



## KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Kamloops Airport Ltd. announces the passenger and aircraft movement results for November 2006.

In November, 13,749 people used Kamloops Airport in their travel plans. This is an increase of 1,613 travelers (13%) over November 2005 when 12,136 people used Kamloops Airport. The expanding Kamloops economy and an overall reduction in fares to come closer to those in Kelowna is also encouraging more people to fly.

In November, 2,124 aircraft used Kamloops Airport, which is about 22% below November 2005 when 2,718 aircraft were reported. All categories of flights were down with the VFR (Visual Flight Rules) category the Local Flights category off significantly due to poor weather across much of Southern BC for an extended period. Aircraft operating in these categories typically do not have the ability to take advantage of the special approach procedures available to the commercial passenger aircraft.

During November, Southern BC experienced record snowfalls. Flight operations were affected at many airports and Kamloops was no different. The largest component of the delays and cancellations of passenger aircraft were due to weather in either Vancouver or Calgary. For the month of November, there were only 4 reported delayed or cancelled flights attributable to Kamloops weather of the more than 270 flights that regularly operate. This gave Kamloops Airport a reliability factor of 99% for the month.

Air travelers are reminded that as of January 23, 2007 all people traveling to the United States by air are required to have a passport to establish their citizenship. Air carriers have a requirement to ensure that a passport is produced before the traveler is allowed to board the aircraft. Contact your air carrier for further information.

A concern for Kamloops air carriers is the growing number of people arriving within moments of departure to check in. With higher numbers of people expected over the winter months, it will become ever more important that travelers check in well ahead of their flight departure to avoid missing the flight.

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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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