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Nanaimo Airport Lands Non-Stop Service to Edmonton

Nanaimo, British Columbia (July 27, 2015) —WestJet today announced the launch of new non-stop daily service between Nanaimo and Edmonton. The service will be operated by WestJet's fleet of Bombardier Q400 aircraft.

"The community has been asking for this service for several years, so we are thrilled to make this announcement today," said Mike Hooper, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Airport. "The YEG and YCD teams have been working toward this milestone announcement."

With this new service travellers can fly either point-to-point between Nanaimo and Edmonton, or conveniently connect in Edmonton to other Canadian or worldwide destinations.

"The Edmonton Metro Region gains leisure and trade opportunities in Nanaimo, and Nanaimo gains access to our network of 60 non-stop flights across Canada, the US, Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe. Edmonton is a key gateway for Nanaimo residents who commute by air to northern Alberta and northern Canada, and it's also a great destination for shopping, recreation and access to the Northern Rockies," says Tom Ruth, President and CEO of Edmonton International Airport.

The new daily flight starts Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Arriving in Nanaimo at 1:51pm and departing for Edmonton at 2:25pm. This will be in addition to WestJet's two daily and Air Canada's daily flight to Calgary, and eight daily Air Canada Express flights from Nanaimo to Vancouver in the summer schedule.

"Developing service is key to Nanaimo Airport's continued growth to ensure safe, reliable transportation for Central Vancouver Island residents," shares Hooper. "This announcement is a major indicator of how strongly the Mid-Island region is supporting WestJet Encore service."

In the first six months of 2015, the Nanaimo Airport has enjoyed 13.9% passenger growth.

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.

About Edmonton International Airport:

Edmonton International Airport is a self-funded, not-for-profit corporation whose mandate is to drive economic prosperity for the Edmonton Region. EIA is Canada's fastest-growing major airport over the past 10 years, the fifth-busiest airport by passenger traffic and the largest major Canadian airport by land area. EIA offers non-stop connections to 60 destinations across Canada, the US, Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe, including London-Heathrow, Reykjavik (Iceland), and Amsterdam. Please visit www.flyeia.com for more information.

About WestJet:

WestJet is proud to be Canada's most-preferred airline, powered by an award-winning culture of care and recognized as one of the country's top employers. We offer scheduled service to more than 90 destinations in North America, Central America, the Caribbean and Europe. Through our regional airline, WestJet Encore, and with partnerships with airlines representing every major region of the world, we offer our guests more than 120 destinations in more than 20 countries. Leveraging WestJet's extensive network, flight schedule and remarkable guest experience, WestJet Vacations delivers affordable, flexible travel experiences with a variety of accommodation options for every guest. For more information about everything WestJet, please visit westjet.com.

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