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Welcome Aboard



Bienvenue à bord



Greetings from Vancouver - it's definitely still winter here. Returning to the sim myself next week and get back to the flight deck.

It's also time to do inventory and resupply for this season. Planning some new shirts this year so watch out for those.

Last fall we announced Canadian Aviation Pride's financial awards. We went through the applications and have awarded 4 people; Olivia, Brock, Daniel and Alicia. Congratulations! We hope to continue to support LGBTQ+ aviators in Canada and aim to do it again next winter.

This year's awards are in honour of Tyler Bryson. Tyler had been a long time member of CAP and was part of the committee to create the awards. He

was also a great contributor with his involvement to the board.

Canadian Aviation Pride has received many applications for the Executive Director position and is in the process of selecting someone who can work to help manage the many tasks that Canadian Aviation Pride aims to achieve.

If you wish to volunteer and help coordinate local events, CAP can help support it - contact us for details.

I also wish to Thank our outgoing board member, Jessica. Jessica has been involved with Canadian Aviation Pride since its inception.

She has contributed with volunteering at Pride, Canadian women in Aviation and other events. Jessica has been instrumental in managing the Awards program and will be missed.

The CAP board of directors meets every month online. There is room on the Board for more volunteers. If you wish to help contribute to diversity and inclusion in Canadian Aviation, please contact us. We welcome enthusiastic passionate people who want to contribute and lead the way for a better world.

Happy landings,

Peter Litherland
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This month we are announcing the results of the first annual CAP Awards, and we are pleased to include a letter from Chelsea Bryson, the sister of the late CAP Director Tyler Bryson. He was instrumental in getting the CAP Award program going, and the awards are given in his honour.

We have a member profile to share with you this month from Jordyn, one of our members who is an aviation fiction writer. Thanks Jordyn!

We are also sharing a synopsis of the Board of Directors meeting which was held in early February, so that you can see what we are planning.

I will be travelling at the end of March (to warmer climes!), so I will not be able to get the newsletter out on the dot of the 1st April, so expect to see it on the 3rd April instead. I don't mind noting that it's the first time in over 5 years that it has not arrived at exactly 10:00 pm on the last day of the month!

With a very busy floatplane and helicopter harbour airport, there are some good shots to be taken, especially with such a spectacular mountain backdrop. This month's cover photo was taken on 9th June 2021, and shows the Harbour Air seaplane dock. Toward the right of the mountain range, just between the wingtips of aircraft number two and three, you can see two peaks sticking up above the skyline. Those are "The Lions", which stand at 5,400 feet ASL.

Best wishes,

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Aviation Cartoon



Caricature en aviation



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Flight Plan 2024



Plan de vol 2024

Vancouver

Monday 1 July 2024
Sunday 4 August 2024

Canada Day fireworks party
CAP Vancouver Pride Booth

Toronto

28 – 30 June 2024

CAP Toronto Pride Booth

Montréal

Saturday 10 August 2024

CAP Montréal Pride Booth

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22 – 28 July 2024
9 – 11 August 2024

EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI
Abbotsford Airshow BC



Canadian Aviation Pride Award Winners

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the inaugural recipients of the Canadian Aviation Pride Awards! Congratulations to Olivia, Brock, Daniel and Alicia! You've all worked so hard toward your flying dreams, and we are so proud of you and your accomplishments.

This award wouldn't be possible without our volunteers' hard work to raise funds and our donors' contributions, but it also wouldn't have been possible without Tyler Bryson. As one of our directors, Tyler led the charge to begin setting up this award in 2023. As such, Canadian Aviation Pride is offering this first award in memorial of Tyler.



Tyler's family has been kind enough to share the letter which follows letter and Tyler's photo with us. His absence is felt every day, and we hope to do him proud.



Olivia



Brock



Daniel



Alicia

Hi everyone! My name is Chelsea Bryson. I am here to try and take on the impossible and represent my brother Tyler Bryson in this honor given to him by the first CAP award.

My brother Tyler was set in what he wanted to do at a young age - starting ground school at the age of 14, and began a love of aviation which lasted 20 years. He was named as the top all around student at his BCIT Aviation program, then early in his career went on to instruct other students & work for a few smaller regional or charter airlines. Eventually he made his way to captain at Westjet Encore, and then became an FO at Westjet with 5000 flight hours.

One thing that felt as strong as Tyler's love of flying was his dedication to helping other people. He was kind to everyone around him, and he had a way of making everyone in his life feel like a priority. Anytime Tyler had the opportunity to help, you best believe he'd be going out of his way to do so. His ability to be empathetic and understanding to all those around him in every circumstance was unsurpassed.

The thing is, there were definitely moments where Tyler's amazing character was not the focus. At times it seemed like who someone loves was a bigger deal than who they are as a person, which is such a frustrating concept. Tyler only wanted to focus on his career and doing what he loved, but instead he had to spend time worrying about how he may be perceived. Despite this, he continued to think only of others, and instead of being bitter, focused on making positive change for as many people as he possibly could.

The idea that this award can be given out to help a community of people which gave him such amazing friends and colleagues within Aviation is such a perfect way to honor him. This truly encapsulates who he was and what was important to him. I just hope that with this, and other continued support for the LGBTQ+ community, that eventually no one in this world has to be patient or brave in order to be themselves.

We want to thank the CAP organization for their honor in giving this award in Tyler's name, and their work in creating a place of friendship and safety. Know that myself and my family are cheering you on as you all continue into your careers and become the amazing people you are.



Tyler Bryson





Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 1st March at 5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST is our monthly Zoom social. It's a chance to connect and reconnected with other LGBTQ+ Canadian Aviators, allies and enthusiasts from you home, work or on the road. Share all the news and rumours in the industry!



Each month we may have a theme, so check with Facebook or Instagram to find out the latest. You'll need the zoom app, a browser or you can even call in. otherwise click the link to join. We challenge you to use a virtual background with a Canadian Aviation Theme. Occasional prizes and gifts for participants. Please the Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449880517...>

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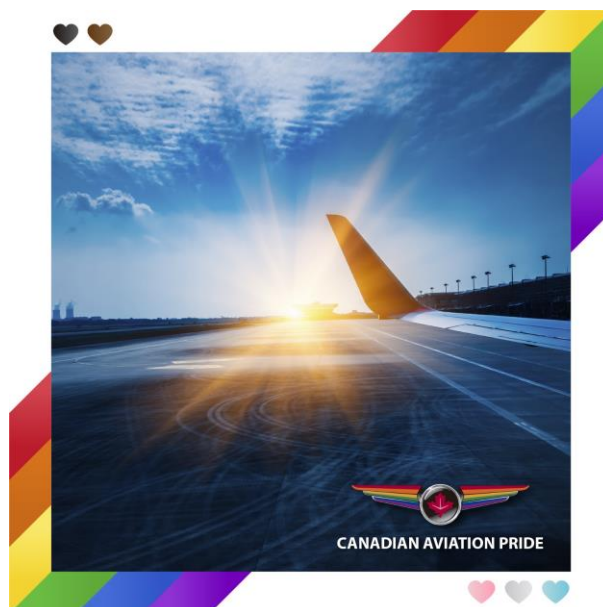
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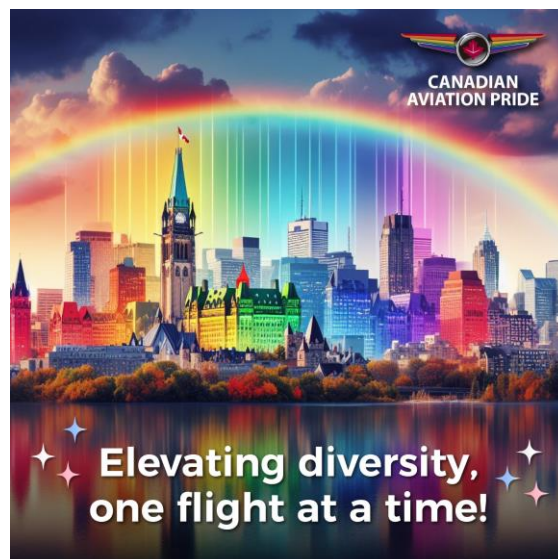
Three of the five Directors were present, and after approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, a review of the applications for the new CAP Award was held. Directors unanimously agreed to make awards to four candidates pending reference checks. The award will honour the late Tyler Bryson who was instrumental in setting up the awards, and his family has been contacted to provide input.

Applications for the position of Executive Director have been received, and Rene will take the lead for interviews of those applicants who meet the qualifications.

Peter advised that he has ordered merchandise to boost the inventory and will begin coordinating June Pride events with the NGPA. Other summer events will be added to the calendar as dates become known.

Work will begin this spring on the new Strategic Plan, which will include the assessment of statistics especially to use for grant applications, this being one of the duties of the new Executive Director position. The meeting was adjourned after 40 minutes.

Our thanks to our Director Jessica for preparing the minutes of this meeting!



On Line



En ligne

Web Page - Page Web



Canadian Aviation Pride's Web Page contains information about our organization, our objectives and who we are. Check it out, including our Resources and Newsletter pages!

<http://www.aviationpride.ca>

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Name Jordyn
Age 31
Relationship Status Single
Residence Location Burnaby BC
Employment Audio professional by day,
fiction writer by night

What is your affiliation with aviation?

Aviation fiction author

**Why did you get involved in aviation? Tell us about how it's a part of your life now.**

It all started when I was first writing *The Jet Racer* as a way to share and express my own experiences, as well as some of those of close friends, of growing up trans.

How did you find out about or first get involved with CAP? What have you enjoyed most about your involvement?

I first found out about the organization via the Vancouver Pride table years ago when I had asked Adrian to be my "consulting expert" for the novel.

Tell us about the best trip you've ever taken or your favourite destination to jet off to.

Hong Kong in 2012

Anything else you want to say about yourself

They/them pronouns. I answer to Jordyn, Jess, Andy, and Andy Davids

Would you like to be featured in our Monthly Member Profile? Everyone is welcome to submit their profile, whether you're a long time member or are new to Canadian Aviation Pride. You can answer as many or as few of the questions as you feel comfortable with, and use of your last name and employer are optional. If you'd like to share your story, [CLICK HERE](#)

Souhaitez-vous figurer dans notre profil de membre mensuel? Tout le monde est invité à soumettre son profil, que vous soyez un membre de longue date ou un nouveau membre de Canadian Aviation Pride. Vous pouvez répondre à autant de questions que vous le souhaitez, ou en utiliser le moins possible, et l'utilisation de votre nom de famille et de votre employeur est facultative. Si vous souhaitez partager votre histoire, [CLIQUEZ ICI](#)



In Closing



En clôture

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. As we get closer to each event, we will send out further details and a reminder.

If you would like to volunteer or help lead an event, or if you have ideas you would like us to consider, please don't hesitate to let us know. info@aviationpride.ca.

Blue skies and tail winds!

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Merci d'avoir pris le temps de lire notre bulletin. Plus proche de chaque événement, nous enverrons d'autres détails et un rappel.

Si vous voulez être un bénévole, ou aider à diriger un événement, ou si vous avez des idées à nous soumettre, n'hésitez pas à nous le faire savoir. info@aviationpride.ca.

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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