



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Kamloops Airport Welcomes Return of Edmonton Service by WestJet**

**Kamloops, B.C.; July 6, 2025:** The Kamloops Airport Authority Society and Kamloops Airport Ltd. and its tourism partners today welcomed the return to Kamloops Airport (YKA) of non-stop service from Edmonton International Airport (YEG) operated by WestJet. The inaugural flight, a De Havilland Dash 8-400 (Q400) aircraft landed at approximately 6 p.m. Pacific time.

WestJet Encore will operate the route twice weekly throughout peak summer travel season as follows:

#### **Fridays and Sundays**

**Arrival:** 6:14 PM

**Departure:** 6:45 PM

"As a gateway to the City of Kamloops and the Thompson Nicola region, Kamloops Airport is very pleased to welcome back WestJet's popular service to Edmonton," said Jim Moroz, Managing Director, Kamloops Airport. "This route has long been a favorite for our community, and its return comes just in time for travelers to reconnect with family and friends during the summer months. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this convenient connection and help ensure the service continues well beyond the summer season."

"The launch of WestJet service between Kamloops and Edmonton represents a meaningful investment in regional air connectivity for British Columbia's Interior," said Chris White-DeVries, WestJet Senior Manager, Airport Affairs. "We're proud to enhance access between these two vibrant communities; whether it's for visiting loved ones, exploring Western Canada or doing business across provinces, this new route is about strengthening connections that matter."

"We're thrilled to welcome this new WestJet route connecting Kamloops and Edmonton, providing travelers with more convenient options and strengthening the ties between our communities," said Bill Sarai, President, Kamloops Airport Authority Society. "This direct service enhances access for visitors and residents alike and brings significant economic benefit by supporting local tourism and fostering stronger business connections across the region. It also reinforces Kamloops' importance as a regional transportation hub and we thank everyone that has worked together to bring back this popular route."

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