



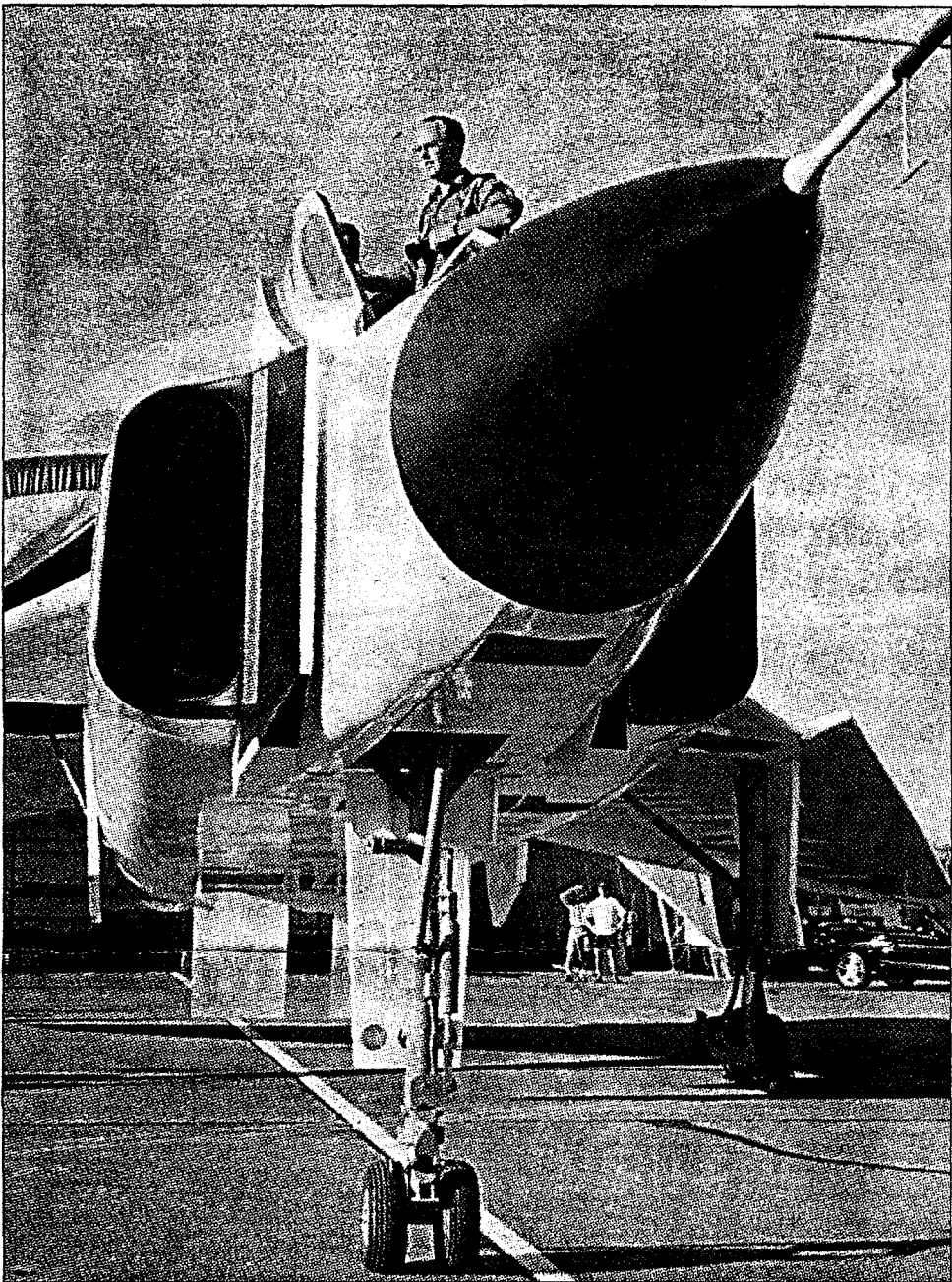
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Cpl. Mike Coles-Webb, from Canadian Forces Base Comox, was Arrow pilot Friday.

## AVRO ARROW Aviation history lives in Abbotsford

Dief cancelled innovative project 38 years ago

By KEVIN GILLIES  
 Times Reporter

A revealing piece of Canadian history rolled out onto the Abbotsford Airport tarmac Friday.

As part of the lead-up to this year's Abbotsford Airshow, a completely reconstructed replica of an Avro Arrow Mk 1 (CF-105) was rolled out of a tent-like hangar in front of more than 200 invited dignitaries and guests.

"It almost brings tears to my eyes to see that," said Jim Taylor, 70.

The Victoria resident was one of the sheet metal workers on the doomed Canadian-made plane project.

"It was very sad to see them all cut up," Taylor says of the production models that were destroyed after the project was canned by then-prime minister John Diefenbaker.

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nose cone of one aircraft.

Frank Rozee, 65, also worked on the plane's fuselage.

"All of us who did work there (thought) it was a great project," he said Friday.

It was decades ahead of its time in terms of its technical sophistication and abilities.

The Arrow models produced were cut up after Diefenbaker canned the project Feb. 20, 1959.

Not one Avro Arrow remains, except for the replica.

The Arrow replica is owned by Alan Jackson of

Wetaskawin, Alberta, but will be in Abbotsford for a year.

He built the replica to keep this period of Canadian aviation history alive in light of the fact none of the original planes are left.

"What can I say," Jackson said, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, at Friday's unveiling ceremony. "It should fly."

The replica has the ability to taxi down a runway, but it won't fly.

Mayor George Ferguson told the guests it was great the airshow society put the replica project together and it will give kids an opportunity to see Canadian history.

"We can't say enough in thanking you for putting this together," Ferguson said to Jackson on behalf of the city.

He suggested the plane be named the "Spirit of Abbotsford" for the duration of its stay in Abbotsford.

## Vandals caused Clayburn Creek fish kill

By TANIS GILLIS  
 Times Reporter

A report from Environment Canada has indicated the Clayburn Creek spill, which killed countless fish of several species in May, happened at the hands of vandals.

Water commission chair and Mission mayor Randy Hawes said the report, completed by Environment Canada investigator Terry Roberts, recommends secu-

rity is tightened at valve stations.

"I have difficulty comprehending why anyone would pull that kind of stunt or do that kind of destructive act," Hawes said. "There's no gain for anyone. It's a senseless act."

Workers were flushing a water main with chlorine which had to sit for awhile to properly disinfect the main. Hawes said it is suspected that after the workers left that day, someone came

in and opened the valve.

That meant chlorinated water spewed into Clayburn Creek, instantly killing fish.

"You can never 100 per cent protect yourself," Hawes said. "But we can do a lot better job of it, I guess."

The issue will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting of the water commission. Hawes said he doesn't know at this time how security should be beefed up at the valve stations.

He suggested a series of locked doors as a possible solution.

"Once we're aware something like this has happened, it's incumbent on us to take preventative measures," Hawes said. "Obviously, we hadn't taken preventative measures because we hadn't contemplated anyone doing this. It takes a sick mind to do something like this."

Hawes said he hopes the security measures will be in

place for the next time a pipe has to be injected with chlorine.

Water commission director Patricia Ross said the focus should be on making what's put into the water more safe for the environment.

"It's obvious we can step up our security more than it is, but we can't have someone there all of the time," Ross said.

"You can't guarantee it will never happen again, no

matter how much security you put in.

"That will help deter any criminals that want to break in, but it won't rule out human error."

Ross said the Environment Canada report indicated both chlorine and chloramine were in the water.

She said, however, chloramine probably existed in such small traces it wouldn't have caused the major damage to the fish. The fish were killed by chlorine.