



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

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Kamloops Airport Ltd. announces the passenger and aircraft movement results for July 2006 and an update on the airport expansion project.

In July, 12,541 people used Kamloops Airport in their travel plans. This is an increase of 2,323 travelers (23%) over July 2005 when 10,218 people used Kamloops Airport. This continues a double-digit trend of increases that began in May of this year. The robust local economy is bringing more visitors to our community. The monitoring of the fares by the airport is also showing that the cost of flying from Kamloops has been dropping and that has encouraged more people to choose to fly from home.

In July, 6,037 aircraft used Kamloops Airport, which is about 35% above July 2005 when 4,470 aircraft were reported. The increase is mainly in the VFR (Visual Flight Rules) category. In January, Kamloops Airport lowered the cost of fuel by removing the airport fuel surcharge. The Shell flight lounge is drawing more aircraft to Kamloops as pilots find out about the wonderful facilities here. Together, these have encouraged more private aircraft to stop in Kamloops as they transit to and from the lower mainland. The BC Forest Service was responsible for a large number of operations as well with major fires in the Kamloops through the month.

For the month of July there were no reported delays of scheduled passenger flights due to Kamloops weather out of more than 220 flights that regularly operate. This gave Kamloops Airport a reliability factor of 100% for the month.

In July, the first tasks associated with the preparation for the runway expansion were started. Urban Systems have begun the environmental impact analysis and the initial fieldwork is underway and is expected to last for about 9 months.

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Kamloops Airport Ltd. (KAL) is a subsidiary of Vancouver Airport Services. Our mission is to serve the Kamloops community and trading area of the BC Interior by providing airport facilities that are safe, clean, efficient, profitable, friendly and that reflect a local sense of place.

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