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# AIRSHOW COMING TO WESTERN MANITOBA

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The sky over Southport Airport will become a lot busier for one weekend next summer.

Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. (Southport) and KF Aerospace are partnering to host the Manitoba Airshow at Southport Airport on July 7-8, 2018. The Manitoba Airshow will feature aerial performances, static aircraft displays and ground-level entertainment that is suitable for all ages. Southport Airport is located 3 km south of Portage la Prairie, and approximately 70 km west of Winnipeg on the Trans-Canada highway.

Steps are being taken to ensure that attending the 2018 Manitoba Airshow will be a seamless and smooth experience. The event will be held over two days, with performances on each day to accommodate more guests attending the event. Those in attendance will experience more performers, more parking, and more services on site.

Southport and KF Aerospace both have experience hosting airshows and are confident that the 2018 Manitoba Airshow will be one of the most awe-inspiring events of the summer.

More details about the event, including the performers and ticketing information will be released on the event website: www.mbairshow.ca

#### **Quotes:**

"Manitoba has a long history of excellence and innovation in aviation. Southport is one piece of that history, as military flight training has been carried out at Southport Airport under contract since 1992. We are proud to continue the legacy of aviation in Manitoba by partnering to host the 2018 Manitoba Airshow."

-Peggy May, Southport CEO

"KF Aerospace, as an operator at the Southport Airport, is proud to partner with Southport to host the 2018 Manitoba Airshow. We're excited to bring in some of the best military and civilian aerial teams from all over North America."

-Peter Fedak, KF Aerospace Site Manager



## **About Southport:**

Southport is a not-for-profit property management and development company, located 3 km south of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada. Our goal is to establish a world-class business centre balanced with lifestyle, wellness, and recreation facilities. Featuring aviation and aerospace training facilities, research and development of new products, light manufacturing, educational institutions, beautiful open spaces, a golf course, and a fitness centre.

Southport Airport (Portage/Southport CYPG) is a Transport Canada approved airport owned by Southport. Southport boasts a 24/7 public use facility with four well maintained runways, large apron with helipad, multiple navigational guidance systems, and runway lighting. Aircraft of various sizes are able to land at Southport.

#### **About KF Aerospace:**

KF Aerospace, formerly Kelowna Flightcraft, is the success story of a single Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, with confident optimism, which has now grown to over 800 employees, a fleet of over 60 aircraft, and significant operations across Canada. Operations include maintenance and engineering, cargo operations, leasing, and defence programs in the aerospace industry. KF Aerospace has three main bases in Kelowna, Hamilton and Southport (Portage la Prairie), and as well as one satellite base in Vancouver, BC.

In 2005, KF Aerospace was awarded the 22-year Canadian Forces Contracted Flying Training and Support (CFTS) contract as the prime contractor. KF Aerospace - Defence Programs operates at Southport to provide flight training to the Royal Canadian Air Force under this contract.

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