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## **Canadian Forces Snowbirds Coming to Fort Erie**

On Wednesday September 19, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds will be coming to Fort Erie to perform an aerial display over the Town. During the show, the pilots will fly at speeds from 100 to 320 knots, performing different formations and maneuvers, all while flying as close as four feet from one another. The show will begin at 4:30 pm and will take place over Lake Erie at the Niagara River.

Each year, the Snowbirds perform approximately 60 shows at 40 different locations throughout North America between May and October. The performances showcase the precision and skill of the serving members of the Canadian Forces. "We are extremely thrilled that the Snowbirds have chosen Fort Erie as one of the stops in their 2018 North American tour. We've had our share of aerial shows in the past but never the Snowbirds. This is very exciting, not only for Fort Erie but also for all of Niagara," said Mayor Wayne Redekop.

A viewing location will be set-up for community members at Lakeshore Road between Dominion Road and Beatrice Street. For safety reasons, this section of Lakeshore Road will also be closed to vehicles starting at 12 p.m. until approximately 1 hour after the end of the show.

### **Background on the Snowbirds**

The Snowbirds are a Canadian icon comprised of 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members. Pilots, technicians (aviation, avionics, aircraft structure, supply), mobile support operators, resource management support clerks, an engineering officer, a logistics officer and a public affairs officer representing all three elements (Army, Navy and Air Force), work as a team to bring thrilling performances to the North American public. Serving as ambassadors, the CF Snowbirds demonstrate the high level of skill, professionalism, teamwork, discipline and dedication inherent in the men and women of the CAF and they inspire the pursuit of excellence wherever they go in North America.

With nine Show Pilots, two Team Coordinator Pilots, one Public Affairs Officer, 12 technicians, one Supply Technician, and one Mobile Support Vehicle operator, the Air Demonstration Flight travels across North America each year. They perform approximately 60 shows in about 40 locations between May and October. The Air Demonstration Flight is comprised of 11 jets, the Snowbirds' Mobile Support Vehicle (MSV) and Light Support Vehicle (LSV), bringing their show to both large and small communities alike. While the Air Demonstration Flight is deployed, the Squadron, led by the Snowbirds' Commanding Officer, provides support to the deployed elements, begins to train the following year's team, and ensures that the other home based aircraft are well maintained and available should the need arise.