

**CANADIAN HELICOPTERS SIGNS 25-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SKYALYNE TO PROVIDE CANADA'S FUTURE AIRCREW TRAINING ROTARY WING PROGRAM**

July 10, 2026 (Edmonton, AB) - Canadian Helicopters Limited (CHL) today announced a 25-year commitment to Canada's Future Aircrew Training (FAcT) program through its contract with SkyAlyne, a joint venture between CAE and KF Aerospace. Under the agreement, CHL will deliver maintenance services for the modernized fleet of CT-153 Juno (Airbus H135) helicopters along with academic and in-flight instruction to the next generation of Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) aircrew.

CHL has been a time-honoured supplier to RCAF through CHL's flight training and maintenance programs. The FAcT commitment extends that relationship well into the future and reflects CHL's dedication to supporting RCAF in their mission mandate.



*CHL FAcT Team – Bryan Eaton missing from picture*

“Since inception, Canadian Helicopters has always championed quintessential Canadian projects and infrastructure. As a long-standing supporter of RCAF, the SkyAlyne partnership will ensure

that relationship continues for at least 25 more years,” said Don Wall, President and Chief Executive Officer of CHL. “From our roots as the first commercial helicopter operator in Canada, to supporting the complexities of sovereignty and domestic resilience, our commitment to the FAcT program solidifies our enduring support of our country. Challenging times demand strong teams, and we believe SkyAlyne is that team.”

“CHL’s decades of expertise in rotary-wing aviation and operations make them a very valuable addition to the Future Aircrew Training program,” says SkyAlyne General Manager Kevin Lemke. “Their knowledge, professionalism, and focus on safety will help strengthen SkyAlyne’s ability to deliver a modern and effective training solution for the Royal Canadian Air Force.”

## **ABOUT CANADIAN HELICOPTERS**

Founded in 1947, Canadian Helicopters is the largest helicopter transportation services provider in Canada. Based from 25 locations across Canada, Canadian Helicopters operates over 100 aircraft in support of a range of multinational companies and government agencies including defense, mineral exploration, forest management, hydro and other utilities, construction, air ambulance and search and rescue. In addition to charter services, company affiliates provide flight training and third-party repair and maintenance services.

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## **ABOUT SKYALYNE: The Future of Aircrew Training**

SkyAlyne is a team of defence, training, simulation, and aviation industry experts assembled from across Canada, working to prepare the next generation of Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Pilots and Aircrew as the Future Aircrew Training (FAcT) program provider. SkyAlyne was formed in 2018 as a partnership between CAE and KF Aerospace, two Canadian aviation, training, and defence leaders. The partnership was built to jointly answer the call for the Government of Canada’s FAcT program. In spring 2024, SkyAlyne was officially contracted to partner with the RCAF and deliver the FAcT program.

Learn more: [SkyAlyne.ca](http://SkyAlyne.ca)

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