
THE PEMBROKE & AREA AIRPORT

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



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2025 SUMMARY

The Pembroke & Area Airport-Where the Ottawa Valley Takes Flight

2025 was a strong and productive year for the Pembroke & Area Airport (CYTA). The airport continued to fulfill its role as a vital regional asset for the Upper Ottawa Valley, supporting emergency services, military operations, economic development, and community engagement. Through steady operational activity, meaningful partnerships, and successful community-focused initiatives, CYTA reinforced its importance to both local residents and national stakeholders.

As the only certified airport between Carp and North Bay, the Pembroke & Area Airport remains a critical transportation hub for the region. With 24/7, year-round operations, CYTA ensures readiness for emergency response, supports Canada's defence and training needs, and contributes to the local economy by enabling business aviation, tourism, and regional connectivity. We look forward to 2026 and continuing to support the safety, security, and economic vitality of the Upper Ottawa Valley.



ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Serving as a vital hub for the Ottawa Valley's aviation community, supporting medivac services, military exercises, business aviation, and recreational flying.

Welcome to the Pembroke & Area Airport (CYTA), located in Pembroke, Ontario, approximately 90 minutes west of Ottawa. CYTA is the only certified airport between Carp and North Bay and serves as a key gateway to the Upper Ottawa Valley.

The airport features:

- A 5,000-foot asphalt runway
- Paved taxiways and ramp parking
- Full terminal facilities
- 24/7, year-round operations

Publicly owned by six municipalities, the Pembroke & Area Airport supports a wide range of aviation activity, including medivac operations, military exercises, search and rescue training, business aviation, and tourism. Its close proximity to local restaurants, accommodations, and attractions further strengthens its role as a regional transportation hub.

The Pembroke & Area Airport is also a member in good standing of the Airport Management Council of Ontario, reflecting its commitment to safe, professional, and responsible airport operations.



ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Our Strategic Importance

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Pembroke & Area Airport plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of residents across the Ottawa Valley. In 2025, the airport continued to support:

- Medical evacuation (medivac) flights
- Emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Search and rescue training operations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The airport contributes directly and indirectly to the regional economy by:

- Supporting business aviation and corporate travel
- Enabling tourism and seasonal activity
- Creating and sustaining local jobs
- Attracting visiting aircraft and organizations

CYTA helps strengthen the economic fabric of the UOV and supports long-term regional growth.

MILITARY SUPPORT

Military aviation continues to be a key component of airport activity. CYTA serves as:

- A training facility for military pilots
- An emergency landing site for government aircraft

This role supports national defence readiness while also bringing consistent aviation activity to the region.

MEET THE TEAM

Stephen, Airport Manager

Mark, Airport Maintenance

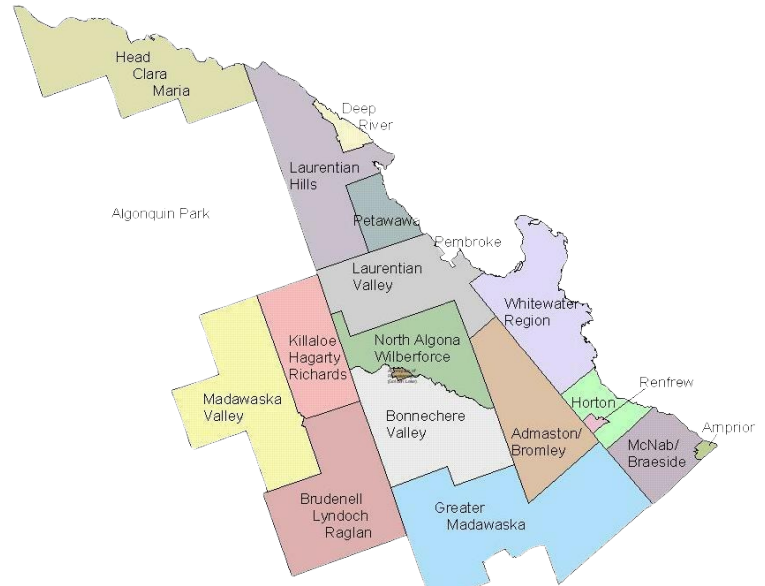
Natalie, Assistant to the Commission

Terry, Airport Maintenance



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

A snapshot of the Airport's work this year.



\$266,000+ RAISED TO DATE

18 COMMUNITIES SERVED

2052+

TOTAL FLIGHTS

This activity reflects the airport's continued role as a reliable hub for military, emergency, and civilian aviation.

16+

TOTAL MEDIVAC FLIGHTS

These highlight the airport's critical role in supporting emergency medical services for the region."

718+

TOTAL MILITARY FLIGHTS

These operations highlight CYTA's importance as a trusted facility for DND training and government aviation.

24/7

RUNWAY AVAILABILITY

With 24/7 runway availability, the airport ensures reliable access for emergency, military, and civilian flights year-round

A LOOK BACK AT 2025

SOME KEY MOMENTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR



AIRBORNE PETAWAWA

Another successful season for our community partner, Airborne Petawawa, the Ottawa Valley's premier skydiving experience, including participation in World Skydiving Day on July 12.

MNR FISH STOCKING

In May, the Ministry of Natural Resources returned for annual aerial fish stocking, using the airport as a hub to transport thousands of fish to local lakes.





BARB'S LAST WISH

In September, Airborne Petawawa helped make Barb's final wish come true, as she and her friends all completed a tandem skydive on the same day.

THE AIR CADETS

This past November, nineteen cadets from 653 Squadron (Renfrew) and 638 Squadron (Pembroke) visited the airport for a full day of flight introductions, inspiring future aviators.



FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT

With increased regional fire activity, the airport served as a key hub for aerial firefighting and emergency response operations.



JASON BLAINE

We were grateful to receive a \$5,000 donation from this year's Jason Blaine Charity Event, supporting the airport's services and regional impact.

SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

The airport hosted search and rescue training exercises, reinforcing its role in emergency preparedness and inter-agency collaboration.



HELLO FROM A FORMER STUDENT

Former student Aya gained hands-on experience at the airport and has since built a thriving aviation career, earning her Private Pilot License and working as a flight attendant, with plans to pursue her Commercial Pilot License.

LOOKING AHEAD

What 2026 holds for the Pembroke & Area Airport

Building on the successes of 2025, the Pembroke & Area Airport will continue to focus on:

- Maintaining safe, reliable, and efficient operations
- Supporting emergency services and military partners
- Strengthening community engagement
- Enhancing its role as an economic driver for the Ottawa Valley

With strong foundations in place, CYTA is well positioned to continue serving the region with professionalism, resilience, and community pride.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Pembroke & Area Airport remains a vital hub for the safety, security, and economy of the Upper Ottawa Valley. In 2025, the airport demonstrated its value through consistent operations, meaningful partnerships, and a continued commitment to community service. As the only certified airport between Carp and North Bay, CYTA plays an essential role in connecting people, supporting emergency response, enabling military readiness, and driving regional growth. The successes of 2025 reflect the dedication of all those involved in the airport's operations and governance, and set the stage for continued progress in the years ahead.



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