

*Mission*

*The Friends of Ontario Airport is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that unites people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of Ontario International Airport (ONT) for the benefit of all persons.*

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## Message from the President, **Myron Saulpaugh**



Hello again Friends! We had our first meeting since Covid-19 in April, and it was great to see so many members again. We are moving forward, and the June meeting will keep the momentum going. I encourage all members to try and bring a friend with them to join the 'Friends.' We want to celebrate how the ONT Airport is growing. Let's share the good news about ONT!

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## Schedule of Events

Members Meeting  
June 16, 2022  
4:00 PM  
Boardroom,  
OIAA Administration Building

Field Trip  
August 2022  
*More details to follow.*

Holiday Party  
December 15, 2022  
*More details to follow.*

Members Meeting  
August 18, 2022  
4:00 PM  
Boardroom,  
OIAA Administration Building

Members Meeting  
October 13, 2022  
4:00 PM  
Boardroom,  
OIAA Administration Building

## Air Service at ONT!

March 2022 marked the first month where we cleared 104% of our March 2019 (pre-pandemic) passenger volume. We're looking forward to what the future holds!

And to that end, we're adding new flights! Southwest Airlines has recently launched its inaugural flight to



Austin-Bergstrom International Airport -- quickly proving to be a popular destination for our travelers! Additionally, Frontier is reinstating service to Chicago Midway and Dallas-Fort Worth, and Volaris is adding an 8th weekly flight to Guadalajara. It's an exciting time to fly out of ONT!



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## CLEAR as Day!



touchless experience through our already-efficient terminals and improve their journey.

You might have seen the futuristic-looking CLEAR kiosks at some point in your travels the last couple years, and we're excited to tell you that the future is now here at ONT! CLEAR is a program that uses a scan of either your fingerprint or eye to identify you. Once it clears you, a CLEAR ambassador will escort you to the front of the TSA line. This program will give our passengers a seamless,

[Learn More](#)

## We Can All Relax -- ONT's Lounges are Open Again!

Our return to pre-pandemic passenger totals is coinciding with a reopening of our lounges in both terminals. This time, they'll be under the banner of Aspire, by Swissport. They've created luxurious lounge spaces at destinations across the globe, and ours are part of the [latest series of Aspire lounges](#) opening at Narita International Airport in Tokyo, Perth Airport in Australia, and Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania. They opened to the public on May 19th!



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## Meet the new CEO of Ontario International Airport, Atif Elkadi!

There's perhaps no greater friend of ONT than its new CEO, Mr. Atif Elkadi. He cares very deeply about this airport and this community, so take a look at this video and learn a little more about him!



## ONT's Awesome New Branding!



With five years of local ownership under our belt, ONT has gotten a refreshing new brand look. It's a brand platform that illustrates the type of airport we want to be and how we want the traveling public to see us. Take a look for yourself at the recap of our launch party!

[View Recap](#)

## SMART Airports Conference & Exhibition Coming to Ontario in July!



SMART Airports is a conference where innovations in the way airports operate within their regions are shared and celebrated, and this year, it's being hosted in Ontario! The conference will be held from July 18th to 20th, and we're offering a discounted registration rate for those who register as "Metro Attendees."

[Learn More](#)

## Hey, Not So Fast!

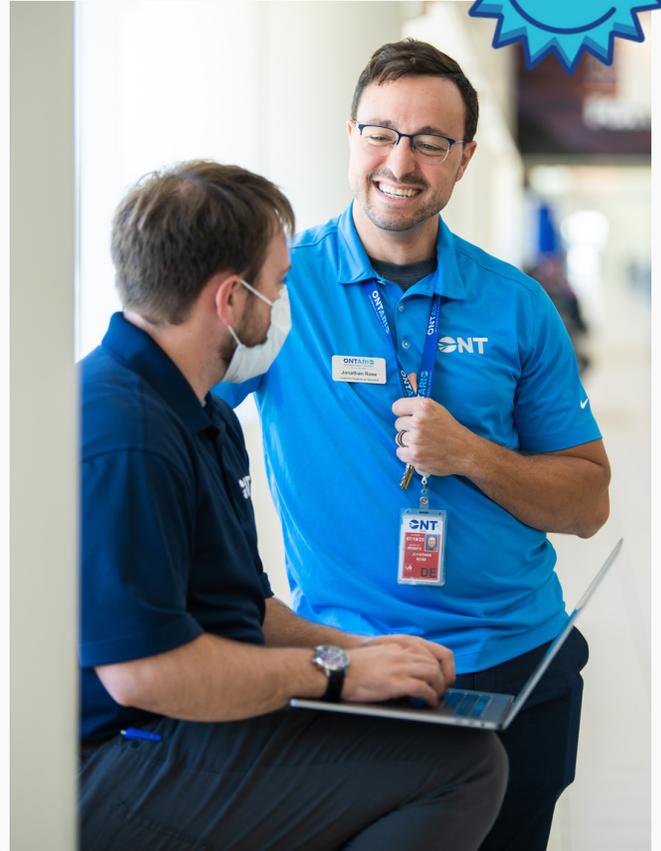
Our friends know that when it comes to their airport, faster is always better.



## Keep an Eye on Our Website!



As we start to move back into meeting live and in-person again, we thought now's as good a time as any to revamp our web presence! That means you'll be able to get all the latest information about what the Friends of ONT are up to in a whole bunch of convenient ways. We're going to have our email newsletter -- the one you're reading now -- up and running with consistency and quality things to read, our website is going to be fully upgraded and more user-friendly, and our social media is going to have its own regular updates!



A better web presence is going to help us not only stay tighter as a group, but give us some much-needed ability to grow!

When we have a better, more active online presence, people who are fans of ONT, Ontario, and even just aviation will be able to see the awesome things we plan to be involved with in the future. That will position us to increase our numbers, raise more funds for our beneficiaries, and be the type of organization people will want to be a part of.

So keep an eye on your screens --  
there's more **Friend-ly** content coming your way!



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