



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

MEDIA RELEASE

April 21, 2010

For the month of March 2010, 25,497 travelers used Kamloops Airport as part of their travel plans. This is an increase of 6% (1,559 travelers) over March 2009 when 23,938 people used Kamloops Airport. Year to date versus 2009, the number of travelers has increased from 71,270 to 74,663, a 5% increase.

March continued to see the diversion of skiers from Whistler due to the Olympics and was one of the components of another successful season at Sun Peaks. The anticipation is that in the coming season, the number of people who got to experience Sun Peaks will translate into repeat visits. The low fare options for travel to and from Kamloops continued to attract air travelers despite the favorable weather along the highway which usually encourages people to drive rather than fly.

March Aircraft Movement Statistics as compared to same month in previous year

	March 2009	March 2010	Difference
IFR	1,143	1,173	-
VFR	474	552	16%
Local	<u>404</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>111%</u>
Total	2,021	2,578	27%

Despite several days of extremely high cross winds, the number of IFR and VFR flights combined rose over the March 2009. With a recovering recession, Kamloops is seeing an increase in corporate travel and freight operations with the cargo couriers.

Nav Canada has completed a portion of the new approach for Kamloops to take advantage of the new Instrument Landing System. This has allowed them to plot out suitable land to install a small radio beacon to assist aircraft to navigate down the valley in the event that they miss the airport in bad weather. Nav Canada has some options in hand and are pursuing these now.

-30-

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.

If you require additional information please contact:

Fred Legace, Managing Director

Kamloops Airport Ltd.

Tel. (250) 376-3613 Fax (250) 376-3935