

CAHS TORONTO IN-PERSON MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026, 1 PM EST
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM

Canada's AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET



AT THE CANADIAN
FORCES COLLEGE

215 YONGE BLVD., AT WILSON
AVE, TORONTO
(LT.-EN. GUY SIMONDS
AUDITORIUM
- GROUND FLOOR)

PRESENTATION: FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, CANADA HAS LED THE WORLD IN THE USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SPOT, CONTAIN AND SUPPRESS WILDFIRES. THE STORY BEGINS IN JUNE 1919 WITH THE FIRST AERIAL FIRE PATROL OVER QUEBEC'S ST. MAURICE RIVER VALLEY. IN THE MID-1950S, ONTARIO PROVINCIAL AIR SERVICE CREWS PIONEERED THE WATER SKIMMING OR SCOOPING

TECHNIQUE WHICH ALLOWED A PILOT TO FLY CONTINUOUS, RAPID-SUCCESION WATER DROPS ON A FIRE. TODAY, THE INNOVATIVE CANADIAN AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET INCLUDES A COMBINATION OF LAND-BASED AIR TANKERS DROPPING RETARDANT, AMPHIBIOUS "WATER BOMBERS" AND HELICOPTERS USED FOR INITIAL ATTACK, CREW TRANSPORT AND WATER DROPS.

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NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT A CANADIAN FORCES FACILITY AND ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES COLLEGE (CFC) WHEN THEY ENTER. WE

WILL PROVIDE THE CFC WITH A COMPLETE LIST OF CURRENT AND LAPSED MEMBERS AND GUESTS. LAST-MINUTE GUESTS WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER CAHS TORONTO APPROVAL.

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