Québec Aerospace Museum



Quebec Aerospace Museum Signs Agreement with the Canadian War Museum.

OTTAWA, ON, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 --- Today, the newly-established Québec Aerospace Museum (QAM) of Saint-Hubert, QC signed an agreement with the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Ontario, that secured the loan of an historic Avro CF-100 Canuck Mk. 5 fighter jet (serial No. 100760) of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

After several months of negotiations, the historic CF-100 will be transported from Ottawa to St. Hubert Airport, south of Montreal, for restoration.

Built in 1958, this CF-100 has an unusual history in that it was loaned by the RCAF to Pratt & Whitney Canada (P&WC) and based at St. Hubert airport to conduct the flight tests of the JT15D turbofan developed in the early 1970s to power small business jets. This was the only three-engine CF-100 to ever fly. Subsequently, the successful JT15D turbofan family powered several members of the Cessna Citation family as well as other business jets like the Aerospatiale Corvette, the Beechcraft Beechjet 400, the Mitsubishi MU300 Diamond and even the Italian Siai Marchetti S.211 military trainer.

When the CF-100 was retired from test flight use on June 28, 1982, it was installed on a pedestal at the entrance of the Saint-Hubert military base. The aircraft was on display at the base until 2011, when it was dismantled and transported to Ottawa where it joined the collection of the Canadian War Museum.

The opportunity to restore this historic CF-100 came with the creation of the Québec Aerospace Museum in Saint-Hubert in August 2018.

The loan is for an initial period of four years with the possibility of renewal or final acquisition of the aircraft at the end of the loan term. During this period, the Québec Aerospace Museum will be free to undertake restoration of the aircraft to static display (non-flying) condition with the help of partners, if required.

The transport of the aircraft components from Ottawa to Saint-Hubert has begun and should be completed within the next few days.

"The Canuck has a long history linked to the Saint-Hubert airport. Avro Canada built 692 twin-engine CF-100s at their factory in Toronto and more than 100 different examples were based at Saint-Hubert when it was Montreal's main air force base," says Gilbert McCauley, President of the Québec Aerospace Museum. "There were two air defense squadrons based at the airport in the 1950s as well as an Electronic Warfare Detachment and a unit that trained RCAF pilots to fly the CF-100. This historic aircraft was a frequent sight over the metropolitan area and Quebec."

"Later, Pratt & Whitney Canada used this aircraft to test fly JT15D turbofan engine developed to power small business jets until it made its last flight in 1982. Today, CF-100 "760" is returning to its long-time home. Its restoration at St. Hubert will close the loop and inspire future generations of enthusiasts and Canadian aerospace professionals."

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<u>About Québec Aerospace Museum :</u>

The Quebec Aerospace Museum is established as a non-profit society at Saint-Hubert Airport in August 2018.

The main objective of the Society is to create a museum on the property of St-Hubert Airport that will showcase for the general public the innovation and achievements of the aerospace industry in Quebec and Canada. The educational programs of the Museum will provide schools, cadets and youth movements with privileged access to the exciting world of aerospace and help stimulate interest in aeronautics and space among younger generations.

About Canadian War Museum:

https://www.warmuseum.ca

Pictures of CF-100 #100760 during JT15D engine flight test period :

https://pierregillard.zenfolio.com/100760ftb

Pictures of stored CF-100 #100760 at Canadian War Museum:

https://pierregillard.zenfolio.com/ae20180622

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