



Bio David C. Curtis

David’s aviation career started with commercial flight training in 1983 during which time he joined Viking. David holds various Pilot Certificates and is endorsed for all single engine land and seaplanes, including the de Havilland Beaver and Turbo Beaver. During his career at Viking, he has served in various capacities ranging from Sales & Marketing to Vice President Operations, and in 1991 was named President & CEO.

Under David’s leadership, Viking has grown from a local aircraft maintenance repair facility in Victoria, BC into a multi-provincial aerospace manufacturer enterprise with 2017 revenues over \$300 million and a current workforce exceeding 700 employees.

In 2006 Viking acquired the design and production rights for the world renowned legacy de Havilland aircraft fleet, and in 2007 put the iconic DHC-6 Twin Otter back into production. With a production build rate of one new Series 400 Twin Otter every 15 days, Viking is recognized as a leader in the utility Turbo Prop aviation segment. In August of 2016 Viking delivered its 100th new production Twin Otter, and to date new Viking-built Twin Otter aircraft have been exported to over 31 countries worldwide.

In 2012, Viking received the award for Exporter of the Year along with the Premier’s Award for Job Creation at the BC Export Awards, hosted by the Canadian Manufacturer and Exporters Association.

In 2016, Viking acquired from Bombardier the worldwide design and production rights for the CL-415 amphibious water bomber program and has transferred the customer support business and production line to facilities in Calgary, Alberta.

In May 2018, Viking (through sister company Longview Aviation Asset Management) announced the conversion program for eleven CL-215 aircraft to CL-415EAF “Enhanced Aerial Firefighters”, which will employ in excess of 200 people in Calgary and 150 in Victoria. This conversion program will form the basis for the future development of a proposed CL-515 multi-role aerial firefighter, which would employ an additional 900 people in order to fulfill a 100 aircraft global demand over the next 20 years.

At the end of 2018, under David’s leadership, Viking received the James C. Floyd Award from the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC) for its exceptional contributions to the Canadian aerospace industry.

In June 2019, Longview Aviation Capital completed the acquisition of the Dash 8 production program and re-established the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada company. In doing so, the entire family of de Havilland Canada aircraft were reunited under one corporate banner for the first time in several decades, marking a major milestone in the Canadian aerospace industry.

David is the Chairman and CEO of Viking’s parent company, Longview Aviation Capital Corp. (LAC) which was established in 2016 to manage a portfolio of long-term investments in the Canadian aerospace industry. LAC is focused on providing world-class aviation products and services in support of legendary Canadian aircraft designs through five prominent aerospace companies; Viking Air Limited, Longview Aviation Asset Management, Longview Aviation Services, Pacific Sky Aviation, and the newly founded de Havilland Aircraft of Canada company.

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Achievements / Associations and Community Involvement:

- ◆ Member of the Board of Directors and past Chairman of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada.
- ◆ Member of the Board of Directors of the Victoria Boys & Girls Club Foundation and Past President of the Boys & Girls Club Services Board of Greater Victoria.
- ◆ Co-Chair of the Boys & Girls Club Foundation “Create A Ripple” Campaign responsible for raising over \$ 4 million to benefit Children and Family programs.
- ◆ Past President of the Aerospace Industries Association of B.C.
- ◆ Victoria’s 2012 Business Leader of the Year.
- ◆ 1999 Recipient of the Air Force Association of Canada “Excellence in Civil Aviation”.
- ◆ Member of the Victoria Chapter of the World Entrepreneurs Organization.

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