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Dominvs Group Chairman, Sukhpal Ahluwalia (left) and Dominvs Aviation CEO, Christopher Mace (right)

## DOMINVS AVIATION TAKES FLIGHT AND ENTERS THE BUSINESS JET AND HELICOPTER MARKET

London based aviation services company Dominvs Aviation officially launched on the 1st June, providing business aviation asset management solutions, charter and aircraft trading. The company operates as part of the well-established Dominvs Group, a hotels, real estate and private equity business based in central London.

Dominvs Aviation was founded by CEO Chris Mace, previous founder of charter business SaxonAir and well-known to most in the business aviation industry, and Sukhpal Ahluwalia, business entrepreneur and Chairman of Dominvs Group. Chris Mace says; "Whilst the company's core focus is aircraft acquisition and sales, it also provides a 'turnkey' asset management service providing clients with comprehensive aviation solutions; including

operations, finance, ownership structure, importation and crewing. These are just a few of the elements that collectively ensure our clients receive the best, safest and most efficient solutions."

Dominvs Aviation will trade aircraft, building up its own stock, taking opportunities from around the globe to recognise aircraft that represent value and potential for their clients. "These will involve project management and likely some maintenance, refurbishment or upgrades before being placed back into the marketplace for resale" Chris adds.

Dominvs already manages a Bombardier Challenger 605 aircraft with AOC operator SaxonAir Charter and is working with clients to bring more aircraft into the operation as part of its asset management services.

Established in 2011, Dominvs Group is a family-run real estate and investment company with divisions specialising in hospitality, residential property, commercial property, aviation, private equity and wealth management. Dominvs manages over £700 million worth of assets including an extensive portfolio of hotels across the UK with new projects underway in central London, Bath, Milton Keynes and Oxford. Chairman Sukhpal Ahluwalia adds; "I am proud to expand Dominvs Group further into the exciting world of aviation and bring together a highly experienced team to enable clients to enjoy its immense benefits, whilst we recognise the regulation and exacting standards of aviation that go to ensure safety remains at the forefront of the operation"

## New Cambridge Airport Director has high hopes for growth

Cambridge Airport's new Director, Kevan Craske, has unveiled ambitious plans to increase business at the airport.

Among his initiatives are major upgrades to the airport's navigational aids and a high profile marketing campaign to help attract more executive and light aviation customers. Craske took up the permanent role as Airport Director last month with full responsibility for airport operations, air traffic services and fire and security, having been in post on an interim basis since the spring.

He's been with Marshall since March 2010 and is seen as an industry heavyweight, with a track record for business improvement and strategic growth.

Kevan explains: "The airport is an integral part of the Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group's business, providing access for our

global customers to fly in their aircraft for maintenance and repair.

"However, that really is only half the story, we have a lot to offer as an airport and we are fully committed to growing our business and leisure traffic. It's really important that, despite the plans to relocate our Aerospace and Defence business by 2030, people understand that Cambridge airport is very much open for business.

"Our proximity to the city centre, and to so many of the UK's leading technology companies, as well as convenient transport links to London, provides us with a fantastic opportunity to grow our business traffic."

Since joining Marshall, Kevan has held posts as Director of Strategy, Managing Director for Marshall Aviation Services in Birmingham and Broughton, Marshall Aerospace Australia and also Head of Finance and Business.



Kevan Craske



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The International Aircraft Dealers Association (IADA) is accepting applications for the organization's Business Aviation Scholarships through Sept. 1. The scholarships awarded will be from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

"The IADA Business Aviation Scholarship was established to benefit university students seeking a career in business aviation, specifically within corporate aircraft sales, marketing, finance, legal and insurance disciplines," said IADA Executive Director Wayne Starling. "Eligible students should apply through

their university's financial aid office."

All interested applicants must apply through their university's financial aid office. The universities need to submit a list of applicants meeting IADA scholarship requirements to IADA by no later than Sept. 1.

IADA Board of Directors will approve all scholarships to be awarded each year and advise all applicants through their university's financial aid office no later than Nov. 30. IADA will accept applications from qualified applicants attending

colleges and universities offering course work in corporate aviation management, aerodynamics, aircraft systems, aviation safety, finance, business marketing, economics and or studies that relate to aviation business and management.

The awards are available to full-time, undergraduate students taking a minimum of 12 hours per semester and graduate students. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grade scale.

## ACE STEPS UP THE PACE

With just over six weeks to go, ACE19 (Air Charter Expo) is set to become the most successful edition of this one-day air charter exhibition so far. With the show now almost booked to capacity, a dazzling array of aircraft on the static display, registrations significantly higher to date compared with the same stage in 2018 and a full day of training and presentations, everything is in place for another outstanding event.

There will be more than 60 exhibitors comprising a wide range of leading supply companies, including: airports and FBOs, aircraft manufacturers, charter operators and brokers, aircraft management and technology experts, maintenance providers, finance, insurance and specialist consultancies. The program of training topics and presentations includes some of the most important issues currently threatening our industry. These include a panel discussion on Illegal Charters and two concurrent presentations on The Future of Broking and The Future of Operating.

On the static display an excellent selection of aircraft will be present. These will include a Dassault Falcon 8X, a VIP Boeing 737 and a Gulfstream G500 along with many other aircraft types, already exceeding the number of aircraft seen on display in 2018. Visitors to ACE 19 will have plenty of opportunities to climb on board and explore the



aircraft, learning about the different cabin capacities, seating configurations and discuss operational capabilities with pilots and crew.

Speaking about ACE 19, Chairman of The Air Charter Association, Nick Weston said "ACE 19 is shaping up to be an outstanding occasion and a must attend event for brokers and operators. The level of interest for 2019 has been exceptional and confirms how ACE has become a firm fixture in the schedules of so many executives in our industry. I look forward to welcoming many new and old friends to ACE on September 17th."

ACE19 will take place at London Biggin Hill Airport on September 17th. It is free to attend and to register, visit [www.aircharterexpo.com](http://www.aircharterexpo.com). The exhibition is organised by the Air Charter Association in partnership with Stansted News and London Biggin Hill Airport.



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## Sharjah Airport Receives Air Peace's Inaugural Flight

### Operating three flights per week between Lagos and Sharjah



Sharjah Airport recently received Air Peace's inaugural flight from Lagos. The Nigerian airline's first international airport outside Africa, Sharjah Airport offers the advantages of Sharjah's geographic location and the level of service that the Airport provides to airlines and travellers. The fact that Air Peace chose Sharjah Airport underlines the importance of the growing travel market and tourism and economic activity in the Emirate of Sharjah. The company has appointed Sharjah Airport Travel Agency (SATA) as its exclusive agent in the UAE market. After the plane landed, it was received by a number of officials from the Airport's management and a delegation from Sharjah Commerce & Tourism Development Authority and Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The passengers and crew were welcomed with authentic UAE hospitality. HE Ali Salim Al Midfa, Chairman of SAA, said, "We welcome the arrival of Nigeria's Air Peace, which operates flights from Sharjah Airport as a hub and destination." His Excellency emphasised that

the Airport is keen to provide the best services and facilities to Air Peace and all airlines operating from Sharjah Airport to ensure their success and enable them to provide services to passengers efficiently. He added, "The Emirate of Sharjah is attracting a growing number of tourists and businessmen from various African destinations including Nigeria. These flights will help to position Sharjah as a centre for tourism, culture and business, attracting more tourists from Africa to Sharjah." Allen Onyema, Air Peace's Chairman and CEO, said, "We thank the officials of Sharjah Airport Authority and the employees at the Airport for the great support they have provided to Air Peace and for facilitating all procedures necessary to start operating flights to Sharjah." Mr Onyema emphasised that the services and facilities at the Airport are of the highest international standards and quality, explaining that the flights will help to meet the substantial demand for travel in both directions. Headed, "Air Peace operates flights to Accra, Freetown, Banjul and Dakar in Africa. The Emirate

of Sharjah is the airline's first destination outside Africa. We hope that it will be a central hub for the airline's global reach, especially as Sharjah's strategic location is ideal." The company seeks to capitalise on the growing demand for travel to and from Sharjah by operating 3 flights per week on a Boeing 777, departing from Sharjah Airport at 8:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and arriving at Lagos International Airport. This is related to the success of Sharjah Airport Authority, which seeks to meet the needs of different travellers and pave the way to several other African destinations in addition to establishing a partnership with one of Africa's largest and fastest growing airlines. The move will benefit the tourism and trade sectors and strengthen the national economy while providing tourists, citizens and residents with an increasing number of travel options. Air Peace was established in 2013 to provide passenger and charter services – serving major Nigerian cities and flying to key destinations such as Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.



## MERIDIAN NAMES EMIL IANNONE COO

Teterboro, NJ, July 29, 2019 –Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company, is pleased to announce that Emil Iannone has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Meridian Air Charter. He will be responsible for managing and streamlining the charter business, including charter operations, charter sales, aircraft management and marketing. Mr. Iannone has served as Director of Operations since 2013, when he returned to Meridian after 13 years in the financial industry. Mr. Iannone is based at the company's headquarters at Teterboro Airport in Teterboro, NJ.

The organizational restructuring comes as part of the company's overall growth strategy, and is designed to allow Dennis O'Connell, President of Meridian Air Charter, more time to focus on other critical aspects of the charter business. These include owner relations, aircraft maintenance, and accounting. Together, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Iannone will be responsible for the strategic direction of the charter organization.

"I am very excited for this opportunity," says Iannone. "I'm honored to be working side-by-side with Dennis to help ensure our charter operations meet the needs of a rapidly changing marketplace and continuing to grow our charter and aircraft management operations. I look forward to contributing to Meridian's ongoing success."

Mr. Iannone started flying in the mid-1980s at Teterboro Airport before attending American Flyers Academy. After graduating and earning his CFI, he returned to Meridian as an instructor pilot, moving up the ranks to Chief Pilot. In 1994, he was promoted to Director of Operations, overseeing the daily operations of Million Air Charter, when the company



**MERIDIAN NAMES EMIL IANNONE COO**

was part of the franchise. Iannone also spent some time during his early career flying for a private flight department. He is type rated in Gulfstream, Learjet and Cessna Citation aircraft.

In 2000, Mr. Iannone was offered the opportunity to take his talents and expertise to a New York City investment banking firm. As Senior Vice President, he oversaw the daily operations of several key areas of the company, including security, purchasing, and ground transportation. His managerial skills translated well from aviation to this environment and he spent a successful tenure there. In 2013, the allure of aviation brought him back to Meridian, when he rejoined the company as Director of Operations.

"We are very pleased to have Emil managing the day-to-day operations of Meridian Air Charter," adds Ken Forester, CEO. "He has the operational experience and people skills to help navigate the challenges of the ever-changing charter landscape. Having operations, sales and marketing under his leadership will help us to compete more effectively in today's marketplace. Emil's new position will also allow Dennis greater bandwidth to focus on the other key areas of the operation. Together, they will be a powerful team in moving the business forward."

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## EXIM Chairman Kimberly Reed Meets with Ohio Businesses on How Agency Can Help Boost State's Economy

Washington, D.C. – Kimberly A. Reed, president and chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), met with representatives from businesses today in Columbus, Ohio, to learn about the challenges they encounter in competing in the global economy. Chairman Reed led the small business event at The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business in Columbus. Reed, who was introduced by Fisher College's Dean Anil Makhija, informed participants how EXIM can help Ohio's companies, both large and small, grow through the export of "Made in the USA" goods and services.

Participating in the event were representatives of Ohio-based small businesses, banks, academia, and a variety of industries and associations, including from The Huntington National Bank, located in Columbus, which was named EXIM's "Lender of the Year"

in March 2019. Also participating was EXIM Advisory Committee Member Richard Rogovin, chairman and general counsel of U.S. Bridge of Cambridge, Ohio. Officials from the offices of Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Joyce Beatty (D-OH 3rd District) also attended. "The Export-Import Bank of the United States is more critical than ever to small businesses," said EXIM President and Chairman Reed. "The purpose of today's meeting is to make sure Ohio businesses know that EXIM is here to partner with them to help grow their businesses and create American jobs through the export of U.S.-made products overseas. In the past five years, EXIM has supported more than \$1 billion in exports from 200 companies across this state. President Trump is committed to small business, and as the newly confirmed chairman of EXIM, I am deeply committed

to fulfilling EXIM's congressional mandate to assist small businesses across the country so that they can grow and prosper to the benefit of our economy and workers, including here in Ohio."

Reed added, "Last year, more than 90 percent of the number of EXIM's authorizations supported small businesses. We want America's small businesses to know we can assist as they compete for and win deals around the world." EXIM provides a portfolio of small business solutions for U.S. businesses, including export credit insurance to minimize financial risk and improve cash flow, working capital guarantees to provide credit lines for producing goods and services, and term financing to support international buyers in purchasing American capital goods and services.

## Ontario Funding Road and Bridge Projects in Wellington—Halton Hills

*Projects will open Ontario for business and keep people moving*

Ontario's government is investing over \$1.3 million for more road and bridge projects in Wellington—Halton Hills, which will make the province's roads safer and commutes easier while opening Ontario for business. As part of the Rural and Northern stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Infrastructure Minister, Laurie Scott, on behalf of Wellington—Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, announced today that the Province has nominated the following projects to the federal government for approval:

- Township of Puslinch: upgrade of Moyer's Bridge and reconstruction of McLean Road/ Concession 7 from the intersection of McLean Road/Concession 7 to County Road 34
- Town of Halton Hills: improvements to Glen Lawson Road/ Third Line
- Town of Erin: replacement of 8th Line Bridge

The federal government will now review these projects and make final funding decisions. As of August 9, 2019, 144 projects have been nominated to the federal government under the Rural and Northern stream. The funding for this ICIP stream has now been allocated. "We need to build and maintain great road, bridge, air and marine infrastructure to help get people to work and home safely, so they can spend more time with the people they love," said Scott. We're continuing to work with municipalities, families and businesses, to make smart investments in our infrastructure, and keep it reliable. These investments are creating good jobs and growing the economy, shaping the future for hard-working families in Ontario."

### QUICK FACTS

- Under the Rural and Northern Stream, the combined

investment from the federal, provincial and local governments for these Wellington—Halton Hills projects would be approximately \$4,013,750.

- The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a \$30-billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and local governments. Ontario's share per project will be up to 33.33 per cent, or \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: Rural and Northern, Public Transit, Green, and Community, Culture and Recreation.

The Rural and Northern stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program was launched on March 18 and closed on May 14, 2019.

- The Public Transit stream for municipalities outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) launched on April 2 and closed on May 28, 2019.

## AVISCHED TAKES OFF IN SWITZERLAND.



Nana Steiner, Head of Marketing

avisched is pleased to announce that three Swiss operators have signed up as new customers, the first of which is Nomad Aviation.

Avisched's launch customers were a Vienna-based operator and its Swiss subsidiary. Subsequently avisched has gone on to become the Austrian market leader and has acquired other Swiss operators as customers.

"You could say that it all began in Switzerland", is how Nana Steiner, Head of Marketing & Sales describes the success story of avisched so far. "We are now proud to welcome three new Swiss operators on board at avisched. The first of which Nomad Aviation."

Nomad Aviation, a business jet charter operator and aircraft management company with its head offices in Kloten, specialises in Charter Sales, Ops, Camo, Accounting (including an ABACUS Interface) and Training.

Mr. Thomas Gieschen (Nomad Aviation's Director Ground Operations) advises "The transition to avisched went



Thomas Gieschen

really smoothly, not least due to the fact that they were able to import all our relevant historical data."

He added "Besides avisched's basic features such as aircraft and crew scheduling, the intuitive and comprehensive staff and crew management modules and the numerous interfaces, such as those to Airsupport's PPS, Avinode, ASQS, Strata Fleet, Fuel and More or ABACUS, the avisched Owner Portal was a particularly convincing sales argument."

The avisched Owner Portal is a web-based application which enables operators to provide aircraft owners with a dedicated web-based app to let them see what's going on with their aircraft, their aircraft's schedules, next flights and maintenance due. These and numerous other features and innovations have already convinced many operators around the globe.

Avisched will be introducing the two other new Swiss operators soon.

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## Ontario Improving Access to Timely Care for Patients in Crisis

*Creating Better Police-Hospital Transitions to Mental Health and Addictions Services*

SARNIA - In emergency departments across the province, people in crisis are placed under police supervision, often for up to eight hours, until they are admitted under the guidelines set out by the Mental Health Act. Not only can police presence in a hospital be distressing for some patients, police officers are frontline resources that can be better used in their communities, serving the public and not waiting in hospitals. That's why Ontario is encouraging police services and hospitals to work together to improve transitions for patients.

Today, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, and Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, were at Bluewater Health to announce a new police-hospital transition framework and toolkit to support developing better transitions for people experiencing a mental health crisis across Ontario.

"By establishing a clear and consistent process between police services and hospitals, people experiencing a mental health crisis will receive better support for when they arrive at the emergency department," said Elliott. "The new framework will help reduce stigma and support timely access to coordinated, critical services. This is part of our cross-government work to build a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions strategy."

Developed in collaboration with health care partners and police services, the new framework and

toolkit aim to:

- Help people access timely care and protect their privacy
  - Decrease transfer of custody wait times so police officers can return to their duties sooner
  - Improve patient transfers so hospital staff can better meet their needs
  - Build stronger relationships and coordination between hospitals and police services
  - Protect the safety and security of vulnerable people, the public and health care workers.
- While at Bluewater Health, government officials also celebrated the launch of the Mental Health Engagement and Response Team (MHEART) — a mobile crisis intervention team in Sarnia to help de-escalate high-pressure situations. Nurses specialized in mental health care from the Canadian Mental Health Association Lambton Kent will work with the Ontario Provincial Police, Sarnia Police and Bluewater Health to better support patients access the care they need. "The police-hospital transition framework will ensure that individuals in crisis receive care faster and police get back on the streets sooner — keeping our communities safe," said Jones. "By working together to develop better processes in both the community and in hospital, with initiatives like the transition framework and MHEART — mobile crisis teams, we can make a difference for those experiencing a mental health

crisis. I applaud the Sarnia Police Service and the Lambton County OPP for working with health and community partners to help people in need."

### QUICK FACTS

The new police-hospital transition framework and toolkit were developed in partnership with Canadian Mental Health

Association – Ontario Division, Ontario Hospital Association, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Provincial Human Services and Justice

· Coordinating Committee to help police services and hospitals establish a joint transition protocol for individuals under the Mental Health Act.

· The Mental Health Act requires police officers to take individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in their custody to be assessed by a doctor, if they are deemed to be at risk of harming themselves or others. This often takes place in a hospital.

· More than 10 police-hospital partnerships in Ontario already have or are in the process of developing a transition protocol.

· Expanding mobile crisis teams across Ontario is part of the additional \$174 million the government is investing this year to support patients and families living with mental health and addictions challenges.

Ontario is committed to invest \$3.8 billion over the next 10 years to develop and implement a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions strategy.

investments will help students pursue their education and connect them to the larger community and jobs, which many students need to support their education. This helps make Ontario open for business, which means Open for Everybody." The funding includes the construction of four heated shelters with an area for 40 bikes as well as improved amenities and protection for passengers at the University of Waterloo. Conestoga College will see increased service with the purchase of six new buses and the installation of nine bus shelters, canopies and other amenities. This project is being nominated under the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a 10-year, \$30-billion fund that provides support to help municipalities repair or build critical infrastructure. This is part of the government's 10-year, \$144 billion strategic infrastructure capital plan, which includes over \$90 billion for public transit and provincial highways over the next decade.

The project in Waterloo is in addition to 15 transit projects in the region being nominated. The transit projects are worth up to \$60.7 million in provincial funding. They include building the new Grand River Northfield Bus Maintenance Facility, and the purchase of new 30 buses, which will allow for transit expansion to meet growing demand in the region.

"This government is committed to building infrastructure that makes life better for people across Ontario," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. "Better public transit creates stronger communities and frees more time for students to pursue their education and find work, which helps make Ontario open for business."

The projects are now with the

federal government for final funding decisions as they are reviewed for eligibility under the ICIP program. Some projects could begin as soon as fall 2019.

### QUICK FACTS

· In addition, GRT also provides specialized transit services including door-to-door service using specialized vehicles.

· The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a \$30 billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments. Ontario's share per project will be up to 33.33 per cent or about \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: 1. Rural and Northern, 2. Public Transit, 3. Green, 4. Community, Culture and Recreation.

· These projects are from the first intake of ICIP applications from municipalities outside the GTHA. Some project applications from this intake are still under consideration by the Province. The Province intends to make more announcements from this intake soon. Information on additional intakes will be released when available.

· The combined investment from the federal, provincial and local governments for the 16 Region of Waterloo transit projects forwarded under the Public Transit stream would be more than \$182 million.

· The government also nominated 15 major transit projects in the City of Toronto, Region of York and City of London to the federal government for approval, as well as 144 road, bridge, air and marine infrastructure projects under the Rural and Northern stream. Grand River Transit (GRT) provides service in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Elmira, St. Jacobs, Baden, Petersburg and New Hamburg. It operates more than 50 routes, covers more than 16 million kilometres every year and had a ridership of more than 19.7 million in 2017.

## Statement by Minister Rickford on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs issued the following statement in recognition of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples:

"Today is an opportunity to honour the rich cultures, contributions and resilience of Indigenous communities including the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples here in

Ontario. There are an estimated 370,000 Indigenous people in Ontario and 370 million across the globe. This year, the theme of this annual celebration is Indigenous languages. I want to acknowledge Indigenous leaders and communities in Ontario for their efforts in preserving languages, cultures and traditions for future generations.

I encourage all Ontarians to take time today to learn more about the diverse Indigenous communities in Ontario and their significant achievements that continue to shape our province. Partnerships with Indigenous communities are essential to our strength, and our government is committed to working together to create opportunities for Indigenous people in every region."

## Ontario Government Improving Transit to Conestoga College and University of Waterloo

*Province investing in 16 transit projects throughout Waterloo to get people moving*

KITCHENER — Ontario is working to support municipalities and get people moving by investing up to \$4 million for new transit infrastructure projects that will benefit students, faculty and

staff of Conestoga College and the University of Waterloo. "With more than 3,000 riders counting on taking a Grand River Transit bus to Conestoga College each and every weekday, it is

clear that access to transit is a critical part of student life in the Region of Waterloo," said Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. "Ontario is keeping its promise to help get people moving. These

## Ontario Investing \$440,000 to Strengthen Cultural Tourism

*Strategic Investment in Cultural Industry to Generate Revenues and Drive Job Creation*

TORONTO — Ontario's government for the people is working to support local economies and create good jobs by investing \$440,000 in cultural tourism events in communities across the province. Through the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (OCAF), the province is supporting nine cultural tourism events, which will help arts, culture and heritage organizations create new experiences. This investment will grow cultural tourism spending by making the entire province a more attractive place to visit. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$150,000. "Ontario's creative tourism events and attractions provide visitors

with unique and unforgettable experiences," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "Our investment in the OCAF program will create good jobs and help keep our province open for business and open for jobs by making Ontario a more attractive place to visit." Cultural tourism events that receive support from the fund range from large art and music festivals to smaller events that celebrate local culture and heritage.

"On behalf of the volunteer board of the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund we are so pleased to support a broad range of festivals, events and exhibitions across Ontario,"

said John McKellar, President and Chair. "OCAF, with its unique structure, is able to support cultural tourism in Ontario to ensure economic impact, job growth and community development in small and large communities across the province." The fund offers an impressive return on the province's investment. The funds are

provided in the form of a partially repayable loan and repayment of these funds help to support future projects. This means that repayments replenish the fund and allow OCAF to invest in even more projects.

#### QUICK FACTS

· OCAF has been

investing in cultural tourism for 20 years. Since 1999, events supported by OCAF have attracted over 70 million visitors and generated over \$235 million in earned revenues. Culture is one of Ontario's fastest growing sectors, employing over 270,000 people and contributing over \$25 billion annually to Ontario's economy.

Ontario Renal Network with funding from the government and patients will receive the same reimbursement rates as currently provided through existing programs. The launch of this new program will coincide with the wind down of the inefficient Out-of-Country Travellers Program. In 2018, Ontario's Auditor General reported that the province's Out-of-Country Travellers Program has had long-standing issues. The program spends a third of its funding on administration alone with 90 per cent of its payments going directly to the private travel industry, which submits claims on behalf of their insured clients. As well, with low reimbursement rates, Ontarians who do not purchase private travel health insurance can be left with catastrophically large bills to pay. "Simply put, the Out-of-Country Travellers Program was an irresponsible use of taxpayer money," said Elliott. "The program does little in the way of providing meaningful travel coverage or value to taxpayers, especially when private insurance

plans are readily available and offer the level of coverage everyone should have when travelling." Insured Ontario residents will continue to receive coverage for physician and hospital services when visiting or moving to another Canadian province or territory. Travel health insurance is currently provided through many workplace plans and credit cards. Ontarians travelling abroad continue to be encouraged to purchase the appropriate travel insurance coverage in the event emergency health care is needed out of country.

#### QUICK FACTS

· The ministry is providing \$700,000 annually to the Ontario Renal Network to establish and operate the new program that will fund out-of-country dialysis services. The ministry currently spends approximately \$2.8 million a year to administer the Out-of-Country Travellers Program, which pays about \$9 million in claims annually.

## Ontario Government Funding Critical Road Reconstruction in Pelham and Transit Throughout Niagara

*Investments in priority projects will mean safer, faster, more convenient commutes*

PELHAM — Ontario's Government is investing in what matters through new infrastructure projects, which will make the province's roads safer and commutes easier for drivers while creating jobs and growing the economy.

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Sam Oosterhoff, Member of Provincial Parliament for Niagara West, announced today that the Province will fund an important road project in Pelham.

"Ontario is keeping its promise to help get people moving," said Ford. "Open for Business means Open for Everybody. Improving roads helps connect people with jobs, and businesses with customers. With our plan, businesses, families and workers can count on an Ontario that will move faster than ever before."

The project will include full roadway reconstruction of 2.5 km of Pelham Street, new pedestrian sidewalks, on-road cycling lanes and new street lighting worth about \$1.67 million in provincial funding. This initiative is being nominated under the Rural and Northern funding stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, a 10-year, \$30-billion cost-shared program that will support municipalities in repairing or building critical infrastructure.

"Good roads get people to work and home more easily and safely, so they can spend more time with the people they love," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. "People in and around Pelham have been waiting for this announcement, and our investment will address local priorities while also reducing administrative burden on local governments."

The project in Pelham is in addition to 24 transit projects in the Region of Niagara being nominated under the Public Transit

stream of ICIP.

The transit projects are worth about \$23.9 million in provincial funding. They include the purchase of new buses that will reduce maintenance costs, new fare boxes that allow for tap payment from phones, credit cards and debit cards, and the construction of a new operations facility that will allow Niagara to expand its transportation network to meet growing demand.

The federal government will review all of these proposals for eligibility under the program and make final funding decisions. "Today's announcement is yet another example of how our government is putting people first and protecting what matters most," said Oosterhoff. "This investment will have a significant impact on the economic development of Pelham and of West Niagara as a whole."

"Too many people are spending too much time stuck in traffic. That's a waste of time and money. These nominated projects will help change that," said Ford. "People want more time to do the things they love with the people they care about. This government hears that loud and clear; we're getting Ontario moving."

"On behalf of all residents of Pelham, I would like to thank Premier Ford, MPP Oosterhoff and the Ontario government at large for recognizing the infrastructure needs of our town," said Mayor Marvin Junkin. "With this funding, Pelham will be able to urbanize a major roadway in the town, thereby making it safer for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists alike."

#### QUICK FACTS

· In 2017, Niagara Region Transit had ridership of more than 523,000.

· In 2018-19, the

Province has committed more than \$6.5 million in Gas Tax funding to Niagara Region and municipalities within the region.

· The combined investment from the federal, provincial and local governments for the Pelham Street project forwarded under the Rural and Northern stream would be approximately \$5 million.

· The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a \$30 billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments. Ontario's share per project will be up to 33.33 per cent or about \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: 1. Rural and Northern, 2. Public Transit, 3. Green, 4. Community, Culture and Recreation. The combined investment from the federal, provincial and local governments for the 24 Niagara Region transit projects forwarded under the Public Transit stream would be approximately \$64 million.

· The Province has nominated 144 transit infrastructure projects from outside of the GTHA under the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. For transit projects inside the GTHA, the province has nominated five key projects including the Ontario Line and Yonge North subway extension. The province is also currently accepting applications for transit projects from 11 municipalities inside the GTHA.

The Province has nominated 144 projects to the federal government for funding under the Rural and Northern stream, and some projects have already received federal approval to begin construction

## Canada welcomes peace agreement in Mozambique

Global Affairs Canada today issued the following statement on the signing of the Maputo Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mozambique:

"This is a historic moment for the people of Mozambique. Canada applauds the signing of the Maputo Peace and Reconciliation Agreement by the President of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, and Renamo leader, Ossufo Momade. This peace agreement is an important

milestone in the generations-long pursuit of sustainable peace.

"Canada commends these positive steps and is proud to contribute \$1.5 million to support the implementation of the peace process, including reconciliation and disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration. The next step is free and fair elections and we stand ready to assist the people of Mozambique in building the peaceful future they deserve."

## Statement to mark Romani Genocide Remembrance Day

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism, today issued the following statement:

"Today, we solemnly remember the more than 500,000 Romani murdered and persecuted by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Second World War. "By officially recognizing the Romani genocide—also known as the Porajmos and Samudaripen—we recognize the Romani peoples' shared history as victims and survivors of Nazi atrocities during the Second World War. Their story is the tragic consequence of intolerance left unchecked. It is a horrific example

of where bigotry, xenophobia and the labelling of others as less than equal can lead when toxic rhetoric is normalized and encouraged.

"We also recognize that Romani communities in many countries around the world have historically been, and continue to be, marginalized in all areas of life. Roma women, especially, still face significant discrimination and social exclusion.

"Canada is working within the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance [IHRA] to promote greater awareness of the Romani genocide through the IHRA's Committee on the Genocide of the Roma. "We vow to never again let such atrocities be committed against anyone, anywhere."

## Ontario Launching Program to Fund Out-of-Country Dialysis Services

*New Program Coincides with Wind Down of Inefficient Out-of-Country Travellers Program*

Every Ontarian deserves the opportunity to safely travel abroad. That's why Ontario is launching a new program to fund out-of-country dialysis services, ensuring that Ontarians living with kidney failure can continue to have access to the care they need

when travelling outside of Canada.

"Our government listened to Ontarians on dialysis about the need to preserve and protect their ability to safely travel and work abroad," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of

Health. "This new program to fund out-of-country dialysis services will ensure hemodialysis patients can plan trips confident they can access the medically necessary services they rely on." Starting January 1, 2020, this new program will be operated by the



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## It's a hat trick - with MCEC named Employer of Choice 2019

The annual awards recognises organisations which have developed workplaces that maximise the full potential of their workforce through practices that demonstrate effective employee recruitment, engagement and retention. MCEC's diverse and inclusive culture, wide range of health and wellbeing activities, and variety of career development opportunities were key to its recognition as an Employer of Choice. MCEC Chief Executive, Peter King recognised the role of all employees in contributing to the achievement. "This is a tremendous acknowledgement of our

employees here at MCEC," Mr King said. "To again be named an Employer of Choice demonstrates the pride, diligence and genuine passion our people have for our customers and achieving industry excellence. "I truly believe it's the strength of our people that differentiates us from our competition." MCEC Director of People, Culture and Business Improvement, Helen Fairclough said the awards provide a unique opportunity to benchmark MCEC against top organisations nationally. "To be named Employer of Choice for the third year in a row is a remarkable

achievement," Ms Fairclough said. "This accolade is testament to our hard working employees, who share a commitment for building a culture that fosters collaboration and creativity. "It is important for us to continue to focus on our employee experience and invest in our talent, so we can maintain our status as a leading employer of choice in both the Australian and wider global events industry." As a winner of the Australian awards, MCEC will again be benchmarked in the international chapter of the program at The World Business Awards.

## PCMA STRENGTHENS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bruce MacMillan joins as CMO, Michelle Crowley moves to Chief Growth & Innovation Officer PCMA today announced Bruce MacMillan, an experienced leader in the global business events industry, is joining as Chief Marketing Officer, effective September 2nd.

The Chicago-based organization also announced Michelle Crowley as its first Chief Growth & Innovation Officer, effective immediately. The additions strengthen PCMA executive leadership team as it continues with its vision of driving global economic and social transformation through business events.

MacMillan, currently CEO of Visit DFW, a consumer content marketing venture for tourism stakeholders in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, will be responsible for PCMA's global brand development and marketing strategies. He will lead PCMA's marketing, events and print and digital teams, which include Convene magazine. Crowley, formerly vice president of global growth and business transformation at PCMA, will add education and product development to her current responsibilities of regional and revenue development.

"This additional talent to an already high-performing

leadership team perfectly positions PCMA to continue its global growth and elevate the value we bring to our members and audience," said Sherrif Karamat, PCMA's president and CEO. "Bruce's accomplishments and leadership skills, along with Michelle's knowledge and successful track record, will enhance our capability to use business events as the platform for global economic and social transformation."

MacMillan and Crowley join an executive leadership team that includes Mona Cotton as Chief Business Officer responsible for business development, Robert Haas as Chief Administrative Officer and Meredith Rollins, recently named Chief Community Officer for community engagement, member growth. Rollins remains executive director of the PCMA Foundation.

MacMillan has more than 30 years of experience in the global business events and tourism industry. His past leadership roles include CEO of Meeting Professionals International and of Tourism Toronto. He developed and led Vancouver, B.C.'s successful national bid for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. MacMillan also runs BANDWIDTH consultancy, advising destinations on event sales and marketing strategies and served as consortium consulting



partner in the Destinations International DestinationNEXT global initiative.

"The business events industry is at an exciting inflection point right now and the vision Sherrif has crafted is an innovative strategy that I completely agree with," MacMillan said. "Helping PCMA achieve the goal of ensuring business events drive global economic and social growth is something that aligns with my own values."

Crowley began her business events career at PCMA and has held various positions including senior director of global strategy and manager of global development. She oversees regional brand development, content outreach, acquisitions and operations in PCMA's Americas, EMEA and Asia-Pacific regions.

"I am excited to have this opportunity to build new value for our audience," said Michelle Crowley, PCMA Chief Growth & Innovation Officer. "As we look at PCMA's global reach, it is critical that we continue to focus on providing leading education that drives the industry forward. Adding education and new product development aligns well with my existing role of innovation and global growth."

## Krimson bolsters business, five new roles created, including first company CFO



Back Row L to R: Helina Teshome, Dawit Lemma, Nadia Getachew, Yoseph Moges  
Front Row L to R: Lemlem Mitiku, Yonas Desalgne, Betelhem Shumu, Edomgenet Sentayehu

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia-based aviation business Krimson has bolstered its operation by adding five new members to its team. Edomgenet Sentayehu has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer and is controlling the financial status of the company. Helina Teshome and Nadia Getachew have come on board as Flight Operations Officers. Betelhem Shumu has become Marketing Officer and Yonas Desalgne is re-joining the company, after a year working with Oxfam, to head up IT and support Betelhem with his graphic design and branding skills.

With nearly a decade of experience in accountancy and financial analysis Edomgenet brings a wealth of accountancy experience from outside the aviation industry having worked in the advertising sector, as well as for public and private enterprises. As CFO her responsibilities include creating and administering financial systems, managing day to day business development finances and preparing financial reports for both internal and external stakeholders.

Nadia and Helina bring diverse perspectives to Krimson as Flight Operations Officers. Nadia sharpened her skills working in sales, marketing and project management for international private aviation companies. Helina brings a background in economics and insurance gained before joining the aviation sector as an inflight service provider. Together they hold a myriad of professional qualifications in aviation safety, security and ground handling amongst

others. Their honed communication and problem-solving skills position them well to fulfil their new responsibilities which include obtaining flight permits, arranging ground handling, coordinating with international aviation companies, liaising with passengers and crew, among other day to day flight operations tasks, which are managed against the back drop of the dynamic Ethiopian flight operations landscape.

Betelhem and Yonas are developing and implementing the Krimson marketing strategy to further raise the Krimson profile at an international level. Betelhem started as an intern at Krimson and quickly became part of the full-time team, ensuring daily activities reflect the long-term business strategy. Following a year out working for the charity Oxfam, Yonas has returned to work on branding and graphic design as well as developing and managing Krimson's IT systems.

The new team will support CEO Dawit Lemma in continuing to lead the company to greater heights in the industry. "I'm so excited about the depth of experience, the professional abilities and fantastic team that is now supporting Krimson. It is well known that recruiting for aviation is a challenge but in my new team I have found a wealth of skills, talent and characters who I know will work well together to provide our customers the very best in aviation services. Krimson continues to grow and as we look to set up operations in Eritrea, I need a solid, reliable team to support all activity," said Lemma.



## Bawadi Mall anticipates a good summer season

*The biggest shopping destination in Al Ain is offering attractive deals and promotions to entice customers*



Footfall in malls in the UAE have surged this summer season as various shopping malls across the country offer special deals and unique promotions to attract more patrons.

Bassam Saleh, Marketing Director for Bawadi Mall said: "Many families and friends usually spend their bonding moments in shopping centres as the country's hot season begins. It is also during this period that tourists flock to the UAE to take advantage of attractive range of summer deals and promos."

"In response, business establishments offer all sorts of exciting campaigns to entice more visitors and shoppers and provide them with the best experience. This is in line with the government's bid to make the country a preferred summer destination in the Middle East region," Saleh added.

For Bawadi Mall, the largest in Al Ain, it is hosting the exciting Retail Abu Dhabi (RAD) Rewards – Summer Edition, which kicked off on June 18, 2019 and will run until August 3, 2019, in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Tourism. The participating establishments at Bawadi Mall are offering up to 25 to 75 percent discounts on their in-

demand merchandises.

Bawadi Mall is also running two ongoing major events in conjunction with the super sale. The first one is its 35-day 'Shop and Win' campaign in which 10 lucky shoppers are given an opportunity to win AED 500 each during daily draws and 20,000AED during weekend draws. The 35-day 'Shop and Win' promo kicked off on June 29, 2019 and will end on August 2, 2019.

The second event is the 2019 edition of Bawadi Mall's annual "Around The World" show. Under the theme "Folklore Around the World," the event features international groups of professional and registered cultural performers.

Saleh said: "Our exclusive

summers offerings and programs are bringing our shoppers so much fun and joy, and we are delighted over their glowing feedback. For our part, we will continue to give them the best entertainment activities and exclusive deals according to our core values of excellence, leadership, and passion. Rest assured that we will continue to strive to exceed their expectations."

The 140,000-square-meter Bawadi Mall is Al Ain's ultimate shopping, dining, and leisure destination. Located five minutes from the town center on Mezyad Road, the mall houses a mix of international as well as regional retail brands of fashion, food, jewelry, and much more.



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## South Africa and Kenya set up title decider in Women's Rugby World Cup qualifier



Hosts South Africa and Kenya are now just one win away from securing the region's qualification ticket to Women's Rugby World Cup 2021 in New Zealand after maintaining their winning records on Tuesday in the Rugby Africa Women's Cup in Johannesburg.

South Africa and Kenya will meet in a winner-takes-all title decider in the Rugby Africa Women's Cup 2019 on Saturday 17 August with the victors qualifying for Women's Rugby World Cup 2021.

Held at the Bosman Stadium, Kenya kicked off the second round of the inaugural competition with a seven-try, 37-5 victory over a Ugandan side that battled hard in a tight first half before succumbing to the Lionesses' attacking prowess.

South Africa came up against a Madagascan side that showed plenty of promise in what was

only their second test. The Springbok Women, however, ran in tries at regular intervals as well as keeping their opponents scoreless for the first time in more than nine years, securing a 75-0 victory.

The Rugby Africa Women's Cup is the first opportunity for a team to qualify for Women's Rugby World Cup 2021 through the regional qualification route.

In April this year World Rugby announced details of a new qualification pathway for Women's Rugby World Cup 2021 whereby non-qualified teams will compete in new and existing regional tournaments. Regional tournaments will be held in Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America with the final opportunity for teams to qualify being through the new repechage tournament, which will be held in 2020.

## Home side hero Yoshiaki Oiwa takes early lead at Ready Steady Tokyo test event



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