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# Wisk Air Helicopters is now an Authorized Garmin Avionics Dealer, with NOHFC-Supported Talent

*Thunder Bay, ON – September 29, 2025* – Wisk Air Helicopters is named Northwestern Ontario’s newest authorized Garmin Avionics dealer, establishing a new service and support hub for commercial and private operators in Northwestern Ontario. The announcement comes alongside the success of the company’s avionics work placement initiative supported by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). The initiative offered hands-on workplace training and experience for avionics students who are now graduating and working full-time at the company.

“Becoming an authorized Garmin Avionic dealer is a major step forward in aircraft modernization for the wider aviation community in Northwestern Ontario,” said Mark Wiskemann, President and CEO, Wisk Air Helicopters. “Thanks to NOHFC’s support in building and supporting local talent, we now have a highly trained team in place with the expertise and capacity to work both on our fleet and with various commercial operators in the North who require these services.”

The combination of leading-edge Garmin technology and specialized, local avionics expertise gives both rotary and fixed-wing operators expanded access to modern systems installed and supported by local avionic experts.

“We started in 2023 with a single avionics’ technician, and demand ramped up significantly. NOHFC helped us navigate this challenge by investing in people as well as technology,” said Richard Sheppard, Avionics Manager, Wisk Air Helicopters. In the last 16 months the Wisk Air Avionics team has updated and maintained avionics for dozens of commercial operators and private aircraft owners in Northwestern Ontario including North Star Air, Wilderness North, Air Bravo, Thunder Airlines, KBM Resource Group and Confederation College’s fleet of Cessna 172 flight training aircraft.

“The graduates who trained here with the support of NOHFC are now employed with us full-time and are key part of our team supporting commercial operators across Northwestern Ontario,” added Wiskemann.



As the aviation industry continues to navigate digital transformation, the modernization of aircraft systems is even more essential for safety and efficiency. Garmin's advanced avionics deliver real-time navigation, enhanced situational awareness, and advanced safety features; tools that are vital for pilots flying in demanding and remote environments. With its new Garmin Avionics certification and local avionics team, Wisk Air is positioned to ensure aircraft across the Northwest are equipped for tomorrow's challenges.

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**About Wisk Air Helicopters**

Servicing over 30 commercial fleets and over 50 private aircraft, Wisk Air Garmin Avionics continues to expand. 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. The company holds NAFTA/CUMSA, USA Specialty Operations privileges allowing it to work in the US. Head office is located at Thunder Bay International Airport, with bases in Red Lake and Pickle Lake, Ontario. For more information on the company and the avionics services at Wisk Air Helicopters, please visit [wiskair.com](http://wiskair.com).