

SUMMER 2007 – AIR ACCESS TO HALIFAX CONTINUES TO GROW

The coming summer travel season sees new air services as airlines continue to increase the number of flights and markets to Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

While total domestic seats into Nova Scotia are 5 percent below summer 2006 peak season levels, the primary result of CanJet terminating scheduled service in September 2006, both Air Canada / Jazz and WestJet are increasing services into Halifax Stanfield International Airport including new non-stop flights from Calgary and Edmonton. Air Canada / Jazz are also increasing the number of flights between central Canada and Halifax, between Halifax and Deer Lake, and introducing non-stop service between Halifax and Gander, NL. Sunwing Airlines has returned this summer with non-stop service between Halifax and Toronto. Finally, Porter Airlines will be offering new service between Halifax and Toronto's City Centre Airport with 2 flights per day, each via Montreal and Ottawa.

As of this overview, neither CanJet nor Skyservice had announced any domestic operations for summer 2007.

Between Canada and the US, new non-stop air services to Halifax this summer compared to last year include Halifax / New York La Guardia Airport (both Air Canada / Jazz and American Eagle), Halifax / Chicago's O'hare Airport (both American Eagle and United) and weekly service between Halifax / Atlanta (Delta). In addition, Northwest has again returned with twice daily Detroit / Halifax service. Total transborder seats to Halifax for summer 2007 are currently 13 percent above last year's levels.

Summer 2007 peak season seats between Halifax and Europe are now 23 percent above last year's results. Icelandair is returning to Halifax with three passenger flights per week in addition to its existing weekly air cargo service. Zoom Airlines is adding weekly service between Halifax and both Belfast, Ireland and Paris, France.

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