



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

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Kamloops Airport Ltd. announces the passenger and aircraft movement results for December and for the full year of 2005 and an update on more improvements at the airport.

In December, 15,618 people used Kamloops Airport in their travel plans. This represents a 9% increase over December 2004. Continuing strong travel activity for the ski resorts, and economic activity that seems to gather more steam every month contributed to this unexpected number of people using the airport.

This finishes 2005 with 150,646 people using Kamloops Airport versus 152,624 in 2004. The beginning of the year saw a fall-off in travelers with some scheduling and capacity issues, but came on very strong in the latter half of the year.

In December, 2550 aircraft used Kamloops Airport and that was an increase of 63% as compared to the same month in 2004. The increase came mainly in the local flight category and is related to an increase in flight training activity.

For the year, a total of 41,024 aircraft used Kamloops Airport versus 46,037 in 2004. A significantly slower forestry firefighting season reduced the number of aircraft operations in the VFR category by 33% year over year.

Beginning with this release, the airport will be reporting the number of weather-cancelled flights. For the month of December, no scheduled passenger flights were delayed due to Kamloops weather out of more than 220 flights that regularly operate. That gave Kamloops Airport a reliability factor of 100% for the month, which is excellent by any measure.

A project to improve safety by upgrading and enhancing the light system at the air terminal building and the adjoining parking lot is continuing. This project is funded by the Kamloops Airport Authority Society and has a value of \$174,000 plus engineering costs. A delay in the supply of certain fixtures has been experienced so the project will continue into late January.

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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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