

THE YMM CHECK-IN

Fort McMurray International Airport's Community Newsletter

YMM Pumpkins & Planes

In support of  **United Way**
Fort McMurray
and Wood Buffalo

October 24, 2026

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YMM Pumpkins & Planes Returns

Join us for YMM Pumpkins & Planes, a family friendly Halloween event in support of United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo.

Explore all three levels of the terminal with games, activities, treats, prizes and a few surprises along the way. Costumes are encouraged, with a costume contest during each time slot and Halloween family photos available by donation.

We're also excited to welcome airport campus partner Robby's Tractor Trailer Service and Towing as this year's Presenting Sponsor.

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Call for Artists: YMM Digital Art Exhibit 2027

YMM is inviting artists of various disciplines to apply for the 2027 Digital Art Exhibit. This year's theme, "Made of This Place," explores the people, landscapes, experiences and connections that shape the places we call home. Three artists will be selected, with each receiving a \$500 honorarium and a feature on digital screens throughout YMM terminal digital screens and online.

Submissions open Oct. 5 and close Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. MT.

[Learn More](#)



Opportunities to Join the FMAA Board

Two of FMAA's appointing bodies, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, are currently recruiting candidates to serve on the Fort McMurray Airport Authority Board of Directors.

The Chamber is seeking a candidate from its membership with experience in finance, Indigenous perspectives and relationships, or legal expertise.

The RMWB is also accepting applications for its appointment to the FMAA Board.

Interested in helping guide the future of YMM? Learn more about these opportunities and apply through the respective appointing body.

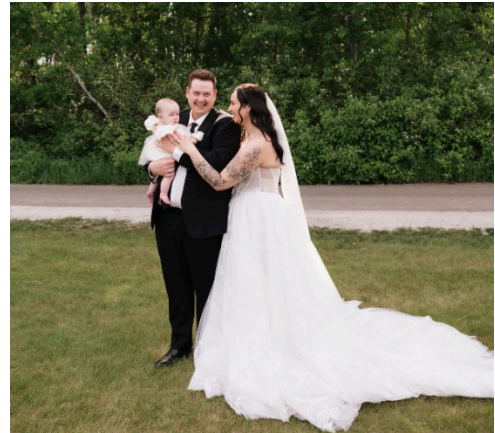
[Apply via Chamber](#)

[Apply via RMWB](#)

You Earned the Fall Getaway Contest Winner

Congratulations to Keanna Kelly, winner of YMM's You Earned the Fall Getaway Contest! Keanna has won return flights for two!

"I'd love to go to Newfoundland to see our family, or experience a tropical destination since I've never been to one before," Keanna shared.



She plans to make the most of the getaway with her husband and daughter.

Thank you Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo for the 2,700 contest submissions! We loved seeing so many people dreaming about where they'd fly next from YMM.

Congratulations, Keanna, and happy travels!



Canadian Airports Safety Week

Safety was in action across YMM as Team YMM came together to mark Canadian Airports Safety Week in September.

Thank you to everyone across Team YMM who participated, shared their expertise and helped make the week a success.

Canadian Airports Safety Week may be one week on the calendar, but safety is something we practise together every day at YMM.



RUN THE RUNWAY 5K



OCT 10 2026 - WE RUN FOR PIE!



5K Runway Run

Have you ever wanted to run on an airport runway? Here's your chance!

The Fort McMurray Triathlon Club, in partnership with YMM, is hosting Run the Runway on October 10, giving participants the rare opportunity to take on a 5K right on the airport runway.

Lace up, hit the runway and experience YMM from a whole new perspective!

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Happy Retirement, from Team YMM

After more than four decades in the industry, we're wishing Darcy Corbett all the very best as he begins a well earned retirement.

Darcy's love of aviation started early. He began flying at just 15 years old in 1971 and joined Air BC in 1987, beginning a career that would eventually become part of Jazz Aviation.

From all of us at YMM, congratulations, Darcy. Thank you for the many years you've dedicated to aviation and for being part of our airport community. We wish you clear skies, great adventures and plenty of time with the people who matter most.

YMM Terminal

Hours of Operation

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



Coming Home, Going Places

Travellers moving through the terminal can now experience the final feature of the 2026 YMM Digital Art Exhibit, Coming Home, Going Places by Crystal Lee Clark.

Originally from Fort McMurray, Crystal is a Cree, Dene, Métis multidisciplinary artist, educator and Indigenous Education Leader whose work brings together place based storytelling, Indigenous knowledge and relationships with the natural world.

There is something especially fitting about welcoming Coming Home, Going Places to YMM, a place where coming home and setting off on new journeys happen every day.



Name the YMM Sweeper Contest Winners

Our Name the YMM Sweeper Contest brought in nearly 300 entries, and we had so much fun seeing the creative names roll in.

We put it to a staff vote, and the winning name was: Snow Force One.

Pictured below are our winners: Susan with Milo, who came up with Snow Force One with a little help from big brother Daniel; Bowen, who may have been more excited about his squishy YMM plane than the backpack full of prizes; and Sarita, proving we love a big kid at heart just as much as the kiddos!

Thank you to everyone who entered and helped us officially name the newest member of our winter operations fleet.



Connecting with Local Businesses

In September, Cuyler Green, Vice-President, Operations & Infrastructure, represented YMM at the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development & Tourism Procurement Information Session and Networking Event.

Cuyler joined other local leaders to share insight into procurement processes and opportunities, connect with local businesses and answer questions about working with organizations across the region.

Thank you to FMWBEDT for bringing our business community together for an informative and valuable session.



**A cheaper ticket
isn't always
a cheaper trip.**

**You earned your time.
Use it well.**

Fly YMM



On the Runway

A pretty cool sight on the YMM apron! Robert Buchanan, Airport Maintenance Technician, captured this shot of the Royal Canadian Air Force CC 144 Challenger that brought Prime Minister Mark Carney to Fort McMurray on Sept. 30.



Congratulations to Beth Rex, our Oct. YMM Passenger of the Month!

"I love flying YMM! Affordable, easy parking, no long security lines, and exceptional service at Earls before a flight. Chef's kiss! It sure beats a stressful drive dodging potholes before you even start your trip."

Scan the QR code in the terminal next time you're travelling through our airport, and tell us why you choose to Fly YMM, for your chance to win.



Community In Focus

This month's Community In Focus display at YMM features Safe Community Wood Buffalo, a local non profit dedicated to promoting safety, preventing injuries and helping make our region a safer place to live, work and play.

They'll be on site at our upcoming Pumpkins & Planes event Oct. 24 to give out reflective arm bands for safe trick or treating!



Team YMM Spotlight

Meet Devin Zelman, Owner and Operator of Ironside Mechanical and one of the newest members of our airport campus community.

Fort McMurray has been home to Devin since his family moved here when he was six years old. Five years ago, he started Ironside Mechanical, a locally owned business providing on and off-road equipment repair services throughout the region.

Now, Ironside Mechanical is putting down roots at YMM as one of our newest airport campus tenants.

We're excited to welcome Devin and Ironside Mechanical to Team YMM and look forward to watching this local business continue to grow right here in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.

End of the Runway - Airport Humour

"I haven't worn these since I bought them. I should definitely pack them for my 3 day vacation, just in case"



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