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## **Nanaimo Airport Commission Becomes "Winter Wonderland" for Annual Open House**

*Nanaimo, B.C. (October 30, 2015)* A Winter Wonderland will greet visitors to Nanaimo Airport's annual open house on Wednesday, November 4.

The Nanaimo Airport Commission invites the public to attend the event from 3 to 6 p.m.

"We look forward to our open house every year because it allows people to share information about our operations and receive feedback," says Mike Hooper, President and CEO of the Commission. "It gives us a chance to show our appreciation for all the support we get from our neighbours and partners in the communities we serve."

The open house's Winter Wonderland theme celebrates the airport's new WestJet service to Edmonton that starts Dec. 15. Visitors to the open house can also learn more about the global travel connections that are now available to central Islanders thanks to our air carriers.

Airport staff and the Commission's Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss the Commission's work, and capture feedback.

Visitors can also take part in an airport equipment tour, enjoy refreshments and win door prizes.

The Airport Commission is comprised of up to nine Directors, all appointed by the Commission. Four directors are selected by the Commission to represent the community at large. The remaining five appointments, as required by Commission bylaws, come from nominations made by:

- The City of Nanaimo
- The Regional District of Nanaimo
- The Cowichan Valley Regional District
- The Town of Ladysmith
- The Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce

Hundreds of thousands of people pass through the Nanaimo Airport every year while travelling to and from destinations around the world. Passenger traffic increased 16.6 per cent in the first nine months of 2015, compared with the same period last year.

**About Nanaimo Airport (YCD):**

Nanaimo Airport is a ten-minute drive south of downtown Nanaimo on 224 hectares (550 acres), which includes the nearby Cottonwood Golf Course. YCD is a not-for-profit authority owned by the Nanaimo Airport Commission. Vancouver Island's third largest airport, Nanaimo Airport serves a primary central Vancouver Island area with a total population base of approximately 250,000. The YCD service area extends north from Nanaimo to Qualicum, west to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, and south to Duncan and the Cowichan Valley. YCD is ideally situated as the most convenient departure/arrival point for customers from the mid-Island area.

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