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Wisk Air Helicopters Northern Expansion Plans and New Factory Purchased Bell 407

June 17, 2026 - Thunder Bay, Ontario — Wisk Air Helicopters is proud to announce expansion and the addition of a brand-new Bell 407GXI helicopter to its growing fleet, now at a total of 12 aircraft, marking another major milestone in the company's long-term investment in Northern aviation innovation, infrastructure, and service capacity across Northwestern Ontario, Far North, and Manitoba.

Purchased factory new through Bell Textron Canada, the Bell 407 represents Wisk Air's continued commitment to modernizing and renewing its fleet with advanced, reliable aircraft capable of supporting the unique and demanding operations of remote and northern environments.

The new aircraft will support a wide range of critical services including powerline and utility infrastructure projects, mining sector operations, wildfire response, remote access transportation, and support for First Nation communities.

"For us, this investment is about more than just adding another helicopter, and even more next year," said Mark Wiskemann, Founder and President of Wisk Air Helicopters. "It is about building Northern capacity with modern, state-of-the-art aircraft supported by an experienced and highly skilled team right here in Northwestern Ontario. We believe operators and communities in the North deserve world class aviation services, equipment, and support."

As part of its broader expansion strategy, Wisk Air is also strengthening its long-term aviation support capabilities in Northwestern Ontario by continuing to invest in its avionics, maintenance, repair, and component overhaul departments available and accessible to other operators across the region. The company's growth plans include offering support services to help ensure other regional operators have access to high quality maintenance and technical expertise closer to home.

Jackie MacDonald, Director, Business Development and Revenue Management at Thunder Bay International Airports Authority said, "today's announcement is also a powerful example of the importance of fleet modernization and continued private-sector investment at our airport. Investments in modern aircraft, equipment, and aviation infrastructure strengthen our airport community and help ensure we remain positioned to support economic growth and connectivity across the North."

Wisk Air says the new Bell 407 aligns with the company's vision of building resilient northern and sovereign aviation infrastructure while supporting economic growth and critical infrastructure development.

The investment reflects the type of northern innovation and industrial growth encouraged across Ontario through organizations such as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, with Wisk Air continuing to lead in advanced aviation services, fleet modernization, and regional economic development.



Wiskemann said, “the vision is to advance and modernize aviation solutions for businesses and people looking to promote development in remote and underserved regions.”

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About Wisk Air Helicopters

Wisk Air Helicopters has over 40 years’ experience providing helicopter services to several industries across Canada including firefighting, mining, powerline construction, aerial surveys, emergency and medevac services. With a fleet of 12 aircraft, the company holds NAFTA/CUMSA, USA Specialty Operations privileges allowing it to work in the US. Head office is located at the Thunder Bay International Airport, with bases in Red Lake and Pickle Lake, Ontario. Wisk Air Garmin Avionics services over 30 commercial fleets and over 50 private aircraft. Wisk Air helicopter services continues to expand. For more information, please visit wiskair.com.