

Draft Proposal for a “New” Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) Georgian Bay Chapter – Potential /Organizational Details / Sign UP

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The Potential Catchment Area for membership is initially the **County of Simcoe** and the **Regional Municipality of Muskoka**.

CAHS Membership Base Potential is high given the percentage of military and retirees, which in turn would give a strong resource for the formation of a Chapter Executive (President / VPs / Directors / Volunteers).

Potential Corporate Members could include Canadian Forces Units / Canadian Legions / Air Force Associations / Georgian College-Aviation Program / Barnstormer Brewery -Barrie, etc

Potential Chapter Resources could come from the aviation activity in the area including Collingwood / Edenvale / Barrie Executive / Midland / Lake Simcoe Regional airports and Museums / Historical Groups. (Awareness of CAHS & Physical Postering of Meetings) The website.. www.torontoaviationheritage.ca has pledged support for the posting of meetings.

Chapter Meetings could initially start with four per year (CAHS Requirement) with the possible sites being located at the bottom of the “Geographical U”) possibly best located at **CFB Borden** or a site in the **Barrie Area**. The Georgian Bay area is noted for its “Lake Effect Snowstorms” which can make driving extremely dangerous. So, the logic is for the “Meeting Months” to be May/June and September/October. This would “bracket” the main summer months and avoid some of the summer traffic congestion (But not all!) A further possibility would be to have the meetings during daylight hours, again for safe driving conditions and making it easier to form “carpools”, assisting seniors and those people without access to transportation. Zoom Meetings are also possible if desired during the winter months and other time periods.

If, after reading the above information and you are interested in becoming a Chapter Member, please contact one of the persons listed at the **bottom** of this sheet. If you are a National CAHS Member in good standing, you could become a **Chapter Director** as part of the Chapter Exec. You could stand for office as (President / V-P/ Treasurer / Secretary / Speaker Program, etc. and vote on money matters. Any member can become a **Volunteer** (i.e A/V Tech/ Greeter) (However, you can not vote on money matters – but you can help in many other areas!). With this “New” CAHS Chapter. Let’s tell the many stories of aviation history in the “Bay” area!

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