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2007 ANOTHER RECORD YEAR AT KELOWNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

For the third consecutive year passenger volumes at Kelowna International Airport have increased by double digits. Traffic levels reached a new record in 2007 with 1,363,239 passengers using the facility, marking an 11.15% increase over 2006's record breaking year of 1,226,442.

"With the additional parking and the third pre-board screening line, the Christmas travel season was very smooth this year," says Dave Fuller, Assistant General Manager, Airport Operations. "Although weather is always a challenge this time of year, airport staff stayed on top of the conditions and we did not experience a single runway closure that affected any commercial flights over the holidays."

In 2008 Kelowna International Airport will see the completion of the expanded departures area, commencement of the 2010 development program which will include completion of the runway extension and an expansion of the road system and parking facilities.

"It's exciting to see the continued growth of this airport," expresses Robert Fine, Economic Development Commission Executive Director. "These record numbers are indicative of the strong economy in the Central Okanagan, the booming leisure travel market and the increased number of non-stop points now offered to Kelowna."

"Demand for our destination is growing steadily as demonstrated by the year over year increases in airport traffic," states Nancy Cameron of Tourism Kelowna. "Efficient connectivity to major markets will ensure that this trend continues and tourism and hospitality businesses in this area thrive."

Kelowna International Airport has over 30 departures per day with non-stop service to Calgary, Edmonton, Las Vegas, Prince George, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria on five air carriers; Air Canada, AC Jazz, Central Mountain Air, Horizon Air and WestJet. Seasonal charter service is also offered to Los Cabos, Cancun and Puerto Vallarta.

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