

2025

ALBERTA DEFENCE SUMMIT AGENDA



2025 AVIATION & AEROSPACE SUMMIT

MAY 5-7, 2025

BEST WESTERN PREMIER PLAZA, CALGARY

MONDAY | MAY 5, 2025

9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Calgary Aerospace Tours: Institutions and Industry in Action (Defence Only)

- Post Secondary
University of Calgary & Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
- Industry
Fidelity Manufacturing & Canadian UAVs

*Lunch will be provided on the bus

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Opening Night Networking Event (Access to all)

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TUESDAY | MAY 6, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks		
9:15 AM - 9:50 AM	Keynote: Plaza 1,2 & 3 Al Meininger, President of Boeing Canada – A visionary presentation on the future of aviation, aerospace, and defence.		
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Future of Airports: Innovation & Leadership Perspectives: Plaza 1,2 & 3		
10:50 AM - 11:10 AM	Networking Break: Coffee and Refreshments Provided		
11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	Navigating Complexity in Airline Operations: Plaza 1 & 2		
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Plaza 1 Wings of Opportunity: Uncommon and Exciting Aviation Careers	Insights from the Transportation Safety Board of Canada: Enhancing Safety and Standards	Plaza 3 Government of Alberta Roundtable – INVITE ONLY (from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM	Networking Break: Coffee and Refreshments Provided		
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Plaza 1 Future of Air Traffic with NAV CANADA	Plaza 2 Driving Innovation: How Manufacturers Can Propel Alberta's Aviation & Aerospace Industry	Plaza 3 Integrating Indigenous Business Procurement Systems: Navigating Relationships, Nuances, and Opportunities
2:50 PM - 3:10 PM	Networking Break: Coffee and Refreshments Provided		
3:10 PM - 4:00 PM	Plaza 1 Advancing Aviation Education: Innovative Facilities and Training Approaches	Plaza 2 Soaring as One: Strengthening Canada's Aviation & Aerospace Industries with Provincial Councils	Plaza 3 Securing the Skies: Cyber- security Challenges and Innovations in Aviation & Defence
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Recharge and Rejuvenate		
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Gala Dinner: Networking Dinner & Scholarship Awards: Plaza 1,2 & 3		

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WEDNESDAY | MAY 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome Back		
9:15 AM - 9:50 AM	Keynote: Plaza 1,2 & 3 Max Schramm, President & CEO of Lufthansa Technik Canada		
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	Networking Break: Coffee and Refreshments Provided		
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM	Plaza 1 Recruitment & Training The Next Generation of Aviation	Plaza 2 The Future of Rotary-Wing Aviation: Innovation & Challenges	Plaza 3 People-Centered Best Practices
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	Networking Break: Coffee and refreshments provided		
11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	Plaza 1 Navigating Sustainability in Aviation: Fuel, Technology, and Beyond	Plaza 2 Elevating Black Voices in Aviation and Aerospace	Plaza 3 Advancing Safety and Security in Aviation
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Drones, Counter Drones & Integrated Solutions: The Evolution and Innovation cycle in Defence & Security: Plaza 1,2 & 3		
1:50 PM - 2:10 PM	Networking Break: Coffee and Refreshments Provided		
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	AI: Humanity's Greatest Tool or Existential Threat?: Plaza 4 & 5		
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Closing Ceremony		
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Aircraft Maintenance Competition Awards: Plaza 1,2 & 3		
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Networking Event: Beer, chips, salsa, and a relaxed environment to connect with peers: Plaza 1,2 & 3		

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