

Kathy Fox – Chair, Transportation Safety Board of Canada

Kathy Fox selected air traffic control as a career in 1974, and worked at Transport Canada control towers in Baie-Comeau, Sept-Îles, Saint-Hubert and Montréal-Dorval, as well as at the Montréal Area Control Centre.

From 1982 until 1986, she was responsible for air traffic control training at the CEGEP Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, a cooperative training program coordinated by Transport Canada and the Quebec Ministry of Education.

Ms. Fox left operational controlling in 1992 to accept a developmental assignment with Air Traffic Services Headquarters in Ottawa, assuming progressively senior positions. She transferred to NAV CANADA in 1996 and became Director, Safety & Quality, in 1997; then Director, Air Traffic Services, in 1999. In 2000, she was appointed Assistant Vice-President, Air Traffic Services. She became Vice-President, Operations, in 2003 and provided executive leadership and direction throughout NAV CANADA's Operations Group. She retired from NAV CANADA in June 2007 and was appointed as a Member of the TSB in July 2007.

Ms. Fox has been extensively involved in other aviation activities for over 45 years, including sport parachuting and commercial aviation. She holds an airline transport pilot licence and flight instructor rating, and has flown over 5000 hours. She is a recipient of the Fédération aéronautique internationale Paul Tissandier Diploma and the Queen Elizabeth II Anniversary Medal for her contributions to sport parachuting in Canada.

Among other awards and distinctions, Ms. Fox received the Transport Canada Aviation Safety Award in 1999. In 2004, she was inducted into the Quebec Air and Space Hall of Fame. She received the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award in 2010 and the David Charles Abramson Flight Instructor Safety Award in 2011. She was also inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame and into the Women in Aviation International (WAI) Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

Ms. Fox holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration from McGill University. She also completed a Master of Science in Human Factors and System Safety with Lund University in Sweden.