a high-level look at the province's shared vision and the opportunities it creates for everyone in the sector. Be inspired by what's next for Alberta's industry.

Max Schramm



Max Schramm is an accomplished aerospace executive with over 15 years of experience in leading strategy, operations, and commercial growth within the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) sector.

As the President and CEO of Lufthansa Technik Canada, he has successfully founded and scaled a high-growth Canadian subsidiary, overseeing all aspects of strategy, governance, operations, finance, and culture. Max has been instrumental in securing over CAD 243M in investments, establishing Lufthansa Technik's largest North American engine test cell and repair facility, and building a high-performing team of over 180 employees across three Canadian locations with a quarterly growth rate of 30 highly qualified jobs. His leadership is characterized by a strong focus on creating a people-first culture grounded in transparency, fairness, and trust.

Max's career trajectory includes pivotal roles such as Director of Sales Canada and Sales Manager Component Services at Lufthansa Technik AG, where he managed significant MRO contracts and drove commercial turnaround strategies. His academic credentials include an MBA in International Project Management from the University of Applied Sciences Wildau and a Bachelor of Arts in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the European University of Applied Sciences. Max is multilingual, proficient in German, English, and French, and brings a wealth of expertise in public-private partnerships, corporate governance, and global stakeholder alignment. Passionate about innovation and sustainability in the aviation industry, Max continues to inspire resilience and lasting impact through his authentic, hands-on leadership approach.

Myron Keehn



President and Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Airports

Myron's 30 years of experience working in the private and public sectors in North and South America, Asia, and Europe help him to see and implement new and effective approaches to airport developments and operations.

In Myron's 17 years at Edmonton Airports, he has driven the development of YEG's Airport City Sustainability Campus - an ecosystem of companies driving innovation in e-commerce, cargo/logistics, advanced manufacturing, and pharma. His vision and tenacity have attracted over \$1.2B USD of private investment to YEG. Myron's mission is to recast the roles that airports play, evolving beyond utilities into economic engines for cities, regions and countries.

Prior to YEG, Myron built a career focusing on how to drive economic potential of private and government-owned assets to maximize returns for countries by driving national investment and commercial plans.

Myron is an active Director on governing boards across a range of sectors including real estate, healthcare, private industry, and philanthropy.

LCol Tristan McKee



Lieutenant-Colonel Tristan McKee was born in Whitby, Ontario, and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering (Software). He completed the Canadian Forces pilot training program, flying the Slingsby Firefly, CT-156 Harvard II, and CT-155 Hawk. He earned his pilot wings in 2004.

In 2005, he was posted to Cold Lake, Alberta, where he completed Fighter Lead-in Training at 419 Squadron and subsequently the CF-18 Operational Training Unit at 410 Squadron. Upon graduating from the Fighter Pilot Course, he was posted to 425 Squadron in Bagotville, Quebec, where he served for three years and achieved Section Lead qualification.

In 2010, LCol McKee returned to 419 Squadron in Cold Lake as an Instructor Pilot on the CT-155 Hawk for the Fighter Lead-in Training program, earning an A Category Canadian Forces instructional rating. In 2013, he was posted to 410 Squadron as an Instructor Pilot on the CF-18 Hornet at the Operational Training Unit.

Promoted to Major in 2014, he joined 409 Squadron as Training Officer. In 2015, he was posted to 401 Squadron as part of the initial cadre establishing the newly formed unit, serving as Operations Officer for two years.

In 2017, LCol McKee was posted to NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs as an Aerospace Defense Planner, contributing to NORAD's CONPLAN 3310-21 for the air defense of North America. In 2021, he joined the Commander's Action Group, working directly for General VanHerck, Commander of NORAD and USNORTHCOM, as a strategic engagement lead.

After completing the Joint Command and Staff Program (Course 49) in Toronto in 2023, he earned a Master of Defence Studies degree and returned to Cold Lake as Commanding Officer of 4 Operational Support Squadron. He has since assumed his current role as Commanding Officer of 401 Squadron.

LCol McKee deployed twice to Operation IMPACT in Iraq, in 2014 and 2015. During his first rotation, he served as Fighter Detachment Flight Safety Officer, and during his second, as Fighter Detachment Operations Officer. He accumulated over 200 combat flight hours over Iraq and Syria.

Coffee Break - Recharge Lounge

May 4 -
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10:30AM - 11:00AM

Fidelity Manufacturing



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Indigenous Industry Partnerships

May 4 - Monday

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Salon 2

This session will highlight the role of Indigenous participation and partnerships within Western Canada's aviation, aerospace, and defence sectors. Speakers will explore opportunities for meaningful engagement, economic participation, and long-term collaboration across industry, communities, and governments. The discussion will focus on building respectful partnerships, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives, and identifying pathways for shared growth across the sector.

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Salon 3

This panel session will explore Alberta’s evolving aviation and aerospace manufacturing landscape. Panelists will discuss current capabilities, emerging opportunities, and what is needed to attract, grow, and retain manufacturing investment in the province. From global OEMs to local suppliers, the conversation will focus on collaboration, supply-chain readiness, workforce considerations, and Alberta’s value proposition as a manufacturing hub.

Lunch Break

**May 4 -
Monday**

12:00PM - 01:15PM

Executive Flight Centre



Executive Flight Centre (EFC) is a Canadian aviation service provider that has operated for over 40 years, specializing in aviation fuel, Fixed Base Operator (FBO) services, and airport management across Western Canada. Headquartered in Calgary, EFC maintains a regional network of facilities in Alberta and British Columbia, including multiple terminals at the Edmonton International Airport (YEG).

Recharge Lounge

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Propelling Change: Sustainability in Aviation

May 4 - Monday

01:15PM - 02:00PM

Salon 2

This session explores how innovation, policy, and cross-sector collaboration are driving sustainable aviation. Moving beyond pledges, we'll examine real-world progress, investment trends, and the scalable solutions reshaping the future of flight.

NAV Canada - Navigating the Future: The Evolution of Canada's Airspace

May 4 - Monday

01:15PM - 02:00PM

Salon 3

02:00PM - 02:45PM

Salon 2

Alberta is positioned to lead Canada's next wave of growth in aviation, aerospace, and defence — but leadership takes investment. This session brings together the organizations driving capital, innovation, and strategic partnerships into Alberta's sky-bound industries.

From airport expansions and aerospace R&D to advanced manufacturing and defence technology, hear how Alberta's economic development leaders are attracting global investors, supporting local companies to scale, and building the infrastructure for long-term competitiveness.

Whether you're an entrepreneur, policymaker, or investor, this is your roadmap to understanding where the opportunities are and how to get involved in Alberta's next major growth frontier.

Elliot Hewit



Manager, Aerospace & Defence Initiatives, Alberta Region
Prairies Economic Development Canada

Elliot has worked in a variety of sectors including tourism, retail sales, social work and even started his own company prior to joining the Government of Canada in 2000. Elliot began his public service career with Service Canada and later Agriculture Canada's Rural and Co-operatives promoting the federal government's role in economic development in rural communities across the prairies. He joined Western Economic Diversification(now PrairiesCan) in 2013 and has been supporting defence procurement activities for the department since 2015, now managing the Regional Defence Investment Initiative funding for Alberta.

Elliot loves travelling, riding motorcycles, BBQs, outdoor firepits, hiking and holds a black belt in karate which he teaches on a regular basis.

Tracey Scarlett

Executive Director, Venture Capital Association of Alberta (VCAA)

Paolo Bomben



Dr. Paolo Bomben is the Program Director for Aerospace, Defence & Advanced Materials at Alberta Innovates.

He leads Alberta Innovates' Aerospace and Defence programming.

He also leads the Bitumen Advanced Materials program which seeks to use existing value chains and/or develop new value chains to increase the output of non-combustion products derived from Alberta oil sands bitumen. He is the program manager for the Carbon Fibre Grand Challenge. Before joining Alberta Innovates Paolo spent time in sustainability consulting, and in hydrogen technology and solar cell development as a research scientist. Paolo has an undergraduate degree in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Windsor. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Calgary.

Airports as Economic and Community Enablers

May 4 - Monday

02:00PM - 02:45PM

Salon 3

This session will explore the evolving role of airports across Alberta, from regional connectivity to economic development and community engagement. Discussion will touch on infrastructure, events, innovation, and partnerships that support airport sustainability and growth, while positioning airports as key contributors to the broader aviation ecosystem.

Airline Operations in a Changing Landscape

May 4 - Monday

02:45PM - 03:30PM

Salon 2

From day-to-day operational realities to long-term strategic planning, airline operators face increasing complexity. This session explores key trends influencing airline operations today and highlights opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and alignment across the aviation ecosystem.

Maintenance is the backbone of aviation, aerospace, and defence—where safety, reliability, and mission readiness are won or lost.

As fleets become more complex and operational demands intensify, cutting-edge technologies are transforming how maintenance is performed and how engineers work on the frontline. From smarter diagnostics to advanced modification techniques, innovation is accelerating at every turn.

Join this breakout session to explore the technologies shaping maintenance today and the innovations set to redefine maintenance and modification tomorrow. Discover how the future of fleet support is being built—and what it means for the aircraft maintenance engineer at the heart of it all.

David Nedohin

Co-Founder / Head of Business Development SCOPE AR

Scott Caldwell

Business Development & Customer Relations - Silverback VR

Luc Sabourin



Luc Sabourin is VP Canadian Operations and General Manager of Arcfield Canada. He leads the strategic planning to advance future business opportunities and scale the Canadian Operations.

Luc started his career in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), where he served as Commanding Officer 1 Air Maintenance Squadron (1 AMS) in Cold Lake, Alberta where he managed preventive and corrective maintenance operations in support of the CF-18 fighter aircraft. He was later appointed as Director A4 Maintenance at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarter in Winnipeg, Manitoba where he was responsible for the standards and management of all RCAF aircraft maintenance operations.

Concluding his military career as the Commander of the Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Group, Luc joined Top ACES Inc in 2020 as the Director Fleet Management, responsible for the technical sustainment of all their fleets. In 2023, he transitioned to L3Harris MAS, establishing standardized operations between Cold Lake, Alberta, and Bagotville, Quebec, in direct support of the RCAF's CF-18. Luc has a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada and Master of Sciences in Aerospace Vehicle Design from Cranfield University.

Networking & Recharge Lounge

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03:30PM - 06:00PM

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Evening Gala

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06:00PM - 11:00PM

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LCol Matthew Kutryk	
Fighter Pilot, RCAF	
Michele Evans	
<p>Assistant Deputy Minister</p> <p>Prairies Economic Development Canada, Alberta Region</p> <p>Michele Evans provides leadership to PrairiesCan, the federal government's regional economic development agency in Alberta. Michele has been a public servant for nearly 20 years, holding senior leadership positions with the Government of Alberta in sectors like immigration, workforce, tourism, economic development and health.</p> <p>Before entering public service, Michele worked in the private sector in the pharmaceutical industry.</p> <p>Michele holds a Masters of Health Science from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan.</p>	

Dinner

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06:00PM - 11:00PM

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Art Auction

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06:00PM - 11:00PM

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Artist Ken Letander

Band / DJ

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06:00PM - 11:00PM

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May 5 - Tuesday

Coffee & Tea

08:00AM - 09:00AM

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Tuesday

Welcome & Recap

09:00AM - 09:10AM

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Hall D

AME Competition (2nd day)

09:00AM - 04:00PM

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Salon 12

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Key Note

09:10AM - 09:45AM

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Coffee Break - Recharge Lounge

May 5 -
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09:45AM - 10:00AM

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Multi-Use: Where Civil Innovation Meets Defence Reality

May 5 - Tuesday

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Salon 3

Multi-use technologies sit at the intersection of civilian innovation and defence capability. From drones and AI to space, cybersecurity, and advanced materials, solutions built for commercial markets are increasingly critical to national security—and defence innovation is driving civilian applications in return.

This session explores what multi-use really looks like in practice, why it matters now, and how companies—especially SMEs—can navigate procurement, regulation, and commercialization to succeed in both markets without stalling growth.

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Salon 2

This panel discusses the critical, near-term barriers—public acceptance and regulatory uncertainty—facing Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), the emerging ecosystem of electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft (air taxis, cargo drones).

Who It Is For: This is an essential topic for Provincial and Municipal transportation planners, economic development officials, and private sector investors focused on expanding connectivity beyond major metropolitan hubs.

Why It Is Important: AAM is not a luxury for city commuters; it is a vital utility for rural and underserved communities where traditional infrastructure is costly and limited. In 2026, regulatory ambiguity and community apprehension are freezing billions of dollars in private investment, particularly in regional and rural deployments.

The Opportunity: By proactively tackling these social and policy gaps now—establishing clear strategic planning for vertiports and initiating transparent public education campaigns—we can catalyze investment, ensure equitable access, and unlock a projected \$80 billion market by 2034. Failure to act guarantees AAM will remain grounded in the regions that need it most, deepening the rural-urban divide in access to healthcare, emergency services, and economic logistics. The future of equitable, sustainable transportation starts on the ground, not just in the air.

How technology is driving changes in the aviation and multimodal logistics space?

May 5 - Tuesday

10:45AM - 11:30AM

Salon 2

As aviation and multimodal logistics evolve, technology is driving major changes across sourcing, procurement, distribution, and infrastructure. This session explores the unique complexities of the aviation supply chain, how digital transformation is improving efficiency and resilience, and the challenges of operating in remote and northern regions. Panelists will also highlight emerging career pathways and the talent needed to support a rapidly changing aviation logistics environment.

Heather Stewart



Heather Stewart is the CEO of BBE, where she provides executive leadership to a Canadian logistics company specializing in remote, Arctic, and complex supply chain solutions. With deep northern roots, she brings a practical understanding of the operational requirements needed to support regulated and mission-critical supply chains in challenging environments.

Since joining BBE, Heather has overseen the company's growth from its foundations in Northern Canada into a nationally integrated logistics provider with international reach. BBE's services include freight forwarding, Canadian customs brokerage, Arctic and remote logistics, last-mile delivery, product distribution, and global trade support.

Heather's leadership emphasizes the integration of technology with people and process to enable reliable, adaptable supply chains. She works closely with multidisciplinary teams to address complex logistics challenges where coordination, compliance, and execution are essential.

Heather holds an Executive MBA from Queen's University and serves on the board of Edmonton Global.

Syed Hussain



Director of Global Distribution at De Havilland Aircraft of Canada

Syed holds a M.S. degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering & Management & a B.E. degree in Electronics Engineering. He currently serves as Director of Global Distribution at De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and remains actively involved with ASCM Western Canada Chapter as a Board Member, Director of Education for the Mentorship Program, and a Recognized Instructor, reflecting his passion for teaching and coaching. He has 18+ years of Supply Chain experience across multiple geographies in South Asia, the Middle East, and North America. He has worked in diverse industries namely Manufacturing, Chemicals, Telecommunication, Courier Operations, E-Commerce, Retail, Oil & Gas, and Aviation. He has worked in multiple fields of Supply Chain Management including Supply & Demand Planning, Forecasting, Inventory Management, Procurement, Warehousing, Logistics & Distribution.

He started his coaching career by teaching Additional Mathematics for O levels at a Cambridge School and by giving Engineering Management lectures at an Engineering University in Karachi. Later, he also instructed Supply Chain courses at 3 different institutes in Dubai. Apart from having APICS CSCP and CLTD Certifications, he also has certifications in PMP®, ISO 9001:2015, USMCA (The Modernized NAFTA), Lean101, DG Regulations, Waterfall Project Management, Intercultural Competency and Management Fundamentals. He also holds an Engineer in Training designation from Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of Alberta.

Alanna Hnatiw



Mayor Alanna Hnatiw is the Mayor of Sturgeon County, home to Villeneuve Airport and a growing aviation and aerospace corridor just north of Edmonton. A former small business owner in the energy sector, she has been a strong advocate for leveraging Villeneuve Airport, Alberta's Industrial Heartland, and emerging hydrogen and advanced manufacturing projects to attract aerospace, defence, and related supply chain investment to the region. She currently serves as Vice Chair of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association, where she works with municipal and industry partners to advance infrastructure, innovation, and workforce opportunities that support Alberta's aviation, aerospace, and defence ecosystem.

Panel Session

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10:45AM - 11:30AM

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Building the Future Workforce: Aligning Industry Needs with Talent Development

May 5 - Tuesday

11:30AM - 12:15PM

Salon 2

As Alberta’s aviation, aerospace, and defence sectors evolve, workforce development must shift from what is currently offered to what industry truly needs. This session brings together industry leaders, labour market forecasters, and funding representatives to discuss current and future talent demands—and the actions required to meet them.

Through a panel discussion and interactive roundtables, participants will explore workforce gaps, skill alignment, and emerging opportunities. Educators and industry representatives will collaborate to identify specific training needs, supported by on-site data collection and surveys to inform future planning and policy recommendations.

Elevate Aviation



Elevate Aviation is on a mission to disrupt the status quo in aviation. Founded in 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta, Elevate Aviation is a national not-for-profit organization driving real change across Canada.

The aviation industry has a problem — and we’re here to fix it.

Research shows the biggest barrier keeping women out of aviation is simply lack of awareness. That one issue has created a massive gender gap, cut off economic opportunities for women, and worsened the labour shortage facing the sector today.

We’re not waiting for change — we’re creating it.

Nova Andrus

CEO Elevate Aviation

Transport Canada

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11:30AM - 12:15PM

Salon 3

Lunch Break

May 5 - Tuesday

12:15PM - 01:00PM

Hall D

University of Calgary



Decision Superiority in the Age of Adaptive AI

May 5 - Tuesday

01:00PM - 01:45PM

Hall D

In 2026, AI is evolving from analytical support tools to systems that sense, fuse, prioritize, and act at operational speed. In aviation, aerospace and defence environments, this shift directly impacts mission assurance, targeting cycles, cyber resilience, and human-machine command structures.

This discussion explores how organizations can maintain decision dominance while integrating adaptive AI - balancing autonomy with control, speed with oversight, and innovation with operational accountability.

Cory Janssen	
Co-Founder and CEO at Alta ML	
Martin Dinel	
Chief Information Security Officer at CyberAlberta and Assistant Deputy Minister, Cybersecurity Division at the Ministry of Technology and Innovation	
Valeriy Churkin	
National Security Council of Ukraine	

Space has become a critical domain for economic resilience, national security, and technological leadership. Space superiority—the ability to access, operate in, and protect space-based assets—directly impacts aviation, defence, communications, navigation, and logistics here on Earth. This session will explore why space superiority matters to Canada and Alberta, highlighting how emerging space technologies, in-situ manufacturing, and space logistics are shaping the future of exploration, defence, and industrial capability. Speakers will discuss Alberta’s growing role in advanced aerospace and space-based manufacturing, and how innovation developed locally is contributing to global space infrastructure and next-generation supply chains.

Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how space capabilities support sovereignty, security, and economic growth—and why space is no longer a distant frontier, but a critical part of our industrial and defence ecosystem.

Chris Robson



Co-Founder and CEO of Wyvern, a Canadian satellite company operating a commercial hyperspectral constellation. Under his leadership, Wyvern has moved hyperspectral imaging from research into real-world deployment, delivering material-level Earth intelligence to commercial, environmental, and security customers worldwide. Chris focuses on building capital-efficient space infrastructure and unlocking new applications in agriculture, climate monitoring, and maritime domain awareness.

Wrap-Up

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02:30PM - 04:00PM

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Folowed by Canadian Aircraft Maintenance Competition Awards

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