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New Daily Flights to Comox at Abbotsford Airport

ABBOTSFORD May 5, 2016 – The Abbotsford International Airport is pleased to announce new daily service to and from Comox Valley Airport on Island Express Air announced Dave Holmberg, Chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority.

Beginning May 16, Island Express Air will offer daily flights to and from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, serving Abbotsford, Victoria, Boundary Bay, and Nanaimo from Comox.

"We are pleased to see this added service in our community," said Mayor Henry Braun. "Being able to provide access to the central and northern communities of Vancouver Island is a great benefit for our community."

Flights will depart Comox twice a day, 7 days a week. Flights start at $209 (including all taxes and fees) when booked online two weeks in advance of the travel date. Most Comox flights will have a stop either in Nanaimo or Victoria. However, even with the stop, the travel time will be less than 1 hour to Abbotsford, and approximately 40 minutes to Victoria.

"Island Express Air has been located at Abbotsford International Airport for over seven years," said Holmberg. "We are proud to see them continue to grow their business and expand the opportunities for travelers in the Fraser Valley."

In addition to Abbotsford, passengers can also travel to Victoria, Boundary Bay, or Nanaimo on the same fare. Comox Valley Airport is a gateway to central and northern Vancouver Island, serving Comox, Courtenay, Campbell River, and surrounding communities.

Island Express Air began serving Abbotsford, Victoria, and Nanaimo in 2009 with just two aircraft. Six years later, the company now has a fleet of six aircraft ranging from light, four-seat aircraft to an eight-seat, pressurized, all-weather turboprop King Air.

For more information on the Abbotsford International Airport, please visit www.abbotsfordairport.ca. For more information on Island Express Air, please visit www.islandexpressair.com.

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