

THE YMM CHECK-IN

Fort McMurray International Airport's Community Newsletter



Message from President & CEO Denean Robinson

Spring has finally sprung in our region.

2026 was off to a promising start at YMM, with strong first quarter passenger growth. Unfortunately, broader global economic shifts and rising jet fuel prices have quickly changed the aviation landscape.

While we are disappointed by Air Canada's decision to suspend Vancouver service at the end of May, we remain optimistic and more committed than ever to advocating for strong, sustainable air service for our region.

Thank you for choosing to Fly YMM. Supporting your local, not-for-profit airport and the more than 500 employees who work across the YMM campus strengthens our ability to continue advocating for enhanced connectivity.

As summer travel planning begins, remember to keep an eye out for great seat sales from our airline partners, WestJet and Air Canada!



Denean Robinson

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President and
Chief Executive Officer



Earls YMM Updates

Exciting updates are underway at Earls YMM. A refreshed menu launched this past week, featuring several new breakfast offerings including Steak + Eggs and the Chilaquiles Brunch Bowl.

Meanwhile, preparations continue for the new Earls Grab & Go, expected to open in the second week of May, pending final confirmation. The chef curated menu will focus on quick bites and beverages passengers can conveniently take to their gate. A new specialty coffee machine will give travellers access to espresso beverages including cappuccinos and lattes, in addition to fresh brewed coffee options.

We can't wait!



You're Invited!

Join the Fort McMurray Airport Authority team on Thursday, May 7 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the YMM Observation Area for our 2026 Annual Public Meeting. The session will include highlights from 2025, updates on airport operations and air service, and a look ahead at priorities for the year ahead.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and parking validation will be provided.

[RSVP](#)



Looking for a job?

We're growing the Team YMM crew for the summer!

The Fort McMurray Airport Authority is currently hiring for three summer student positions: Marketing Coordinator, IT Support Analyst and Administrative Assistant, offering a great opportunity to gain hands on experience in a dynamic airport environment.

Our friends at Vortex Helicopters are also hiring, with opportunities for pilots and engineers looking to grow their aviation careers in a supportive, team focused environment right here in Wood Buffalo. Check out their Facebook page for more.

Know someone who may be interested? Encourage them to apply and explore these exciting local opportunities.

[Summer Jobs](#)

**BE A
TRAVELLER
THAT DRIVERS
LOOK UP TO.**



You earned your time. Use it well. Fly YMM.



On the Runway

Captured by Rebecca Greenham, Airport Operations Specialist, while working at YMM. Absolutely beautiful!

And no, our trucks are not actually pink, though the aurora borealis reflections certainly made them look that way.

WILDLIFE AWARENESS

SAFETY IS IN ALL OUR HANDS

Wildlife is a natural part of our environment.
Together, we can keep our airport safe
for people, wildlife and aircraft.



DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

Feeding animals can alter natural behaviour and attract them closer to operational areas, creating serious safety risks.



KEEP WASTE WELL STORED

Ensure all garbage, food waste and recyclables are properly secured and disposed of in designated bins. Even small amounts of food waste can attract wildlife and birds to the terminal and airfield.



STAY ALERT

Remain alert while driving or working around the airfield and airport property, particularly during early morning and evening hours when wildlife activity is often highest.



REPORT SIGHTINGS

Immediately report any wildlife sightings on the airfield, or any bear sightings on airport property, to the Operations Centre.



OPERATIONS CENTRE | **780.793.8970**

Your quick report helps keep our airport safe and secure.

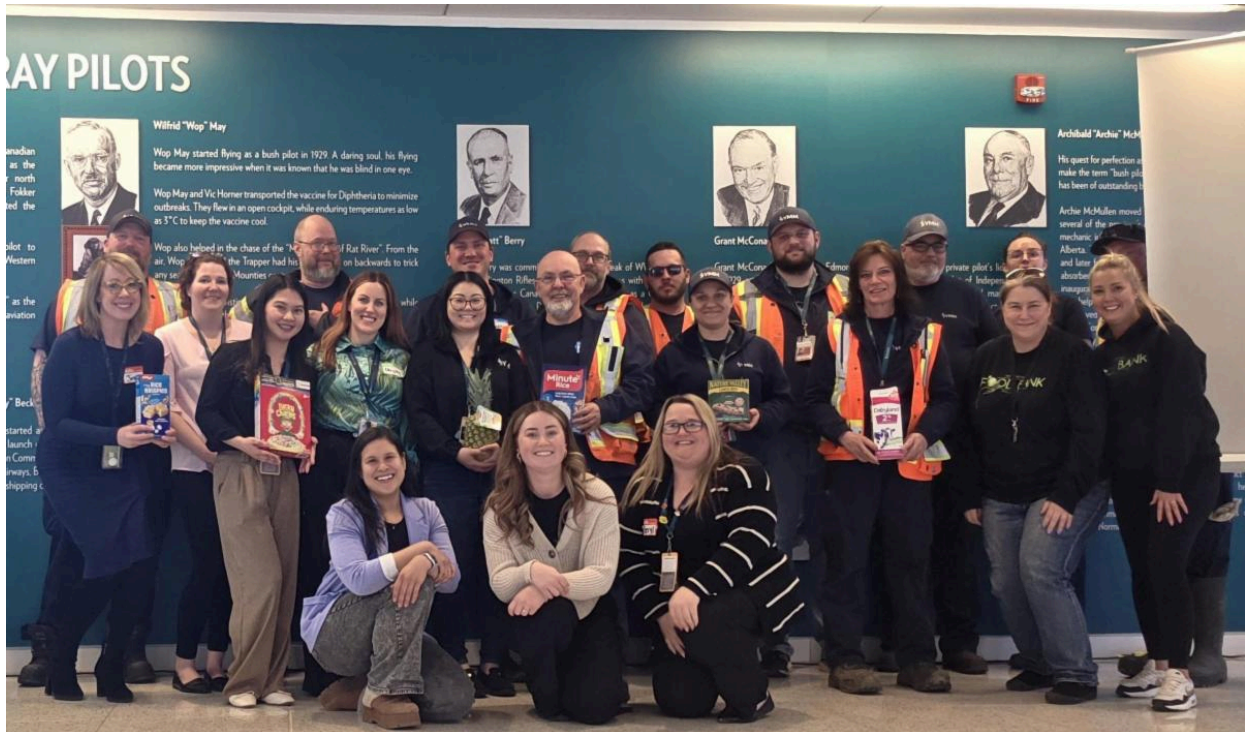
YMM PASSENGER of the month



"The simplicity of the airport is my favourite part. I park in an easily accessible lot, I walk in and security is right there, no guessing. The ambiance is as welcoming and friendly as the folks who work here."

Congratulations Michael Vickers, our May YMM Passenger of the Month!

Next time you're travelling through YMM, scan the QR code airside to share why you choose to Fly YMM, for your chance to win!



Giving Back

Fort McMurray Airport Authority staff came together for a team building session facilitated by FuseSocial, focused on the concept that leadership exists in every role.

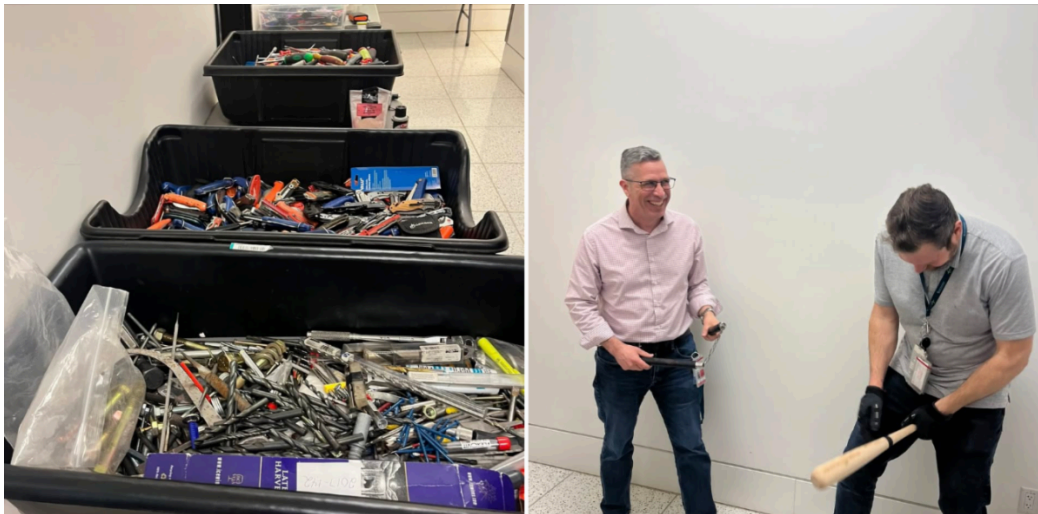
Our team collected several bags of groceries for the Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association, and heard from their team members about the growing need for donations in our region. Demand is up 23% year over year!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the afternoon so meaningful.



Sale Sale Sale

From forgotten treasures to items that definitely should not have gone through security, YMM's Lost and Surrendered Items Sale is back May 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Arrivals, Level 1, featuring everything from bags of lighters to tools and knives for \$2 or by donation. All proceeds will support a collaborative project between YMM and the Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.





YMM Wins Big

YMM was recently recognized through the AirportNEXT passenger experience benchmarking program, earning our highest scores to date in terminal experience, transportation access, and technology services. The recognition reflects our continued commitment to delivering a seamless and welcoming experience for passengers across Northern Alberta.

Community In Focus



This month, YMM is proud to feature the Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in our Community in Focus display case, pictured here with Executive Director Tina Delainey.

Their work supports greater understanding, inclusion, and connection for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families in our region. Travelling through YMM? Take a moment to visit the display and learn more.



Spotlight on Marialyn Dizon

Meet Marialyn Dizon, General Manager with Bee Clean at YMM. Marialyn says what makes YMM special is the strong sense of teamwork and support across all departments, creating a culture of respect and cooperation throughout the airport. She takes great pride in helping deliver a positive passenger experience and says receiving compliments about the cleanliness of the terminal makes the work especially rewarding.

YOUR DEVICES. YOUR SAFETY.

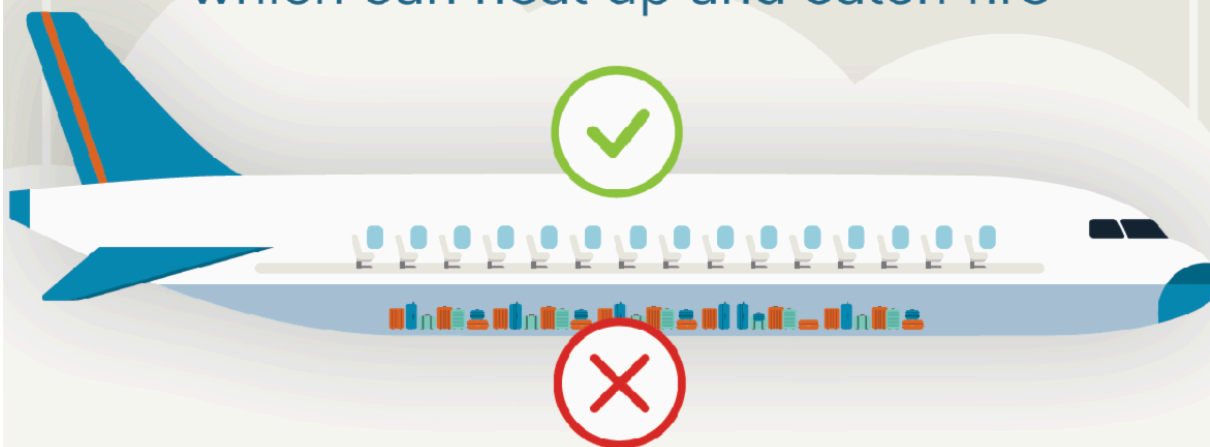
Travelling with **lithium battery-powered** items?



Keep them **on you** or **in your carry-on**

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Lithium batteries are dangerous goods
which can heat up and catch fire



Travel safe and enjoy your flight.

YMM Terminal

Hours of Operation

Open Daily
4 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight)



End of the Runway - Airport Humour

I decided instead of having
children I wanted to travel
business class.

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