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Nanaimo Airport Welcomes Second WestJet Flight

Nanaimo, British Columbia (October 24, 2014) — It's been 16 months to the day since WestJet Encore began daily non-stop service from Nanaimo to Calgary. During that time, the Nanaimo Airport has enjoyed strong passenger growth, which has resulted in the addition of a second WestJet Encore non-stop flight to Calgary.

The new daily flight starts Sunday, October 26. Arriving in Nanaimo at 6:36pm and departing for Calgary at 7:06pm.

“Developing service is key to Nanaimo Airport’s continued growth to ensure safe, reliable transportation for Central Vancouver Island residents,” shares Mike Hooper, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Airport. “The addition of the second flight to Calgary, is a major indicator of how strongly the mid-island region is supporting the new service.” This new flight brings the total daily scheduled departures from YCD to 14 flights.

In the first six months of 2014, the Nanaimo Airport has enjoyed an average of 33.3% growth per month. Year to date growth in 2014 has been 21%. “We’re optimistic the addition of this flight will help us maintain the strong growth throughout the remained of the year,” explains Hooper.

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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