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Another Record-Setting Year at Abbotsford International Airport

ABBOTSFORD January 8, 2018: Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) saw another record setting year in passenger numbers in 2017, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

A total of 677,653 passengers were serviced at YXX throughout 2017, which is an increase of 147,010 or 27.7 percent over 2016 passenger counts. This topples the 2016 record of an increase of 8.78 percent over 2015.

The airport has significant plans in the works to continue this growth. In 2018, YXX will add 14,000 square feet of new building space to the terminal building, two additional airline gates, and seating capacity in the secure area will double in size to accommodate 600 guests. These are only some of the exciting changes that will occur at YXX throughout 2018. YXX is also now home to four national airlines and there has been steady interest from other airlines to start service from YXX in 2018.

Key to YXX's future success is its ongoing strategy to innovate and empower the business community. By using a partnership business model, Abbotsford airport is well-positioned for opportunities and further growth in 2018.

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Quotes:

"Abbotsford International Airport has seen tremendous growth over the past two years. Welcoming more travelers through the gates, the airport will continue to support the economic vitality of the local community and establish its role as a vital regional transportation network."

Henry Braun

Mayor, City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford Airport Authority Chair, YXX

"WestJet congratulates the Abbotsford International Airport staff and the City of Abbotsford for another successful year of growth, driven by its relentless focus on low costs and fees for airlines and guests alike. We are proud to play a part in this momentous occasion."

Bryan Znotins

WestJet, Vice-President, Network Planning, Alliances and Corporate Development

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