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New Executive Director for Alberta Aviation Museum

The board of the Alberta Aviation Museum Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Jean Lauzon as Executive Director of the Alberta Aviation Museum.

Ms. Lauzon has been Acting Executive Director since February, and Assistant Executive Director since 2012. She has been involved with the Alberta Aviation Museum for a decade, serving as a volunteer before she came on staff. Her background is varied, ranging from working as a military airframe technician to spending time in the financial services industry.

Ms. Lauzon takes the helm of the museum at a critical time. The museum is reinventing itself after the closure of the City Centre Airport, making the transition in to a more modern professional museum interpreting the storied history of aviation in Edmonton. The AAM is also committed to being a key part of the new Blatchford community springing up around it.

At the same time the museum is also considering an expansion to a sister site to provide the needed space for artifacts and restoration work. It is also undertaking the largest restoration project in its 20-year history, Lancaster KB882, currently in Edmunston, New Brunswick. The large aircraft is slated to be a key future attraction for the museum.

The Alberta Aviation Museum is committed to telling the stories of the men and woman who made Edmonton a leader in aviation in Canada. The city's Blatchford field, was home to the early bush pilots, it played a strategic role as an air training and transportation hub during the war years and later was a key player in supporting resource exploration and development in Canada's north. The AAM operates out of the only remaining double-wide, double-long hangar built for the British Commonwealth Training program. The building is a designated historic site, and the museum accredited by the Alberta Museums Association.

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