

JANUSZ 'ZURA' ZURAKOWSKI

Janusz is one of the world's most famous pilots. He is a Polish Canadian who has been at the forefront of cutting edge aviation technology. Raised in Poland, he joined the Polish Air Force in 1934 and during the war escaped to England in 1940. After a brilliant wartime career he test flew aircraft in England and in Canada, to where he

immigrated in 1952. The most notable aircraft tested by Zura was the Canadian supersonic interceptor known as the CF-105 Avro Arrow.

AVIATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of Janusz's distinctions are:

- Polish Cross Virtuti Militari
- Cross of Valor with two bars
- Gold Pin of Polish Club of Test Pilots
- McKee Trophy '58
- Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame inductee
- Canadian Flight Test Centre in Cold Lake, Alberta (main building bears his name)
- Honourary Fellow of International Society of Experimental Test Pilots (Jan is the first Canadian or Polish pilot to receive this honour – this Society includes Lindbergh – first flight across Atlantic, Sikorski – creator of the helicopter and Armstrong – first man on the moon)

THE TOWNSHIP OF MADAWASKA VALLEY

The Madawaska Valley area is located in the southwest corner of Renfrew County and treasures three communities.

The village of **Barry's Bay** was settled in the last half of the 19th century by Polish and Irish settlers. The neighbouring hamlet of **Wilno** was the first Polish settlement in Canada (1859). **Combermere**, the hamlet 20 km to the south, is the home of Madonna House, headquarters of a world-wide Catholic lay charity organization.

LOCATION OF ZURAKOWSKI PARK

Zurakowski Park is being constructed on the arrow-shaped property across from the Barry's Bay Railway Station. The park will consist of a large scale replica of the Avro Arrow aircraft with a statue of Janusz Zurakowski, as well as a tourist pavillion with interactive displays.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, July 26 at Zurakowski Park. A gala evening of dinner and dancing will feature the **SPITFIRE BAND**. See the website for updated details.

You can be part of the ZURAKOWSKI PARK Project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal Code/ZIP: _____

Tel: _____

Send donations to:
The Zurakowski Park Project
c/o Township of Madawaska Valley
Box 1000, 85 Bay Street
Barry's Bay, Ontario
K0J 1B0

A receipt will be issued for all donations of \$25.00 or more.
Please send in this stub with your donation if a receipt is required.

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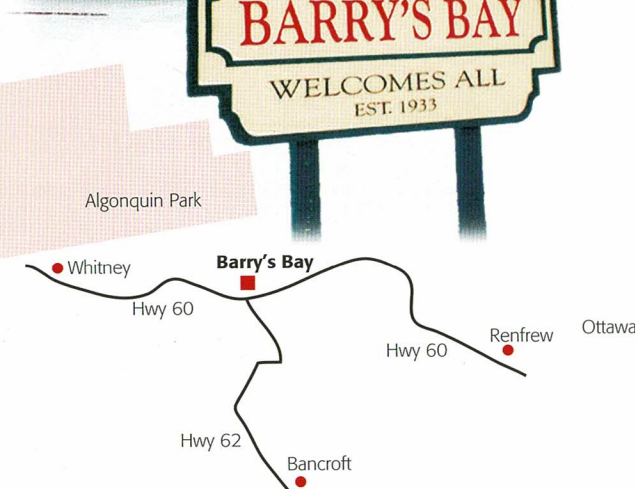
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**Announcing A
New Park in
Barry's Bay
Ontario**

The Township of Madawaska
Valley proudly announces
the new **Zurakowski**

Park Project

which is

being

built to

honour local

resident and world-

renowned test

pilot **Janusz**

Zurakowski.