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### **KF Aerospace Centre for Excellence Unveils Updated Building Plans**

*The state-of-the-art aviation museum and conference centre is intended to be built at a revised location on Lapointe Drive beside the Kelowna International Airport.*

**September 22, 2020—Kelowna**—The KF Aerospace Centre for Excellence is excited to share new building plans for its aviation museum and conference centre at Kelowna International Airport. Following revisions to the original construction schedule and location, the facility is now intended to be built on Lapointe Drive off Airport Way in Kelowna, BC.

“With some adjustments to the original plan we are very pleased that the Centre for Excellence is continuing to move ahead at the airport,” says Executive Director, Paula Quinn. “The year has been extremely challenging for our aviation community, and we are grateful for the continued support of our neighbours and partners in driving this legacy project forward.”

Tracing the history of aviation in the Okanagan, the 60,000 sq. ft facility will feature two hangars for heritage aircraft displays, including a Convair CV-580 and Douglas DC-3, as well as a Hawker Tempest MKII ([currently under restoration](#) at the KF Aerospace maintenance facility). Complete with an airfield viewing gallery, cafeteria area and an upper story for conference rooms, the Centre will host public tours and educational programs, and provide visitor access from the Kelowna Rail Trail.

The project is made possible through a collaboration with the Kelowna International Airport and the City of Kelowna.

Site preparation will begin this fall, with the facility construction intended to follow in 2021. The Centre is anticipated to open in the Spring of 2022.



## About the KF Aerospace Centre for Excellence

The KF Aerospace Centre for Excellence is a non-profit organization established as a legacy project by KF Founder, Barry Lapointe. The Centre will bring an aviation-themed exhibition and conference centre to the community of Kelowna, BC.

The Centre will work to raise the profile of the Okanagan's aerospace industry through education about its history and culture. It will cultivate superior industry standards, support the YLW airport and advocate on behalf of members of the aerospace community—particularly in Western Canada. By working with community partners, the Centre will promote aerospace career development, education and training, and support diversity in the workforce.

Visit [www.kfcentre.ca](http://www.kfcentre.ca) to learn more.

## About KF Aerospace

KF Aerospace celebrates 50 years of innovative aircraft solutions for corporate, commercial and military customers worldwide—including major airlines like WestJet, Air Canada, Icelandair and Condor. From our humble beginnings in the Okanagan Valley, KF has grown to specialize in aircraft maintenance and modifications, military aircrew training, air cargo operations and leasing—with the same commitment to quality and service established by our founder in 1970. With facilities across Canada, KF is home to 1,100 highly skilled employees.

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