

North Star Air Announces Management Changes

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North Star Air is pleased to announce recent management changes.

Frank Kelner remains as Chairman/CEO and will be focused on strategic initiatives coupled to long term growth. Jeff Stout has been promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer. These changes reflect NSA's recent rapid growth and the continued opportunities seen for further expansion along with capturing operational improvements. Collectively, Frank, Jeff and Vice-President Tom Meilleur will continue to comprise the core management team that, along with an experienced senior team, has built North Star Air into a leading Canadian airline serving remote communities across multiple provinces.

"This is a promotion Jeff richly deserves" says CEO Frank Kelner. "Jeff has taken on significant responsibility in his six years with NSA within various positions. He has shown a strong commitment to the company and has played an integral role in our company's growth most recently as Vice-President of Commercial Operations. As the President and COO, Jeff is more than capable of leading North Star Air's team into the future."

"Between Frank, Tom, myself and NSA's top management team, we have over 100 years of combined aviation experience in Northern Canada." says Jeff. "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated safety-minded team and the backing of great community partners. I'm very much looking forward to continuing our tradition of serving customers and building strong relationships with our community partners. We have exciting plans for North Star Air's future and it's a privilege to be a core member of this team."

[North Star Air](http://www.northstarair.ca) is a rapidly growing airline with over 250 dedicated employees providing passenger, charter and cargo service in a safe and reliable environment. Our airline services over 50 remote Northern Ontario, Northern Manitoba and Nunavut locations with a fleet of 17 aircraft, including Pilatus PC-12, Basler BT-67 and ATR-72-500F. With 50+ departures daily, we fly over 24,000 hours per year, holding a Gold ARGUS status. North Star Air was the recipient of the 2019 Northern Ontario Business Award Company of the Year (51+) and the 2019 Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Large Business Excellence Award.

We are a 703, 704, 705 Operator based in Thunder Bay, Ontario, with additional base locations in Pickle Lake, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Kapuskasing (all in Ontario) and Thompson, Manitoba.
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