

## *Communiqué*

### **Avro CF-100 Jet Fighter No. 100760 is back home at Saint-Hubert.**

**Saint-Hubert, QC, November 5, 2018** --- The arrival of the Avro CF-100 Canuck Mk. 5 fighter jet fuselage bearing the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) identification number 100760 at the Saint-Hubert garrison today marks the completion of the transfer of this historic 60-year-old aircraft by road from Ottawa to Quebec in pieces that began on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The aircraft is on loan from the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, ON, to the newly established Québec Aerospace Museum (QAM) and will be museum's first restoration project.

*"This aircraft is part of the rich aviation heritage of Saint-Hubert airport since the 1950s," says Pierre Gillard, General Manager of the QAM. "In fact, this exact CF-100 was used by Pratt & Whitney Canada to test fly of the new JT15D turbofan engine. This rare three-engine CF-100 made its first flight in August 1968 and was used to flight test new engines until 1982. Therefore, we are very excited that it is the first aircraft in the collection of our future museum".*

The CF-100 has been stored at the Canada War Museum since 2012. On June 22, the aircraft was inspected for the first time in Ottawa and a logistics plan finalized using Casair to transport the aircraft in major sections some 240 km by road to St. Hubert. The Valcourt, Quebec company specializes in aircraft transportation and has completed several spectacular projects including dismantling and transport of a Vickers Viscount airliner and Canadian Vickers PBY-5A Canso to new owners.

An agreement has also been reached with No. 438 "Wildcat" Tactical Helicopter Squadron, as well as with the military authorities, for the storage of the CF-100 at the Saint-Hubert garrison. QAM officials wish to acknowledge the excellent support provided by Squadron personal during the unloading and storage of the CF-100 and various components.

*"We hope to be able to put this historic aircraft back in static configuration in the three-engine configuration it was in during the flight tests of the JT15D, with a turbofan mounted in a nacelle beneath the fuselage," says Gillard. "Of course, this is a serious challenge since we need to locate and acquire find two Orenda 11 engines for the aircraft and an additional P&WC JT15D to make it presentable.*

*"In addition, the MAQ will spend the next few months identifying industry partners that can help for the aircraft restoration and source the missing parts needed to complete the CF-100 restoration. We expect this project will take several years to complete.*

The fuselage of the CF-100 will be on public display for the first time at the Open House held at the École nationale d'aérotechnique on Sunday, November 11 at the Saint-Hubert airport.

## About Québec Aerospace Museum :

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>

## About 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron « Wildcat » :

<http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/squadron/438-squadron.page>

## Pictures of CF-100 #100760 transport from Ottawa to Saint-Hubert :

<https://pierregillard.zenfolio.com/ae20181031>

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