



## KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Kamloops Airport Ltd. announces that an airport improvement fee (AIF) will be in place for travel from Kamloops beginning with tickets sold on or after January 1, 2007 for travel on or after February 1, 2007. The fee will be \$5.00 per departure from Kamloops Airport. The airport expansion plan has been presented to the air carrier committee and negotiations continue.

The AIF is governed by an agreement with Air Transport Association of Canada, an air carrier representative group. The agreement allows for an automatic first year of collection at \$5.00 pending completion of negotiations on the scope of capital improvements with the air carriers. The preferred method of collection is to include the AIF on the passenger ticket rather than a direct collection system.

The airport is embarking on an expansion of the runway, air terminal building and improved navigation aids. The project budget has been established at \$16.8 million in 2004. The Provincial Government has confirmed a contribution of \$4 million dollars for the project. The AIF is the contribution of users of the airport. Although the rate for the first year is \$5.00, in subsequent years it is expected to rise to \$10.00.

Vancouver Airport Services has been retained as the Project Manager. The Environmental Impact Analysis, lead by Urban Systems, has been underway for the past 3 months. An initial consultation has been held with the Federal and Provincial regulatory agencies. An open house for the public was held on November 15, 2006.

The next tasks in the plan are to assemble airport drawings and produce the supplementary plans for the engineering phase. As well further analysis work will commence on the navigation aids necessary for the project.

Further details of the entire project can be found on the Kamloops Airport website at [www.kamloopsairport.com](http://www.kamloopsairport.com).

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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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