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Nanaimo Airport to test Emergency Preparedness with Live Exercise Oct 21, 2016

Nanaimo, British Columbia (October 17, 2016) —The Nanaimo Airport plans to test its emergency response plan with a live exercise on Friday, October 21, 2016. Mike Hooper, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Airport explains, “Safety is our number one priority and exercises like this provide the opportunity for multiple local agencies and the airport to test their individual response plans and gain key learning to respond to an emergency situation involving an aircraft.”

Transport Canada regulations require all Canadian airports to host a full scale live exercise regularly. Participating agencies will include the Cranberry Fire Department, Airport Security and Operations, RCMP, NavCanada, BC Ambulance and onsite air carriers.

The scenario planned for Friday will simulate an aircraft incident while attempting to land. The exercise will begin mid-morning. While travelers will notice signage, emergency response vehicles, and Public Address announcements throughout the exercise, no impact to regular operations is anticipated.

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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