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## **RCAF Foundation Board Chair Announcement**

The RCAF Foundation is proud to announce Kristin Long as its new Chair of the Board of Directors. Kristin brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our mission, making her an excellent fit to guide our organization as we enter the centennial year of the Royal Canadian Air Force and beyond.

Kristin Long is a 737 pilot at WestJet Airlines. She founded Northern Spirit, a Chapter of Women in Aviation International in 2002 and is the Chair of Girls in Aviation Day – Winnipeg. Kristin is actively involved on various boards and committees in the community, and was appointed Honorary Colonel to the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training at 17 Wing in 2020.

Kristin succeeds Honorary Colonel (CDS) John Wright who has concluded his natural three-year term as the founding Chair, seven years after having established the foundation and becoming its first director. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless dedication and exemplary leadership in growing the foundation during which time it achieved its charitable status. We would not exist as an organization without his monumental efforts.

John, thank you for your incredible work over decades to support the Royal Canadian Air Force and to highlight the story of First World War flying ace W/C William G. Barker, VC, the first director of the RCAF.

### **About the RCAF Foundation**

The RCAF Foundation is an arms-length charitable organization whose mission is to recognize, foster and celebrate the Royal Canadian Air Force through community engagement, education programs and commemorative activities.

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