

Myrna Dube-Thompson's Introduction for Chris Dinsdale, President & CEO of the Calgary Airport Authority, December 12, 2024

Rotary friends, in a short six months we will welcome 25,000 + delegates here and for most of them their first point of contact will be our YYC airport. Their first impression and their welcoming hospitality will start at YYC. So how fitting it is today to welcome the President and chief executive of the airport – Chris Dinsdale. We are now partners in welcoming Rotarians from all over the world with their first taste of our great western hospitality.

Chris joined The Calgary Airport Authority in August of 2023 as President and CEO. Prior to his position with The Authority Chris held several executive roles in the airport sector over the past decade. Including the Budapest Airport Chief Financial Officer, and CEO since April 2021. He also served as the Managing Director of Airport Fuel Services, a subsidiary of Budapest Airport as well as Chairman of the Supervisory Board for security, which operates all passenger and staff security screening activities at the Budapest Airport.

Prior to joining the aviation industry in Hungary, Chris moved from Canada to Hungary in 2004 to join KPMG Hungary working in various capacities, most recently as Director – Energy and Resource Advisory in Central and Eastern Europe. Prior to leaving Canada, Chris worked for TD Bank Financial Group.

Highly educated, Chris has a Bachelor of Engineering Science, Engineering Physics degree from Queen's University and a Master of Business Administration degree (Finance) from the Schulich Business School, York University.

Chris is married with three children. And close to our hearts, Chris was barely in Calgary when he began his community involvement agreeing to act as an Ambassador for our favorite park, Calgary Rotary Challenger Park. And under his direction, the Authority continues their strong support of our special park.

Friends, please welcome Chris Dinsdale.