



## *Communiqué*

### **Kym Abel elected Chairman of Québec Aerospace Museum's Board of Directors.**

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The special General Assembly of members of the Québec Aerospace Museum (QAM) held on February 19, 2022 elected Mr. Kym Abel as Chairman of its Board of Directors. He thus succeeds Mr. Gilbert McCauley, one of the three founders of the organization, who will continue to serve the museum as the Coordinator of Federal Government and Military Affairs.

Kym Abel, is a native of Val-d'Or in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Quebec. His passion for aviation and business began at an early age, most certainly influenced by a pilot father and a successful entrepreneur mother.

He therefore grew up with in aviation in mind, having all generations of aircraft cockpits, ranging from the venerable DC-3, through the Dash-8, as well as a wide variety of business jets as a playground. Being so exposed to airplanes from a young age greatly contributed to acquiring a great passion for aeronautics. There was no doubt for him that his profession would one day be dedicated to it.

Kym Abel began his professional career in business development when he was hired by a small recruitment company in Montreal, where interpersonal and leadership skills quickly led to a senior management position.

His career really took off in 2010, when he joined one of the largest headhunting and consulting solution firms in the world as Director of Business Development and North American Operations (Engineering). As part of his duties and during various international development activities, he came into contact with influential worldwide businessmen. He was also called upon to negotiate with the various levels of government. One of its greatest accomplishments was the creation of a partnership with several European countries in a transfer of skilled labour project.

Despite his success and a senior management position, Kym decided to take on new challenges and made a career change in 2017. He joined Air Canada as Customer Service Manager, Operations. He found himself back in his element: aviation! His position required him to take part in the management of all stages of ground operations which, for instance, allow a flight to leave the boarding gate on time to the satisfaction of customers. During this period at Air Canada, he managed more than sixty agents organized by shifts. He was also the main point of contact for passengers to ensure that all operations ran smoothly.

This four-year experience at Air Canada turned out to be the best school for a career in aviation. It allowed him to combine his two passions: aviation and business!

He saw this objective materialize when he joined the Chrono Aviation Group in 2021, where he is appointed as Director of Executive and Corporate Sales for the various entities of the group.

One man's passion for aviation, combined with his greatest strength, business development, makes him someone who is ready to meet any challenge ahead. He is convinced that the chairman's position of the QAM's Board of Directors will offer him many possibilities!

The appointment of Kym Abel as Chairman of the QAM's Board of Directors represents a new step in a process that began last year. As a matter of fact, it aims to invite the aerospace industry of Quebec and Canada to actively participate in the destiny and projects of the organization. So, Mrs. Béatrice Perier Agostini became the administrator in charge of promoting the place of women in the aerospace industry in October 2021, and then Mrs. Mariane Chouinard was appointed as Director representing the education sector on the Board of Directors in December 2021.

[Link to get a picture of Mr. Kym Abel :](#)

[http://www.maq-qam.ca/images/2022-Kym\\_Abel.jpg](http://www.maq-qam.ca/images/2022-Kym_Abel.jpg)

About Québec Aerospace Museum :

The Quebec Aerospace Museum was 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 exclusive access to the exciting world of aerospace and help stimulate interest in aeronautics and space among younger generations.

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