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Abbotsford International Reports Strong First Half

Abbotsford, July 20, 2007 – Abbotsford International Airport continues to attract record numbers of passengers as an increasing number of travelers in the region discover how easy and convenient it is to use the Abbotsford airport.

In 2006, the airport celebrated a record total of 502,634 passengers. From January to June last year 227,536 passengers used the airport. During the same period this year those numbers are up over 14% at 259,762. And the June passenger numbers are on pace with last June's record numbers.

"Our service to Abbotsford continues to perform well and is an important connection point to our growing network," commented Bob Cummings, Executive Vice-President Guest Experience and Marketing for WestJet. "On behalf of our 6,400 WestJetters, I would like to thank the people of the Fraser Valley for their continued support of our airline."

The numbers will continue to increase with the recent announcement by Sunwing Vacations of weekly Friday departures to Cancun beginning in December 2007. "We're so pleased to add Abbotsford to our line-up of departure points from the west," says Gerry Roussin, vice-president of sales – Western Canada for Sunwing. "And so far the reaction from area residents and travel agents has been just great. We're looking forward to taking a lot of people to Cancun and the Riviera Maya – direct from Abbotsford!"

Earlier this week, 160 Mexican tourists aboard an Aero México 757 were greeted in style when the airline made its inaugural landing in Abbotsford. This flight was the first truly international passenger flight originating outside North America, destined for YXX.

As YXX continues to welcome new carriers and becomes an even more integral part of the regional transportation network, increased capacity of the terminal buildings becomes a necessity.

The Abbotsford Airport Authority recently gave the green light to proceed with plans to expand the air terminal buildings for increased capacity and efficiency. This renovation that will allow additional retail and passenger services is slated to begin in the fall of 2008 and for completion by 2010.

Projects currently underway include an expansion to the long term paved parking lot and the introduction of a "pay on exit" payment system that is slated for completion later this year. There are no plans at this time to raise the daily parking rate of \$6.

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