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Another record-setting year at Abbotsford International Airport

ABBOTSFORD January 8, 2019: The Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) welcomed record-breaking passenger volumes in 2018, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

A total of 842,212 passengers were serviced at YXX in 2018, which is an increase of 164,559 or 24.3 per cent year-over-year. In 2017, 677,653 passengers were serviced at YXX, which is an increase of 147,010 or 27.7 per cent year-over-year.

YXX also added 14,000 square feet of new building space to the terminal building, two additional airline gates, and doubled seating capacity in the secure area to accommodate 600 guests. YXX is also now home to four National Airlines and 2018 brought increased service from Swoop Airlines to destinations across Canada as well as Las Vegas Nevada, and Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, also Flair Airlines added regular service to Calgary International.

Key to YXX's future success is its ongoing strategy to innovate and empower the business community. By using a partnership business model, YXX is well-positioned for opportunities and growth in 2019. The Abbotsford International Airport continues to serve as an economic enabler for the region, providing exciting options for travelers.

Quotes:

"YXX one of Canada's fastest growing airports, having just completed a \$5 million terminal expansion without increasing direct or in-direct airline fees. YXX is very proud to offer one of the most competitive airport platforms in Canada. We look forward to another record-breaking year in 2019 with the addition of more domestic and international routes. Working with airlines like Swoop and others to provide our region with our more travel options, YXX is making air travel more accessible for travelers across the country."

*Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

"We are proud of our great relationship with Abbotsford International Airport and congratulate them on their record-breaking year in 2018. Abbotsford continues to deliver on the promise of keeping fees low and we look forward to working together to keep the costs of travel competitive for our Lower Mainland and Canadian guests in 2019."

*Brian Znotins,
Vice-President Network Planning, Alliances and Corporate Development, Westjet*

"From day one Abbotsford has been an enthusiastic partner for Swoop. It's no surprise that their open minded approach when working with carriers and their passion for creating a stress free, seamless airport travel experience has led to record-breaking passenger volumes. We are confident that Abbotsford will continue to deliver valuable enhancements for years to come that mutually benefit its partners like Swoop, and the people and businesses in the Lower Mainland."

*Steven Greenway
President, Swoop Airlines*

“We are delighted to be a part of Abbotsford International Airport’s success story and we look forward to being a part of their future growth plans.”

David Tait
Executive Chairman, Flair Airlines.

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