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Regional Businesses Launch the Peterborough Aerospace and Defence Cluster

Peterborough, Ontario: On June 23, 2026, the Peterborough Aerospace and Defence Cluster (“**PADC**”) held its inaugural meeting. As reported by the City of Peterborough, 60 representatives of local businesses, educational institutions, and partner organizations met to discuss opportunities to position the Peterborough region as a competitive location within Canada’s aerospace and defence industries.

The PADC is a regional network focused on supporting the growth of Peterborough’s aerospace and defence sectors and supply chains. The committee was launched through a collaboration between the City of Peterborough, The Loomex Group, ACF Associates, and Explorer Solutions. The intent of the PADC is to connect manufacturers, suppliers, innovators, academic institutions, and government partners in order to support industry growth across the region.

“The launch of the PADC is an important step in strengthening two of the region’s key industries,” said Mayor Jeff Leal. “The PADC creates opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and economic growth. This initiative will help showcase the expertise that exists in our community and support the continued success of local companies in national and international markets.”

During the inaugural meeting, participants established the PADC’s key priorities and discussed potential opportunities for future collaboration. Trent Gervais, President and CEO of The Loomex Group, was excited to begin working with the PADC. “This collaboration highlights the depth and strength of the Peterborough region supply chain and reinforces our region’s growing role as a hub for innovation, capability, education, and industry leadership.”

To learn more about the Peterborough Aerospace and Defence Cluster, read the [full news article on the City of Peterborough’s website](#).

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