



## KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Kamloops Airport announces the traveler numbers for the month of September as compared to the same period in the previous year:

	2012	2013	Change
Monthly Travelers	20,569	21,620	5%
Year-To-Date Travelers	203,881	212,485	4%

Continuing the story for this year is the growth being led by two groups – commuting workers and leisure travelers. The number of workers who commute to Northern Alberta and BC continues to increase. Building on the work that Tourism Kamloops does to promote our area as a tourism destination is seeing growth in both leisure and visiting friends & relatives groups.

The following aircraft movements were recorded in September as compared to the same period in the previous year:

	2012	2013	Change
IFR	912	954	4.6%
VFR	<u>1,547</u>	<u>1,184</u>	<u>-24%</u>
Total	2,459	2,138	-13%

The decrease in VFR traffic in September was attributable to very little forestry wildfire operations.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the introduction of WestJet Encore to the Kamloops market on October 27<sup>th</sup> which will see additional service to Calgary, followed by new service to Vancouver in November. This, along with Air Canada Express' enhanced frequencies and up-gauge to an all Dash8-300 fleet for Kamloops continues to improve air service options in the region.

Final touches are being placed on the airport fire structure with occupancy expected by the end of the month. This building will house the recently acquired firefighting vehicle, staff and supplies. The Government of Canada has contributed \$544,310 toward the total project cost of \$640,000.

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