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Lethbridge Airport Welcomes WestJet

LETHBRIDGE COUNTY – The Lethbridge Airport gave a warm welcome to WestJet yesterday (June 21) at the airline’s inaugural flight celebrations. A ceremony was held to recognize WestJet’s arrival in Southern Alberta and included a First Nations blessing from Spiritual Leader Patrick Black Plume of the Blackfoot Confederacy, and speeches from Lethbridge County Reeve Lorne Hickey, City of Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman, MLA David Schneider, Minister Shannon Phillips, and MLA Maria Fitzpatrick. WestJet’s Manager of Public Affairs, Robert Palmer, as well as Pacific Coastal Airlines Director of Airports, Laura Nadin-Young also expressed excitement in serving Lethbridge and area.

Guests welcomed the first arriving and departing WestJet flight into Lethbridge with traditional First Nations drumming by Old Agency and a ribbon cutting with Reeve Hickey and Mayor Spearman.

“WestJet’s arrival at the Lethbridge Airport will not only offer additional opportunities for travel to Calgary and beyond, but it will allow for more visitors to travel to Southern Alberta,” said Reeve Lorne Hickey. “The daily flights will provide additional and convenient access for business and leisure travellers, increasing economic development opportunities and further solidifying the Airport as a thriving air service centre.”

The inaugural flight is especially timely as the City and County have been diligently working on the Airport Master Plan that will guide the future of the Lethbridge Airport, making it a stronger asset to the area.

WestJet will provide three daily flights under the “WestJet Link” program in a capacity purchase agreement (CPA) with Pacific Coastal Airlines. The flights will be operated by Pacific Coastal’s fleet of 34-seat aircraft.



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