
NEWS RELEASE

YXX Welcomes BC West Air with Service to Nanaimo, Boundary Bay and Victoria

Abbotsford, October 11, 2007 – Starting Monday, Nanaimo and Abbotsford are only about 20 minutes apart. October 15, BC West Air begins its mid-island service between Nanaimo and Abbotsford Airport with flights three days a week.

“We’re really excited about this service,” said Shanon Maurer, president of BC West Air. “There is a real demand for connecting service to the mainland and our goal is to provide a service that takes some of the frustration out of island living!”

“We wanted to provide an easy, friendly and cost-effective travel service that connects mid-island residents with other BC destinations including Vancouver and the Fraser Valley,” he said, “and Abbotsford International is the perfect fit.”

BC West Air will travel three times a week, Monday, Thursday and Friday with an optional Saturday service, beginning October 15. The airline offers three flights each of those days into Abbotsford on morning, mid-day and afternoon schedules. The flights are timed for easy connections to daily WestJet flights to Edmonton and Calgary as well as the weekly charter flights to Mexico. BC West will also have a mid-day flight to Victoria from Abbotsford on those days.

“Nanaimo residents have a need for a service outside of Vancouver,” said Maurer. “We already offer a daily stop in Boundary Bay, so customers can make a connection at YVR, but many of our passengers are going to Alberta and Mexico, so connecting at YXX just makes sense.”

“Abbotsford International offers a nice, friendly atmosphere in an ideal location. It’s a great alternative to congested traffic and long commutes that can occur at the beginning and end of most trips,” said Maurer. “Like us, Abbotsford is focused on customer convenience and friendly service. Once passengers find out how easy it is to get where they need to go, my planes will be full five days a week.”

BC West Air services include scheduled routes between Nanaimo, Boundary Bay and Abbotsford. They also offer air cargo service and private charters for executive or group trips.

Flights can be booked at 250-245-1123; toll free at 1-866-645-1123 or reserved via the website at www.bcwestair.com.

BC West Air joins WestJet, Airspeed, Air Transat and Sunwing Vacations with service out of Abbotsford International.

-30-

Abbotsford International Airport serves over 500,000 Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley passengers annually. Conveniently located with easy access to the Trans-Canada Highway, BC Interior and U.S. border crossings Abbotsford International offers daily service to Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver Island as well as a seasonal weekly charter service to Mexico. With close, affordable parking, on-site wi-fi service, and self-serve check-in kiosks, Abbotsford is the preferred choice for travelers wanting a friendly, easy and stress-free travel experience.

For more information contact:

Sandy Blue
Business Development Manager
Abbotsford International Airport
E: sblue@abbotsford.ca
Tel: 604-851-4158
www.cityinthecountry.ca

Shanon Maurer
President
BC West Air
E: info@bcwestair.com
Tel: 604-245-1123 / 1-866-645-1123
www.bcwestair.com