



## KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

### MEDIA RELEASE

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For the month of January 2010, 26,658 travelers used Kamloops Airport as part of their travel plans. This is an increase of 11% (2,752 travelers) over January 2009 when 23,906 people used Kamloops Airport.

The increase in travelers once again last month, is a result of seat sales attracting people who would normally consider driving over flying. Combined with poor weather in the passes, the Vancouver route saw higher ridership over the month and the additional capacity with WestJet certainly added to the higher number of travelers.

In December 2009, the aircraft movement numbers were temporarily unavailable so they are presented with this release. For the month of December, 2009, aircraft movements are up by 43% over December 2008 at 2,468 movements. This is attributable to a higher number of local flights in the area over the month.

For the full year of 2009 aircraft movements are 39,810 and up 5% over 2008 which saw 37,857 movements. Generally this higher number of movements was recorded during the summer fire season with increased air tanker activity.

#### December Aircraft Movement Statistics as compared to same month in previous year

	December 2008	December 2009	Difference
IFR	1,141	1,155	1%
VFR	236	405	71%
Local	<u>344</u>	<u>908</u>	163%
Total	1,721	2,468	

#### January Aircraft Movement Statistics as compared to same month in previous year

	January 2009	January 2010	Difference
IFR	1,268	1,133	-11%
VFR	267	360	34%
Local	<u>234</u>	<u>736</u>	314%
Total	2,229	2,169	

The number of IFR flights in January 2010 was off due to poor weather for many days in which the valley saw thick morning fog. Combined with high approach limits, aircraft were unable to land. This affected passenger, cargo and medevac services.

As reported in December, the approaches to Kamloops have been under a great deal of scrutiny for the month of January. While more work needs to be done, there are possibilities under consideration which could see the airport reliability move into the high 90% range. As a definitive plan is developed, we will continue to communicate to the community and stakeholders.

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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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