



AVIATION CONNECTIONS IN RURAL & NORTHERN ONTARIO

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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic created fluctuations in flight service, both nationally and internationally. The Rural and Northern Airport Access Initiative was designed to gain an understanding on the changes in scheduled flight services in rural and northern Ontario. To gain a greater depth of understanding of these changes, an inventory was created based on information collected from 66 Northern Ontario Airports.

The following report outlines the methodology for data collection, provides an overview of the inventory of Northern Ontario airports, and concludes with a summary of the findings. The information collected for the inventory includes names of the Northern Ontario airports, their ICAO identifiers, the airports' owner or operator names, the year the airports were constructed, the number of runways, the length of each runway, and whether each airport accommodates scheduled services, or chartered or personal services.

How Information Was Collected

This research was conducted with publicly available secondary data. Data collection began in May 2023, and concluded in August 2023. There were two primary categories of websites used for data collection. For airports owned and operated by their associated municipality, the information collected was largely sourced from the municipality's website. Any supplemental information collected was taken from [Sky Vector](#), an online platform containing airport information and aeronautical chart. First Nations communities did not often have affiliated webpages in the same frequency local municipalities did. As such, for airports operated in or near First Nations communities, data was primarily collected from Sky Vector, and supplemented from Government of Ontario publications where necessary.

Inventory of Airports

Based on publicly available information, the table below outlines the 66 airports in Northern Ontario. For each airport a series of indicators are noted, such as ICAO ID, owner/operator, year built, number of runways, runway length, and a note about scheduled and charter services. Empty cells in the table indicate that no information was available.

Airport Name	ICAO ID	Owner/Operator Name	Year Built	Number of Runways	Length of Runway 1	Length of Runway 2	Length of Runway 3	Scheduled Services	Chartered/Personal Services
Armstrong Airport	CYYW	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	4006 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Atikokan Municipal Airport	CYIB	Town of Atikokan	2005	1	3500 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Attawapiskat Airport	CYAT	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3495 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Bancroft Community Airport	CNW3	Privately owned by Bancroft Flying Club	1963	1	2400 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Bearskin Lake Airport	CNE3	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3503 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Big Trout Lake Airport	CYTL	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3900 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Cat Lake Airport	CYAC	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3963 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Chapleau Airport	CYLD	Township of Chapleau		2	4000 ft	5000 ft	n/a		x
Cochrane Airport	CYCN	Town of Cochrane	1973	1	4500 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Deer Lake Airport	CYVZ	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3506 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Dryden Regional Airport	CYHD	Corporation of the City of Dryden	1969	1	6000 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Earlton (Timiskaming Regional)	CYXR	Corporation of the Township of Armstrong	1937	2	5998 ft	3019 ft	n/a		x
Elliot Lake Municipal Airport	CYEL	City of Elliot Lake		1	4500 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x

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Emsdale Airport	CNA4	Emsdale Airport Authority	1935	2	2500 ft	2000 ft	n/a		x
Fort Albany Airport	CYFA	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3601 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Fort Frances Municipal Airport	CYAG	Town of Fort Frances		1	4500 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Fort Hope Airport	CYFH	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3497 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Fort Severn Airport	CYER	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3518 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Geraldton (Greenstone Regional) Airport	CYGQ	Municipality of Greenstone	1962	1	5000 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport	CYZE	Gore Bay – Manitoulin Airport Commission Inc.	1947	2	5500 ft	2615 ft	n/a		x
Greater Sudbury Airport	CYSB	The Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation	1952	2	6600 ft	5000 ft	n/a	x	x
Hearst (René Fontaine) Municipal Airport	CYHF	Corporation of the Town of Hearst		1	4500 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Iroquois Falls Airport	CNE4	Corporation of the Town of Iroquois Falls	1929	1	3999 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Kapuskasing Airport	CYU	Corporation of the Town of Kapuskasing	1938	1	5508 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Kasabonika Airport	CYAQ	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3519 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Kashechewan Airport	CZKE	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3903 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Keewaywin Airport	CPV8	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3511 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Kenora Airport	CYQK	Kenora Airport Authority	1946	1	5800 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Killarney Airport	CPT2	Municipality of Killarney	1993	1	3500 ft	n/a	n/a		x

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Kingfisher Lake Airport	CNM5	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3520 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Kirkland Lake Airport	CYKX	Town of Kirkland Lake	1982	1	3815 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Lansdowne House Airport	CYLH	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3484 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Manitouwadge Municipal Airport	CYMG	Township of Manitouwadge		1	3600 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Manitowaning / Manitoulin East Municipal Airport	CYEM	Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and the Township of Assiginack	1988	1	3500 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Marathon Airport	CYSP	Town of Marathon		1	3933 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Mattawa Airport	CMA2	Privately owned, operated by Chris Whalley and Mark Wilkins		1	2000 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Moosonee Airport	CYMO	The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee	1970	2	3999 ft	3500 ft	n/a	x	x
Muskoka Airport	CYQA	The District Municipality of Muskoka	1933	2	6000 ft	2199 ft	n/a	x	x
Muskrat Dam Airport	CZMD	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3,508 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Nakina Airport	CYQN	Municipality of Greenstone	1973	1	3500 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
North Bay / Jack Garland Airport	CYB	City of North Bay	1938	3	10,004 ft	4492 ft	2000 ft	x	x
North Spirit Lake Airport	CKQ3	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3518 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Ogoki Post Airport	CYKP	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3514 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport	CNK4	Town of Parry Sound	1979	1	4900 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Peawanuck Airport	CYPO	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]	1986	1	3518 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x

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Pickle Lake Airport	CYPL	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	5217 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Pikangikum Airport	CYPM	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3508 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Poplar Hill Airport	CYHP	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3508 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Red Lake Airport	CYRL	Municipality of Red Lake	1926	1	5001 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Round Lake (Weagamow Lake) Airport	CZRJ	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3613 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Sachigo Lake Airport	CZPB	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3506 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Sandy Lake Airport	CZSJ	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3507 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Sault Ste. Marie Airport	CYAM	Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation (SSMADC)	1961	2	6000 ft	6000 ft	n/a	x	x
Sioux Lookout Airport	CYXL	Municipality of Sioux Lookout	1933	1	5300 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Sioux Narrows Airport	CKM2	Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls		1	3665 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Slate Falls Airport	CKD9	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]	1994	1	3507 ft	n/a	n/a		x
South River / Sundridge Airpark	CPE6	Sundridge/South River Airpark Inc.	1933	2	3200 ft	2648 ft	n/a		x
Summer Beaver Airport	CJV7	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3509 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Thessalon Municipal Airport	CPL5	Town of Thessalon	Permanently Closed						
Thunder Bay International Airport	CYQT	Transport Canada	1938	2	7318 ft	5297 ft	n/a	x	x
Timmins / Victor M. Power Airport	CYTS	City of Timmins		2	6000 ft	4900 ft	n/a	x	x
Vermilion Bay Airport	CKQ7	Municipality of Machin		2	2800 ft	2650 ft	n/a		x

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Victor Mine Aerodrome	CVM2	De Beers Canada, Inc. (private owner)	2008	1	4921 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Wapekeka/Angling Lake Airport	CKB6	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]	1991	1	3609 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Wawa Municipal Airport	CYZZ	Municipality of Wawa		1	4429 ft	n/a	n/a		x
Webequie Airport	CYWP	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3507 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x
Wunnumin Lake	CKL3	Government of Ontario [Ministry of Transportation]		1	3511 ft	n/a	n/a	x	x

Key Findings

There are 66 airports in Northern Ontario with publicly available data. Key findings from the inventory of Northern Ontario airports include the following.

Airport Ownership

Smaller airports, especially those located in First Nations communities, were also predominantly owned by the provincial government.

- 27 airports are owned by municipal governments.
- 29 airports are owned by the provincial government.
- 9 airports are owned or operated by non-government organizations.

Airport Services

- 37 of 66 airports reported scheduled passenger services.
- All 66 airports reported charter or personal services.
- 13 of 66 airports have more than one runway.

Airport Information

Airports that have reported fewer flights, or are based in communities with smaller populations, were not as likely to share information on the above-mentioned data points compared to larger airports.

This report provides insights on airport service in rural and northern Ontario. The report is a 'snapshot' based on data collection in the Summer 2023. It is hoped further research will be conducted to gain a greater understanding on the changes in scheduled flight services in rural and northern Ontario.

For more information and resources from the Rural and Northern Airport Access Initiative visit www.ruraldev.ca/northernairports/.