



MEDIA RELEASE

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**THE CITY OF NORTH BAY IS PROUD TO HOST
CANADIAN ASTRONAUT JEREMY HANSEN ON APRIL 17, 2015**

The City of North Bay, in cooperation with the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), will be hosting Canadian Astronaut Jeremy Hansen on April 17, 2015. Students from Northern Ontario will have the opportunity to hear Hansen, an Ontario-born and raised astronaut, speak about his career path, training, experiences and his on-going work at the CSA and with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Candore College will be hosting morning sessions for secondary and post-secondary students at their Aviation Campus and afternoon sessions will take place at select local schools for elementary and intermediate students.

Following a visit by CSA administration to North Bay in the fall of 2014, the event has been launched as an opportunity to educate area youth about the prospects and possibilities in the fields of space and aerospace by inspiring and encouraging them to pursue an education and career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Mayor Al McDonald added, "Through initiatives like this and the Regional FIRST Robotics Competition (to be held at Nipissing University, March 26th – 28th, 2015) the City of North Bay continues to promote advanced manufacturing, robotics and aerospace opportunities to area students. We are training and educating our children today for the jobs of tomorrow".

Background:

Jeremy Hansen is a Canadian Space Agency Astronaut working with NASA's Astronaut Training Branch and as Capcom at NASA's Mission Control Center (the voice between the ground and the International Space Station) while he awaits a flight assignment.

A full bio is included in the attached flyer and more information about Jeremy Hansen is available online at www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/astronauts/biohansen.asp

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