
NEWS RELEASE

Abbotsford International Airport Welcomes Orca Air

Abbotsford, March 5, 2009 – Vancouver-owned Orca Airways will take over flight service from Abbotsford to Vancouver Island, announced Dave Kandal, chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority today.

After many years of service from Abbotsford to Vancouver Island, Airspeed Aviation has retired from operations at the Abbotsford Airport and has passed on their operation to Orca Airways.

“We’re very excited to welcome Orca Airways to Abbotsford International Airport,” said Kandal. “Airspeed has been a part of our operations for 24 great years and we are lucky to have this great team of dedicated professionals to continue in their footsteps.”

Orca Airways will be working alongside Airspeed Aviation for several weeks and will assume complete control of the service by the end of March 2009.

“John and Genelle Giesbrecht, of Airspeed Aviation have gained a reputation of operating a very professional and safe airline,” says Orca Airways owner, Andrew Naysmith. “We plan to continue with their proven flight schedule, and we are extremely happy to add Abbotsford to our route list.”

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Abbotsford International Airport is the Fraser Valley’s regional airport and serves over 500,000 passengers annually from Surrey to Hope. Conveniently located off the trans-Canada highway, 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.



BACKGROUND

Orca Airways Mission Statement

Orca Airways is committed to providing safe, reliable passenger and cargo air services. We operate clean, well maintained aircraft with safety as our highest priority. We endeavor to provide friendly, courteous and timely service at all times.

Family Owned and Operated

Orca Airways is a family run airline founded January, 2005, by CEO and President Andrew Naysmith and General Manager Harald Leukefeld. Orca Airways officially began air service in July 2005, operating a twin engine, 8 passenger, Navajo Chieftain aircraft between Vancouver Airport's South terminal and Tofino. Orca Airways also provides regular cargo service to several customers and charter services to varied markets. Orca Airways presently owns and operates several aircraft.

Vancouver Based

Orca Airways Ltd. is located at the Esso Aviat Centre, next to the South Terminal of the Vancouver International Airport. The efficient South Terminal is designed to be a "smart terminal" for busy travelers, featuring numerous benefits such as reduced congestion, short check-in lineups, short walks to gates and parking. The South Terminal also features amenities such as a restaurant, gift shop, car rental services, and taxi and International Terminal shuttle service.

Solid Reputation

Orca Airways is striving to become the premier cargo and passenger airline in the industry by building on our success as the most reliable, safe, and customer oriented air service. For More information on Orca Airways, call 1 888 359-6722 or visit the web site at: www.flyorcaair.com

All Schedules Departing From: **Abbotsford (YXX)**

Abbotsford (YXX) to Victoria Intl (YYJ)

2009

Depart	Arrive	Flight Number	Day
7:25	7:50	201	M-F
16:30	16:55	205	M-F

Victoria Intl (YYJ) to Abbotsford (YXX)

2009

Depart	Arrive	Flight Number	Day
8:15	8:40	202	M-F
17:20	17:45	206	M-F