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YXX Awarded William Templeton Trophy

Abbotsford, October 28, 2011 – The Abbotsford International Airport was awarded the William Templeton trophy yesterday from the British Columbia Aviation Council announced Mayor George W. Peary.

The trophy is awarded annually for outstanding initiative and achievement in the successful development of a community airport facility by an individual, association, municipal government or company.

“We are extremely honored to be receiving this award from the BC Aviation Council,” said Mayor George W. Peary. “The investments we have made in our airport will ensure that we continue to be considered an award winning facility that is attractive to industry.”

Abbotsford International’s infrastructure improvement project, which finished on time and on budget, was based on a joint total investment of \$30 million, equally shared between the governments of Canada and British Columbia, as well as the Abbotsford International Airport.

“We are so grateful to the BC Aviation Council for this award, and to the federal and provincial governments for investing with us in Abbotsford International Airport,” said Dave Holmberg, chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority. “Our airport authority is extremely passionate about the future of YXX, and we know that projects like this one will help to keep us on the leading edge.”

The improvements to the Airport will now pave the way for the next phase in the airport’s plan to become a major economic generator for the Fraser Valley, British Columbia and Western Canada. Together, these upgrades will double the airport’s passenger capacity and allow YXX to start attracting major aerospace companies and additional commercial air service.

Terminal improvements include an improved departure lounge, security area, guest check-in counters, new washrooms, a new tourist information centre, and new flooring and finishes. Infrastructure improvements include a new 9,600-ft. taxiway that parallels the primary runway, an expansion of the west apron and various electrical, lighting and surface rehabilitation projects.

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