
NEWS RELEASE

Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) reaches 1 million passenger milestone

ABBOTSFORD – December 30, 2019: The Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) has reached the 1 million passenger milestone, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

Passenger volumes at YXX have been growing at record rates:

- 2015 - 487,833 passengers
- 2016 - 530,643 (8.8% increase)
- 2017 - 677,653 (27.7% increase)
- 2018 - 842,212 (24.3% increase)
- 2019 – 1 million plus (18.7% to date)

YXX is one of Canada's fastest growing airports measured by percentage increase for passenger volumes year over year. This success is driven by supportive airline partners and YXX's competitive business platform. YXX does not charge an Airport Improvement Fee, a unique differentiator in North America, which allows airlines to increase capacity and provide lower fares in Abbotsford.

YXX has 4 national airlines including WestJet (since 1997), Swoop Airlines, Flair Airlines, and seasonal service on Air Canada Rouge, in addition to Island Express Air offering intra-BC flights. YXX's airline partners are making air travel more accessible and affordable for every day Canadians, providing direct routes to Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Hamilton, London Ontario, Toronto, (seasonal), Nanaimo, Victoria, Las Vegas and seasonal service to Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta.

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 2020. The Abbotsford International Airport continues to serve as an economic enabler for the region, providing exciting, affordable and convenient options for travelers.

Quotes:

"YXX contributes greatly to the economy of the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver, benefiting residents and supporting local economic development. I'm proud of the careful and strategic management of this asset and I know that YXX welcoming its 1 millionth passenger is one of many exciting achievements at the Abbotsford International Airport; with many more to come."

Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford

"Congratulations to Abbotsford International Airport for welcoming a record one-million travelers through its doors. We are honoured to work alongside valuable airport partners like we have in Abbotsford to provide

accessible travel options for Canadians. We've seen steady traveler demand in Abbotsford and it's no surprise that this has helped lead to YXX's record-breaking passenger volumes."

*Steven Greenway
President, SWOOP*

"Abbotsford's dedication to keeping costs low for Canadians and Lower Mainland guests has been vital to both the WestJet Group and the airport's success. YXX is a strong example of innovation in Canadian aviation and on behalf of more than 14,000 WestJetters, we congratulate the entire YXX team on reaching this big milestone."

*Brian Znotins
Vice-President Network Planning and Alliances, WestJet*

"Abbotsford Airport has been Island Express Air's home for the last nine years. Achieving a million passengers a year only continues our long partnership of providing fast convenient air service to Vancouver Island. We look forward to connecting more customers to more intra-BC destinations in the coming years."

*Jim Young
President, Island Express Air*

Associated Links:

Abbotsford International Airport: <https://www.abbotsfordairport.ca/>

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