

**Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**March 18**

**[AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY]**

Good afternoon everyone. On behalf the City of Sault Ste. Marie and City Council, it is my pleasure to bring greetings to everyone gathered here to celebrate the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I want to begin by recognizing the Centre's executive director Dan Ingram, first-board president Bob Thomas and board president Kim Park.

To all of the dedicated, hardworking staff and volunteers who support the operation of the Bushplane Centre, thank you for your contributions to our community.

Centers of arts and culture often depend on staff and volunteers who go the extra mile to share their passion with others, and the Bushplane Centre has clearly benefitted from the actions of people who simply want to give others to chance to learn more about bushplanes.

Over the past three decades, the centre has become one of the premier attractions in the province.

Through interactive, hands-on exhibits it tells the story of bushplanes in Canada and it has also become a popular location for a variety of fun events, such as the Festival of Beer, the Poker Run Awards Celebration, Bushplane Days, Hangar After Dark and Oktoberfest.

Before I conclude my comments, I want to read a proclamation marking the Bushplane Centre's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary from a recent City Council meeting.

**WHEREAS** The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre (CBHC) was formed in 1989 by a small group of volunteers wishing to preserve Ontario’s rich bushplane and firefighting heritage; and

**WHEREAS** The CBHC preserves and tells the story of this heritage and how it has shaped life in northern and remote parts of our country through the collection and exhibition of bushplanes and forest fire-fighting equipment; and

**WHEREAS** The CBHC serves as a centre for research and information on bushplane and forest fire fighting; and

**WHEREAS** The CBHC’s vision is to connect people of all ages to Canada’s exciting bushplane and forest protection heritage through high quality and enjoyable exhibits, programs and visitor experiences offered in a world-class museum; and

**WHEREAS** The CBHC values and believes in:

*Authenticity:* It is rooted and strengthened by its firsthand connections to real places, people and things.

*Access:* It provides the highest possible level of public access to aircrafts while ensuring visitor safety and artifact preservation.

*Quality:* it adheres to professional standards of program design and delivery, consistent with a museum of national stature and world repute.

*Volunteerism:* It respects and appreciates the contributions and commitment of volunteers; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Christian Provenzano, as Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, do hereby proclaim **March 18, 2019** as the day of the **“30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre”**. I urge all citizens to support the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities scheduled throughout the upcoming year to celebrate the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre.