



Kamloops Airport Lands Nonstop to Toronto and Beyond

December 12, 2017; Kamloops, B.C.: Air Canada Rouge today released its Spring 2018 schedule which includes new nonstop service to Toronto from Kamloops Airport. This new service connects Kamloops to three of Air Canada's Canadian hubs: Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto.

"We are thrilled that Air Canada Rouge is launching new nonstop service to Toronto Pearson," said Heather McCarley, Managing Director of Kamloops Airport. "This is an important connection for Kamloops. Thanks to Air Canada's global network, it opens up our region to travellers coming from all corners of Canada and around the world with one ticket and one stop."

Kamloops Airport generates \$72.2 million in total economic output and supports more than 850 jobs in the community. The new service strengthens the airport's contributions and provides opportunities for local residents, regional businesses and tourism partners to reach new markets.

"We are very pleased to announce new, non-stop flights from Kamloops directly to Toronto to help make summer travel to and from the Thompson Okanagan area even more convenient. With more than 535 seats and up to nine daily flights next summer, Air Canada will be flying non-stop from Kamloops Airport to three of our Canadian hubs: Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, offering the most options and unparalleled choices for vacation travellers to get to Kamloops and the Thompson Okanagan area. Additionally, customers from this area will have direct access to even more far-reaching destinations in our global network at our primary Toronto hub," said Benjamin Smith, President, Passenger Airlines at Air Canada.

The new service is a result of concentrated efforts to grow connectivity to the region, in partnership with Tourism Kamloops and Tourism Sun Peaks.

"We are extremely excited for this announcement and are encouraged by the foresight and collaboration with Air Canada to introduce new air routing into Kamloops," said Beverley DeSantis, CEO, Tourism Kamloops. "Tourism is an important economic driver for Kamloops and the capacity to create new air access for new markets is paramount to growing our visitor economy."

"This new nonstop flight from Toronto represents tremendous opportunity for growth from the Ontario market. Ontario currently represents the fourth largest market for summer tourism in Sun Peaks. With the ease of a nonstop flight, visitors can leave Toronto and be in Sun Peaks in time to enjoy an afternoon in the mountains taking part in one of our many summer activities," said Arlene Schieven, President and CEO, Tourism Sun Peaks.

Air Canada Rouge's Kamloops services will operate using Airbus A319 aircraft with 136 seats. The initial schedule is for three frequencies per week, per route, from June 2018 through October 2018, timed to connect conveniently with Air Canada's domestic and international schedule.

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Flight #	From	T0	Departure	Arrival	Days of Operation
AC 1977	Toronto	Kamloops	09:45	11:30	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
AC 1976	Kamloops	Toronto	12:15	19:15	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

For more information regarding Air Canada Rouge's new services or to make a reservation, visit www.AirCanada.com.