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### **New Airline Taking Flight at Abbotsford International Airport**

**Abbotsford, January 28, 2013** – On March 3rd, 2013 Northwestern Air will begin offering regular flights between Abbotsford, Kelowna, and Red Deer, AB, announced Dave Holmberg, Chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority today.

Based in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories with offices in Yellowknife, NT and Red Deer, Alberta, Northwestern Air Lease Ltd. will soon be adding Abbotsford International Airport to their regular flight schedule.

"The Fraser Valley, Okanagan Valley and Alberta work in collaboration quite frequently," said Dave Holmberg, Chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority. "This new air service is long overdue and will be another great direct option available for YXX guests".

The company is a family owned corporation founded in 1965 as an aircraft leasing company operating in Alberta and British Columbia. In 1965, the company became involved in fire suppression activities and in 1985, moved to Fort Smith to begin operations as a scheduled and charter service.

Charter operations include weekly charters to the diamond mines in the Arctic, Government charters to northern communities and the Arctic islands, and local charters to remote areas for tourism and fishing. The service will operate on a five-day a week basis and bookings can be made online starting in February.

More information can be found on their website at [www.nwal.ca](http://www.nwal.ca) or by contacting the Abbotsford International Airport at 604-851-1001

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