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Fog Diverts Vancouver Flights to Abbotsford

Abbotsford, January, 19 2009 – Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) was busier than usual today as seven flights were diverted from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) due to fog.

Four Central Mountain Air flights – one from Dawson Creek, one from Kitimat and two from Campbell River, two Hawk Air flights - one from Terrace and one from Smithers - as well as an Air North flight from Whitehorse landed at Abbotsford due to poor visibility conditions at Vancouver. In total, more than 300 passengers were offloaded into the YXX arrivals lounge to wait out the weather.

YXX is the 24-hour International Civil Aviation Organization designated alternate airport to YVR.

"Most large commercial aircraft have the technology to land at YVR in all types of weather conditions," explains Dave Kandal, Chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority. "However, aircraft that can not, have the option to use Abbotsford Airport as an alternate."

Guests on the diverted aircrafts were processed and screened through airport security at Abbotsford.

Abbotsford International Airport served more than 500,000 passengers in 2008. Passenger traffic in 2009 is expected to increase substantially as the airport continues to improve service and facilities to accommodate travelers.

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Abbotsford International Airport is the Fraser Valley's regional airport and serves over 500,000 passengers annually from Surrey to Hope. Conveniently located off the trans-Canada highway, Abbotsford International offers daily service to Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver Island as well as a seasonal weekly charter service to Mexico. With close, affordable parking, on-site wi-fi service, and self-serve check in kiosks, Abbotsford is the preferred choice for travelers wanting a friendly, easy and stress-free travel experience.