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Alberta Aviation Summit

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MAY 3 - SUNDAY

Summit Networking Night

06:00PM – 09:00PM

Salon 8/9

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MAY 4 - MONDAY

Limited Seating: Inspiring Leadership, Inspiring Progress: Women Transforming the Future

07:30AM – 08:45AM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Michele Evans, Callie Lissinna, LCol Riel Erickson, Meghan Donohoe, Co-Founder, Pebble

Provincial Greetings (on behalf of Honorable Mike Ellis)

09:00AM – 09:13AM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: MLA Justin Wright

Federal Greetings

09:14AM – 09:18AM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Michele Evans, Assistant Deputy Minister, Prairies Economic Development Canada

Federal Greetings

09:19AM – 09:25AM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Felix Meunier, Director General, Civil Aviation, Transport Canada

Your Provincial Council Working for You: One Vision. One Mission

09:30AM – 09:45AM

Hall D

Speakers: Kendra Kincade

AME Competition

09:30AM – 04:00PM

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One Vision. One Mission

09:45AM – 10:30AM

Hall D

Speakers: Malcom Bruce, Retired CEO, Edmonton Global, Myron Keehn, President & CEO, YEG, LCol Tristan McKee, Commanding Officer, Squadron 401, RCAF, Luc Sabourin, VP, Canadian Operations, Arcfield Canada, Phillipe Poutissou, VP, De Havilland Defence, John Edelman, VP, Business Development, CAE Defence & Security Canada

Municipal Greetings

10:30AM – 10:35AM

Speakers: Andrew Knack

Coffee Break - Recharge Lounge

10:35AM – 11:00AM

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Indigenous Industry Partnerships

11:00AM – 12:00PM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: Chelsey Quirk, CEO, Indigenous Tourism Alberta, Carmelita Crisp, Manager, Indigenous Partnerships & Engagement, NAIT, Cliffton Cross, Council Member, Frog Lake First Nations, Ryan Fox, Program Manager, Des Nedhe Group Defence

Advancing Aerospace & Aviation Manufacturing in Alberta - How the Ecosystem Can Scale

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Dr. Robert Martinuzzi, Professor, University of Calgary, Chris Pavle, VP, Aeronautical Division, Amtech Aeronautical Limited Ltd., Dennis Hoeppner, Aircraft Certification Consultant, Upward Aviation Services, Jeff Litster, President, Fidelity Manufacturing

Lunch Break

12:00PM – 01:15PM

Recharge Lounge

12:00PM – 01:15PM

Propelling Change: Sustainability in Aviation

01:15PM – 02:00PM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: Dan Juhlin, Principal, Juhlin Remote Pilot Consulting, Chris Lohmann, Energy and Sustainability Strategic Leader, Boeing Canada, Dr. David Bressler, VP, International Innovation & Enterprise, University of Alberta, Logan Jones, Sustainability Officer, Airbus Canada

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

01:15PM – 02:00PM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Marie-Pier Berman, Vice President & Chief of Operations, NAV CANADA

Investing in Alberta Aviation, Aerospace, & Defence Sectors

02:00PM – 02:45PM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: Elliot Hewitt, Manager, Defence & Aerospace Initatives, Alberta Region, Prairies Economic Development Canada, Tracey Scarlett, Executive Director, Venture Capital Association of Alberta, Paolo Bomben, Program Director, Aeropsace, Defence & Advanced Materials, Alberta Innovates, Brent Jensen, Director, Business Development, Edmonton Global, Thomas Kargacin, Senior Advisor, Manufacturing, Aerospace & Defence Investment, Invest Alberta, Kathryn Ambler, Executive Director, Alberta Aviation, Aerospace & Defence

Technology and the Future of Aircraft Maintenance

02:00PM – 02:45PM

Riverview Room

Speakers: David Nedohin, Co-Founder & Head of Business Development, Scope AR, Ira Laughy, President, Rapid3D Ltd., Max Schramm, President & CEO, Lufthansa Technik Canada, Nicole Noseworthy, Director, Strategic Growth, HeavyAero Maintenance Centre

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PITCH COMPETITION: Emerging Disruptive Technologies

02:45PM – 03:30PM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Magnus Lanoil, AI Strategy Lead, M2M Tech, Leyla Kara, CEO & Co-Founder, Spectra Cann, Remy Samson, CEO, Elementiam Materials and Manufacturing, Myrna Bittner, CEO & Co-Founder, RUNWITHIT Synthetics, Mehran Akhoundzadeh, CEO, Pazh PowerTrain Inc., Russ Duncan, Managing Director, Sky Hunter Corp., Behnam Mazdouri, Co-Founder & CEO, Phase Metron

Airports as Economic and Community Enablers

02:45PM – 03:30PM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: Monette Pasher, President, Canadian Airports Council, Myron Keehn, President & CEO, YEG, Rob Bachart, Chief Real Estate Officer, Calgary Airport Authority, Nancy Paish, CEO, Red Deer Regional Airport

Open Tradeshow Time

03:30PM – 04:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Evening Gala Cocktail Hour 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

06:00PM – 09:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Evening Gala Dinner & Scholarship Announcements 7:00 PM to 7:55 PM

06:00PM – 09:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Evening Gala: Provincial Greetings 7:55 PM to 8:00 PM

06:00PM – 09:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Honorable Joseph Schow, Minister, Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration (JETI), Government of Alberta

Evening Gala: Emerging Disruptive Technologies Pitch Competition Finale 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

06:00PM – 09:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

MAY 5 - TUESDAY

Coffee & Tea
08:00AM – 09:00AM

Welcome Back - Opening Remarks
09:00AM – 09:10AM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Kendra Kincade, President & CEO, Chair, Alberta Aviation, Aerospace & Defence

AME Competition (2nd day)
09:00AM – 03:00PM

Salon 8/9

Presentation: From Backyard Dreams to Lunar Reality
09:10AM – 09:45AM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Dr. Junaid OOsman, CEO & Founder, Waste Parrot Technologies

Break
09:45AM – 10:00AM

Fidelity Lounge in De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Multi-Use: Where Civil Innovation Meets Defence Reality
10:00AM – 10:45AM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Jeff LaFrenz, CEO & Co-Founder, VizworX Inc., Julian Mulia, Co-Founder, Nanotess, Kim Van Vliet, Founder & CEO, WaVv & ConvergX

Advanced Air Mobility; Unlocking the Sky for Rural Prosperity
10:00AM – 10:45AM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: JR Hammond, Executive Director, Canadian Advanced Air Mobility, Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director, NE Alberta Information Hub, Katherine Ayre, CEO, Cayres Inc., Phil Kelly, Senior Vice President Business Development, Horizon Aircraft

How Technology is Driving Changes in the Aviation and Multimodal Logistics Space
10:45AM – 11:30AM

YYC Calgary Airport Room (Room D2)

Speakers: Heather Stewart, CEO, BBE Supply Chain Co., Syed Hussain, Director, Global Distribution, De Havilland Aircraft of Canada, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor, Sturgeon County, Dr. Rajbir Bhatti, Associate Professor, Dept of International Business, Supply Chain Management and Aviation, Mount Royal University & Academic Director, Alberta Logistics Center of Excellence, Calgary, Kathryn (Kate) Muhich, VP, Government Services Supply Chain, Boeing Global Services

Airline Operations in a Changing Landscape
10:45AM – 11:30AM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Nancy Paish, CEO, Red Deer Regional Airport, Jeff Morrison, CEO & President, National Airlines Council of Canada

Building the Future Workforce: Aligning Industry Needs with Talent Development

11:30AM – 12:15PM

Riverview Room

Speakers: Elizabeth Evans, Senior Strategist, Aviation, Mount Royal University, Jeff Griffiths, Program Director, Alberta Talent Pipeline Management Initiative, Alberta Chamber of Commerce, Jacoby Holder, Specialist, Competitive Intelligence, Calgary Economic Development, Nova Andrews, CEO, Elevate Aviation

Open Tradeshow Time

11:30AM – 12:15PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Lunch Break

12:15PM – 01:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Alberta Cybersecurity Forum 2026: Decision Superiority in the Age of Adaptive AI

01:00PM – 01:45PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Medaline Hann, Senior Manager, KPMG, Corey Janssen, Co-Founder & CEO, Alta ML, Martin Dinel, Chief Information Security Officer, CyberAlberta and Assistant Deupty Minister, Cybersecurity Division, Ministry of Technology and Innovation of Alberta

Space Superiority and Why it Matters

01:45PM – 02:30PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Chris Robson, Kendra Kincade, President & CEO, Chair, Alberta Aviation, Aerospace & Defence, Callie Lissinna, VP, Strategic Relations & Co-Rounder, Wyvern, Chris Pogue, President, Defence and Space, Calian, Dr. Emma Spanswick, Co-lead of Space and Defence Technologies Alberta, Canada Research Chair Tier II in Geospace Dynamics and Space Plasma Physics and associate professor in Physics and Astronomy, University of Calgary, Colonel Alfred Maynard, Deputy Commander, 3 Canadian Space Division (3 CSD) & Deputy Joint Force Space Component Commander, RCAF

Wrap-Up

02:30PM – 02:45PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

Speakers: Kendra Kincade, President & CEO, Chair, Alberta Aviation, Aerospace & Defence

AME Awards

02:45PM – 03:00PM

De Havilland Hall (Hall D)

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