

## COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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**About this Session:** This week we head north to hear from two long-standing airport leaders in Canada, who will discuss the impact of COVID-19 and how Canadian airports are managing through the crisis. Jim Cherry, retired President & CEO of Aéroports de Montréal, and Barry Rempel, President & CEO of the Winnipeg Airports Authority have led Canadian airports through major transformations and crises. They will offer their insights on the future of the North American airport system and what airports and concessionaires must do to survive.

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### James Cherry, FCPA, FCA

*Former President & CEO, Aéroports de Montréal  
Strategic Aviation Advisory, Arup*

James (Jim) Cherry is a Montréal native and graduate of McGill University. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant who has over 40 years of experience in general management, project management and financial management in the International Aerospace, Defence and Rail sectors. Over this period he has worked in senior executive positions with Bombardier Inc., Oerlikon Aerospace Inc., CAE Inc. and ALSTOM Canada. He joined Aéroports de Montréal as President and Chief Executive Officer in June 2001 and retired from that position on December 31, 2016. He currently acts as a Strategic Aviation Advisor to Arup and holds directorships in the following organizations: Logistec Corporation, Cogeco Inc., PSP AviAlliance GmbH, the Canada Infrastructure Bank and the McGill University Health Centre. During his tenure with Aéroports de Montréal he also served as Chair of the Canadian Airports Council, Chair of the World Governing Board of Airports Council



### Barry Rempel, CD

*President and Chief Executive Officer, Winnipeg Airports Authority*

Barry Rempel has served as President & CEO of Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc. (WAA) since April 2002. Under Barry's leadership and with a strong commitment to customer and community service, the airport campus has transformed. Home to Canada's greenest major air terminal and tenants such as Canada Post, Standard Aero, General Electric, Bison Transport and more, the campus is the heart of Winnipeg's intermodal Airport City. Barry has a long serving career in aviation - with 40 plus years in the field. Prior to joining Winnipeg Airports Authority, he was President & CEO of Tradeparks Development Corp., the land/business development subsidiary of the Calgary Airport Authority. He also served as Chief Executive for two Canadian Airlines International operating divisions: Cargo and Canadian North. Barry serves as Honorary Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force, initially for 17 Wing Winnipeg from 2007 through June, 2012. On October 12, 2012, he was appointed first-ever Honorary Colonel of 1 Canadian Air Division.