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Message from the Office of Mayor Henry Braun



On behalf of the City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford City Council, I would like to invite you to the West Coast to attend three important aviation events this summer: the 2017 Aerospace, Defence and Security Expo (ADSE), the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) Conference and the 55th Abbotsford International Airshow.

With an international airport and a cluster of industry leaders, manufacturers and skills training facilities, the City of Abbotsford has grown to be a centre for aviation and aerospace in Canada. Each year, the Aerospace, Defence and Security Expo (ADSE) is held at the Abbotsford Tradex Centre, right next to the Abbotsford International Airport, and this year we are thrilled to welcome CBAA.

This is the perfect opportunity for industry leaders in aviation and aerospace to share their work, form partnerships and continue to develop this vital industry.

You will also be able to experience the Abbotsford International Airshow, one of the top 10 airshows in the world. Since it began in 1962, the Airshow has been one of our community's largest events. With the goal of celebrating aviation history and inspiring a passion for flight, the Airshow features diverse aviation-related performances and displays. It reaches a wide audience – from young to old and from those looking simply to be entertained to aviation experts and enthusiasts. Over a thousand volunteers help out each year and dozens of local businesses sponsor the show. The show attracts 85% of its crowd from outside this community, bringing more than 75,000 visitors to Abbotsford on that weekend.

This year's show is sure to be one of the best airshows ever. To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, the organizers have chosen the theme "True North Strong," reflecting national pride in Canada's history, traditions, innovative spirit and values. Plans are being made to showcase Canada's rich aviation history and how aviation helped to build our nation.

We would be thrilled to have you attend and witness the linking of these three aviation-centric events which are sure to advance the role aviation and aerospace plays in the life of our nation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Braun".

Henry Braun
Mayor