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Canadian Armed Forces veterans launch Yata Defence Solutions to accelerate the operational adoption of emerging defence technologies

The Montréal-based firm supports emerging defence technologies, from the laboratory to the theatre of operations.

MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC, November 23, 2026. Yata Defence Solutions today announced its official launch. Founded by Canadian Armed Forces veterans with nearly 85 years of combined military and international experience, the firm bridges the gap between those who develop defence technologies and those who use them in the field.

Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), unmanned aerial and ground platforms, counter-drone systems, aerostats, C4ISTAR and critical infrastructure protection: technological innovation is advancing at an unprecedented pace. Yet many solutions struggle to make the leap to field integration. Requirements misaligned from the design stage, demonstrations removed from mission realities and insufficient end-user training too often stall adoption. Yata Defence Solutions was created to close that gap and turn innovation into proven capability.

"Our careers were built on the operator side, in training and on deployment. We know what users need to see before placing their trust in a new technology. Yata puts that experience directly at the service of the developers of these new technologies, aligning their systems with the evolving realities of field operations."

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AN INTEGRATED APPROACH, FROM DOCTRINE TO IN-SERVICE SUPPORT

Yata Defence Solutions engages at every critical stage of the program life cycle to reduce execution risk and accelerate operational acceptance:

- **Market access and strategic relations:** targeting, qualification and engagement of key defence stakeholders, in Canada and internationally.
- **Operational advisory and CONOPS:** translating mission needs into concepts of employment, case studies and realistic deployment scenarios.
- **Operational demonstrations and trials:** staging and validating capabilities in field-representative environments.
- **Training and field support:** structured skills transfer for operators, technicians and instructors.
- **Program management and support:** continuous support from planning and acceptance through in-service sustainment.

Drawing on careers with the Canadian Armed Forces and on NATO and UN missions, the founders are backed by a seasoned team with experience across the military, industrial and commercial sectors, as well as in project management. That experience is now available to emerging companies, helping them navigate the defence world and establish themselves in it.

The company takes its name from the Yatagarasu, the three-legged crow of Japanese mythology known for guiding travellers through complex terrain to safe harbour. Yata has made that its mission: guiding technology companies through the demands of defence to bring their solutions all the way to operational deployment.

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