Next Generation Campaign Progress Report

Under Construction

After several months and many delays, we finally have earth-movers on site excavating for utilities and foundations. At the current pace, we anticipate that vertical structures will begin to take shape this summer.

Over the past several years, the Prairie Aviation Training Centre (PATC) has grown into a key part of how MAF Canada prepares future mission aviators. Now, we're thrilled to announce that MAF Canada and Prairie College have entered into a new ownership and governance agreement, one that reflects the depth of the partnership already in place and creates a clearer path for future growth.

To better understand what this means and why it matters, MAF Canada's **Director of Partnerships, Barb Kozakewich**, sat down with **Brad Bell, President & CEO** of MAF Canada, for a conversation about how this partnership is evolving—and where it's headed next.

For those who may not be familiar with how this all came together, walk us through how the partnership with Prairie College has evolved to this point?

Over the past several years, the partnership between MAF Canada and Prairie has grown steadily in both trust and integration. MAF initially stepped into a management role, taking responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the flight school while Prairie retained ownership.

What we've seen over time is that the partnership has worked. There's strong alignment in mission, and a shared desire to see the program grow and serve more effectively. This next step is really about bringing the structure in line with what has already been happening in practice.

So what's actually changing now with this new ownership structure?

The key change is that MAF Canada is moving from a management role into shared ownership. We are entering into a 50% ownership arrangement with Prairie, which has been approved by our board and is moving through Prairie's process as well.

That shift allows us to invest more directly in the future of the program. In the previous structure, there were natural limits to how far we could go in terms of capital investment.

Now, as co-owners, we can move forward together, whether that's expanding facilities, increasing training capacity, or acquiring additional aircraft and equipment. It also gives us flexibility. Instead of navigating who should invest or how resources are allocated, we can make those decisions jointly and more efficiently.

So, what will governance look like going forward?

Governance will be shared through a newly created PATC council, with equal representation from Prairie and MAF.

There will also be leadership roles, including a President, along with supporting structures like a finance committee.

The council will oversee most operational decisions, while larger initiatives, such as major expansion projects, will still go back to the respective boards.

And for people who are familiar with PATC today—does this change what they'll actually experience day-to-day?

Operationally, there will be a high degree of continuity. The school already functions with a shared-services model, drawing on both Prairie and MAF. That will continue, and it's likely that MAF will remain responsible for managing day-to-day operations.

The real difference is in how we move forward. With shared ownership, it becomes easier to plan, invest, and respond to growth opportunities together.

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If we've been working together for many years, why is this happening now?

In many ways, this is the natural next step. We've spent several years working together, building trust, understanding how the partnership functions, and demonstrating that it works.

These kinds of changes take time, but they also need the right foundation. Now that foundation is in place.

This structure reflects the maturity of the relationship and positions us well for the future.

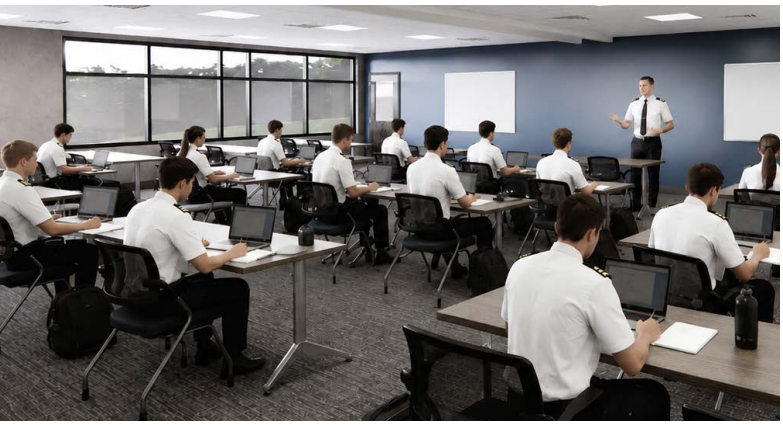
Last question, how does this ultimately connect back to the mission of MAF?

At the end of the day, this is about people. This partnership increases our ability to train mission aviators and aircraft maintenance engineers, and to prepare individuals for service in some of the most challenging places in the world.

Our goal at MAF Canada is to have 100 missionary families serving by 2034. And to do this we need a reliable, steady stream of qualified people.

This move will help us achieve this aim.

Construction Photos and Updated Interior Architectural Renderings



PATC Secures MAF International Preferred Training Partnership Designation

Just recently, PATC has been recognized as a Preferred Training Partnership within MAF's global network, an important step forward with very practical implications for students.

One of the most significant is a reduction in required flight hours for those pursuing mission aviation. Instead of needing to accumulate 1,000 hours before being considered, graduates may now be eligible with as few as 250 hours, dramatically shortening the path from training to the field.

This designation reflects the quality and relevance of the training at PATC, and it allows students to move more directly into service without years of additional time-building.

The current expansion includes features like:

- Additional room for sheltering aircraft
- Dedicated spaces for hosting flight simulators
- Larger learning spaces for in-class instruction
- Expanded office and other administrative areas
- Student lounge
- Outdoor study patio and relaxation area

With room to grow...

To truly become a world-class training centre, plans beyond this initial expansion include the inclusion of:

- A full-motion Caravan simulator
- A complete off-grid power supply
- Additional training aircraft including at least two C172's and a C208
- Additional pilot instructors as well as structures, avionics, and maintenance instructors

PATC Expansion Update

As of June 2026, the **Next Generation Campaign** has received $5.26 million in cash and pledges. **Your generous support of this campaign will help see this project to completion. Please donate at maf.ca/nextgeneration**.

FLASH UPDATE

- *Concrete work to begin June 22*
- *Pre-cast panels to arrive on site July 6*
- *Asphalt paving to begin October 6*

Visit **maf.ca/nextgeneration** or scan this code to see bi-weekly image updates of the progress.

"We are excited about the expansion of PATC; increasing the number of missions-minded aviators and maintenance engineers from our programs will enable us to have even greater impact in the least-reached areas of our world. Thank you for partnering with us to achieve this goal.

We thank you for continuing to pray for this project. Please feel free to reach out to a member of the Partnership Team, or to me, with any questions. Thank you.

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