



## **Government of Canada providing financial support to the Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport to help maintain essential airport operations**

On July 2, 2021, government officials, announced that the Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport will receive over \$1.8 million from Transport Canada's Airport Relief Fund to help the airport recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support continued essential air services for residents and workers in Moncton and its surrounding communities. In addition, the Minister highlighted that the Government of Canada is also providing the airport with just over \$5 million from Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program for the purchase of an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle, the rehabilitation of Runway 11-29, and the replacement of taxiway signs.

*Government of Canada providing financial support to the Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport to help maintain essential airport operations, July 2, 2021, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **Minister of Transport celebrates return of regional routes to Saint John Airport**

July 2, 2021, government officials, were at the Saint John Airport to welcome the arrival of Air Canada's inaugural reinstated direct flight to Saint John from Toronto. This direct Toronto-Saint John route, and many other regional routes across the country, were reinstated by Air Canada as a result of the financial support package provided to the airline by the government in April 2021. The Minister concluded his visit to New Brunswick by taking this Air Canada flight back to Toronto. To further support the air sector in the region, the Minister announced that the Saint John Airport will receive over \$1.13 million from Transport Canada's Airport Relief Fund to help the airport recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support continued essential air services for residents and workers in Saint John and its surrounding communities.

*Minister of Transport celebrates return of regional routes to Saint John Airport, July 2, 2021, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **Proposed new refund requirements open for public review and comment**

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) on July 2, 2021 announced that its proposed *Regulations Amending the Air Passenger Protection Regulations*, which would provide new refund requirements, are now published in Part I of the *Canada Gazette* for public review and comment. These proposed regulations, that would apply to all future flights to, from and within Canada, including connecting flights, aim to protect passengers by requiring airlines to provide passengers with refunds in the event of future flight cancellations or lengthy delays, outside the airline's control, that prevent it from ensuring that passengers complete their itinerary within a reasonable time.

*Proposed new refund requirements open for public review and comment, July 2, 2021, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

## **Air Canada's New Service Between Montreal and Kelowna Celebrated at Kelowna International Airport**

Air Canada's newest domestic route with the only non-stop service between Montreal and Kelowna was celebrated at Kelowna International Airport on July 5, 2021. The flights operate three times weekly, increasing to four times in mid-July 2021 and five times in August 2021. Customers will enjoy Air Canada's fuel-efficient Airbus A220-300 fleet featuring Business Class and Economy cabins, a modernized in-flight entertainment system with hours of complementary entertainment available at every seat, onboard Wi-Fi and more.

*Air Canada's New Service Between Montreal and Kelowna Celebrated at Kelowna International Airport, July 5, 2021, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## Porter Airlines confirms restart of service to select Canadian destinations beginning Sept. 8

Porter Airlines is officially returning to the skies on Sept. 8, 2021 nearly 18 months after suspending flights due to COVID-19 public health and travel restrictions. The flight schedule is returning in phases, with the initial group of Canadian destinations being Halifax, Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, St. John's, NL, Thunder Bay and Toronto. U.S. destinations in Boston, Chicago, New York and Washington follow on Sept. 17.

*Porter Airlines confirms restart of service to select Canadian destinations beginning Sept. 8, July 5, 2021, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## Air Canada Continues to Rebuild its Global Network with Service Resuming to Key Destinations Around the World

Air Canada on July 6, 2021 unveiled additional details of its planned international schedule for this summer, which includes the resumption of 17 routes and 11 destinations across the world from its hubs. The airline is resuming its service between Calgary and Frankfurt, as of August 1, 2021 up to four times weekly, and is also offering for the first time a unique non-stop service from Montreal to Cairo, Egypt, three times weekly.

*Air Canada Continues to Rebuild its Global Network with Service Resuming to Key Destinations Around The World, July 6, 2021, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## New measures to support essential air access to remote communities

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis in the aviation industry's ability to service communities, which is having a significant impact on the remote communities that depend on small air carriers for essential goods, services, and access in and out of the community. The Government of Canada will: 1. Seek bilateral agreements with provinces and territories to ensure continuity of service for at least six months. 2. Establish a \$75-million funding program for the federal contribution for the first six months and maintain these essential services through an investment of up to \$174 million dollars over 18 months, if needed. 3. Provide additional funding depending on the needs of the communities and the pace of recovery of air travel into remote communities.

*New measures to support essential air access to remote communities, July 7, 2021, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## Weekly aircraft movements, June 19 to 25, 2021

Weekly data on aircraft itinerant movements are now available for June 19 to 25, 2021. Total domestic movements for the week ending June 19, 2021 were 40,206 compared to 37, 111 for the week ending June 12, 2021.

*Weekly aircraft movements, June 19 to 25, 2021, July 7, 2021, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Air Cargo Market Analysis

Global air cargo movement trended higher in May 2021. May was another month of strong air cargo performance, but a moderate slowdown was apparent in the pace of growth. Indeed, industry-wide cargo tonne-kilometres (CTKs) increased by 9.4% in May 2021 versus pre-crisis levels in May 2019. This was down from 11.3% in April 2021 versus 2019. Air cargo is trending higher and outperforms global goods. Further, supply chain conditions and economic activity are supportive of air cargo, helping it post a fifth consecutive month of over performance versus global goods trade. But there are signs of a stabilization in growth in manufacturing output in some key economies, as consumption shifts from goods to services. Furthermore, Air cargo capacity continues to slowly improve despite the lack of international passenger traffic. Having said that, the market remains tight, with no clear decline in cargo load factors.

*Air Cargo Market Analysis, July 7, 2021, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## Air Passenger Market Analysis

Air travel demand sustained its moderate recovery in May 2021. Seasonally adjusted revenue passenger kilometres (SA RPKs) in May increased for the fourth consecutive month, up 2.4% month-on-month. Overall, industry-wide RPKs were 62.7% lower compared to the pre-crisis period (May 2019) since international traffic is limited. This was a progress compared to the previous month since the same metric was 65.2% lower in April 2021 compared with April 2019. The strength of the global economic recovery and rebound in bookings in June raise some optimism for summer recovery. However, increased concerns about new covid waves with the emergence of new variants put the expected rebound in travel in the second half of 2021 at risk.

## **Government of Canada investing in safety at The Region of Waterloo International Airport**

Government officials on July 8, 2021 announced that the Government of Canada is making important safety investments at the Region of Waterloo International Airport. Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), the Government of Canada will provide \$3,931,274 to the Region of Waterloo International Airport for rehabilitation of taxiways and four aircraft stands.

*Government of Canada investing in safety at The Region of Waterloo International Airport, July 8, 2021, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **Concorde Unique: Supersonic Cabin Initiatives by Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT**

Concorde will always mean speed first, but it's not only the speed that we remember.

This is the 6th and final article in the Supersonic Cabin Initiatives Series. In *The Last Word: 40th Anniversary of Concorde*, written for INFLIGHT magazine, in March-April 2016, Jennifer Coutts Clay, author of *JETLINER CABINS: Evolution & Innovation*, celebrates the allure and challenge of supersonic flight, including critical marketing strategies that helped overcome some of the objections raised by passengers e.g. the constraints of the small-size fuselage were offset by emphasizing the superior cabin ambiance along with 5-star standards of welcome and hospitality.

If and when supersonic service is restored, airlines will no doubt have to sell clever marketing enticements yet again, but they will have the heritage and wings of Concorde's rhapsodic legacy to help them take-off. To read the full article, go to: [https://ciltna.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/jlc\\_Concorde-The-Last-Word\\_v2.pdf](https://ciltna.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/jlc_Concorde-The-Last-Word_v2.pdf)