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Vancouver International Airport (YVR) welcomes the world as Canada hosts the FIFA Men's World Cup for the first time.

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Learn more about all the festivities happening across the terminal: yvr.ca/kickoff.

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month. It is a time to recognize Indigenous histories and reflect on the realities of Canada’s past while honouring the strength of Indigenous Peoples moving forward. This includes acknowledging truths such as the impacts of residential schools, the Sixties Scoop, and the ongoing systemic inequities that disrupt Indigenous families, languages, and ways of life.

These histories are not distant—they continue to shape communities today. At the same time, this month is an opportunity to recognize the resilience, cultural resurgence, and self-determination of Indigenous communities.

By acknowledging the full truth of the past, we can look toward a future rooted in reconciliation, revitalization, and shared responsibility.

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples’ Day, and also the ninth anniversary of the Musqueam Indian Band – YVR Airport Sustainability and Friendship Agreement (The Friendship Agreement). Signed in 2017, the Friendship Agreement furthers friendship and collaboration in our shared future between Musqueam and Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

Over the years, this partnership has created meaningful opportunities to learn and share together. Musqueam members have accessed scholarships, employment, and business opportunities and, together, Musqueam and YVR have updated policies and procedures that ensure sustainable management of the land and waters. As well, Musqueam artists, cultural representatives, and knowledge holders have led many initiatives with staff and partners, sharing cultural teachings and protocols.

As we move through June, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, celebration, and continued learning as we walk forward together in a path of reconciliation.



House post carved by ʔəy̓xʷatələq Brent Sparrow.

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Remembering the First 215

On May 27, 2021, T̓kəmlúps te Secwépemc Chief Rosanne Casimir announced that ground-penetrating radar technology had identified 215 unmarked graves at the Kamloops Residential School.

This anniversary is a time to honour the children who never returned home, the survivors who continue to live with the intergenerational effects of residential schools, and the families that carry the weight of these losses. For many, the 215 children are relatives—siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles—whose absence has been felt across generations. The grief is ongoing, shaped by years of

unanswered questions, missing records, and disrupted connections to family, culture, and language.

On that day yəxʷyaχʷələq (Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow) and Vancouver International Airport (YVR) President and CEO Tamara Vrooman led a curbside ceremony—flags were lowered and the tower was lit orange. Employee survivors were wrapped in blankets and a moment of silence was held to commemorate the children.

The announcement in 2021 brought widespread mourning and global attention to the lasting impacts of the residential school system.

Since that day, findings are reportedly now over 10,000 across Canada.

In the five years since, the work of truth, justice, and reconciliation is ongoing. Many communities are still searching for answers, mourning, and calling for accountability.

The anniversary of the first 215 is not only a time of mourning and reflection, but a reminder of the work still needed to uncover the truth, honour survivors, and support healing for Indigenous communities. wə ʔiʔ tə steʔəxʷəʔ tə məkʷ wet (all children matter).



Cedar heart woven by YVR staff, held together with orange twine. Each heart holds a hand-written personal message of reconciliation inside.

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Airport Workers Day: Celebrating the 28,000 people who keep YVR moving 24/7

On June 25, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) celebrates Airport Workers Day alongside airports across Canada.

Established by the Canadian Airports Council, Airport Workers Day is a moment to pause and recognize the people who keep Canadian airports operating safely and efficiently. Throughout the day, YVR comes alive with appreciation, recognition, and community spirit.

At YVR, more than 28,000 people bring their expertise and dedication to jobs across Sea Island. From airlines and ground handlers

to government agencies, cargo operators, and business partners, YVR runs because of the people behind it—24 hours a day, 365 days a year—serving the region and connecting B.C. to the world.

The work of employees in the terminals, on the airfield, and throughout the airport ecosystem contributes to YVR's operational excellence and resilience, customer service, and passenger experience.

Their work has also led to YVR being recognized by Skytrax as the Best Airport in North America a record 15 times, while also earn-

ing a place among the world's top 10 airports globally this year. This distinction reflects the dedication and collaboration of every team across Sea Island.

Following a year of new records, expanded routes and continued growth, YVR extends its sincere thanks to airport workers locally and across the country. Their work goes beyond moving people and goods—helping power the Canadian economy, strengthening communities and keeping the world within reach for millions of travellers, every single day. ✈️

Vancouver is ready—are you? Plan ahead for an unforgettable FIFA World Cup 2026™

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Vancouver is set to deliver a FIFA World Cup™ experience like no other—from iconic matchups at BC Place Stadium, to city-wide celebrations, this summer belongs to soccer.

Vancouver is accessible, active, and transit-friendly. During the FIFA World Cup 2026™, the best ways to get around are walking, biking, e-scooters, ride-hailing, taxis, and public transit.

Whether you're travelling from across the street or across the globe, plan ahead by visiting the official FIFA World Cup 2026™ Vancouver website at www.vancouverfwc26.ca/kbyg. There you'll find tips and essential information to make the most of your FIFA World Cup 2026™ experience.

Visit FIFA Fan Festival™

The FIFA Fan Festival™ is

Vancouver's biggest World Cup watch party, with something for everyone to celebrate and take part in FIFA World Cup 2026™.

Set at Hastings Park on the PNE grounds, with an iconic mountain backdrop, the Festival is the go-to destination for live match broadcasts, music, food, entertainment, and fan experiences throughout the tournament. The Festival runs for 28 days, and gate entry is free.

Check out the full Festival lineup and find everything you need to know here: www.vancouverfwc26.ca/fifa-fan-festival.

Stay Updated

Be sure to follow FIFA World Cup 2026™ Vancouver on Instagram, X, and Facebook @FWC26Vancouver and join the Vancouver WhatsApp Channel. ✈️



Top Chef Nicole Gomes brings new restaurant concept to YVR



Born and raised in Richmond, B.C., Chef Nicole Gomes has always loved to cook. She remembers making food with her mom and grandma from a very young age. "We'd sit in the kitchen and roll wontons for hours," she says. But all that work didn't faze her:

"Love of cooking comes from love of eating."

These days, Gomes is quite literally one of Canada's top chefs, having competed on *Top Chef Canada*, won *Top Chef Canada All Stars*, and been a contestant on *Top Chef World All-Stars*. She



was also a finalist on *Iron Chef Gauntlet* and came out on top in *Beat Bobby Flay*.

After gaining experience all over the world, Gomes is back in her hometown to open a restaurant at Vancouver International Airport (YVR)—Lucky Lily Asian Brasserie.

What to expect at Lucky Lily Asian Brasserie

Lucky Lily Asian Brasserie is where Asian street food meets contemporary dining.

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Air Canada flight with all-Indigenous crew takes off from YVR



On April 29, flight AC34, traveling from Vancouver to Toronto, was operated by an all-Indigenous crew—showcasing the growing presence of Indigenous professionals in the aviation industry.

Staffed by eight Indigenous flight attendants, an Indigenous pilot, and an all-Indigenous ground

crew, the flight is an annual program that coincides with the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) conference in Toronto.

Indigenous passengers on their way to the conference remarked on the meaningful collaboration and uplifting Indigenous presence in all sectors.

Ahead of departure, passengers and crew stood together for a ceremonial send-off led by Musqueam Councillor Morgan Guerin, who opened the ceremony and welcomed the crew, partners, and passengers. He was joined by Air Canada's Jim Sa'ke'j Hensworth and Steve Saddleback

from FNMPC.

Musqueam cultural representatives Thelma, Arthur, and Felecia Stogan carried out a cedar brushing ceremony of the plane, and all in attendance feasted on fresh, warm bannock and jam served by Salmon n' Bannock, an Indigenous-owned restaurant at

Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

The all-Indigenous flight was a collaboration between Air Canada, Musqueam, YVR, the FNMPC, and Salmon n' Bannock.

The aircraft departed with a message: nem 'ewəŋ Safe travels—Bon voyage. ✈️

YVR Employee Spotlight: Clayton Dan, Musqueam

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is proud to celebrate the Indigenous excellence that shapes and sustains operations across the terminal. This month, YVR is pleased to spotlight Clayton Dan, a Musqueam Band member who works at ABCoast and whose journey at the airport reflects community connection, dedication, and growth.

Dan's path to the airport began shortly after the signing of the Musqueam-YVR Sustainability

and Friendship Agreement (the Friendship Agreement) in 2017. Learning that the Friendship Agreement included a commitment to creating employment opportunities for Musqueam community members, he applied and soon began his career in the terminal.

In 2020, Dan joined Concord Parking, where his first job was manually tracking parking stall availability, after which he worked as a valet driver. He later moved to ABCoast, where he has been for

the past five years.

At ABCoast, Dan has held a variety of roles. He initially worked in cart collection operations, then moved to the bag hall, and currently works as a CTX OS operative scanning oversized baggage. Dan said he values ABCoast's commitment to finding roles that align with his strengths, while supporting his development and career progression.

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Celebrating 95 historic years of Vancouver International Airport



View of the Vancouver Airport Administration Building, circa 1938. City of Richmond Archives, Eric Rathborne Photograph 1997 5 21.



Passengers outside the Vancouver Airport Administration Building, photographed by Don Coltman, 1940. City of Vancouver Archives, Item #: CVA 586-171.

On July 22, 1931, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) officially opened for business and has been operating continuously ever since.

From a single runway and a two-storey wood-framed administration building, YVR has grown to the largest building in British Columbia.

In 2025, 26.9 million passengers and nearly 365,000 tonnes of cargo moved through YVR, with 57 airlines serving 129 destinations.

In 2026, YVR is celebrating 95 years of travel and trade—

connecting B.C.'s people, cargo, and ideas to the world.

Thanks to the hard work of more than 28,000 Sea Island employees, YVR serves the B.C. community and the economy that supports it 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Here's to 95 years of connections, and many more to come!

➔ **1957 Aerial view of Vancouver International Airport. City of Vancouver Archives, Charles Spurgeon Jones Photograph, Item # Air P83.**



1934 Arrival in Vancouver of United Airlines' inaugural flight from Seattle. City of Vancouver Archives, Item #: CVA 1376-82.



YVR Employee Spotlight

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When asked what he enjoys most about working at ABCoast, Dan says: "It's the people!" He enjoys meeting passengers from around the world—and also feels a sense of community among his coworkers, many of whom are from Musqueam. He appreciates the dynamic environment, camaraderie, and positive attitudes of those around him, which make each shift enjoyable.

A favourite memory was seeing the Stanley Cup pass through the terminal, which provided added excitement to his job.

Reflecting on Musqueam's Sense of Place at YVR, Dan shared that it is rooted not only in the traditional artwork displayed throughout the terminal but also in the people. He works alongside many fellow Musqueam community members and family. He recalls one moment when he heard singing in the airport and realized it was his nephew, Alec.

For Dan, both the visible cultural elements and the presence of Musqueam employees help create a welcoming environment for passengers.

Dan believes the Friendship Agreement has been beneficial for both Musqueam and the airport community.

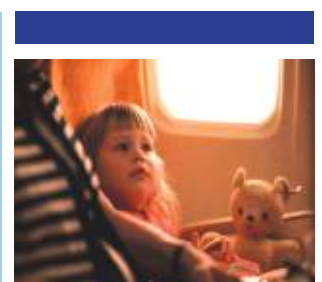
"It gives our people a chance to come out and share their knowledge," he says, adding that he hopes to see future generations of Musqueam members take on decision-making roles, working in the control tower and beyond, continuing to strengthen the partnership.

"Dan is an uplifting team member who always goes above and beyond expectations each and every day," said Zach Kompst, Project Supervisor at ABCoast, who is also a Musqueam Band member. "His journey is a testament to the impact of meaningful partnerships and the contributions of Indigenous employees across YVR."

So, next time you are checking in an oversized bag, look closely—you might just see Clayton Dan in person!

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Where to buy official FIFA World Cup 2026™ merchandise at YVR



The FIFA World Cup 2026™ is a milestone moment for Vancouver, bringing fans from around the world to celebrate the beautiful game. As the city welcomes these visitors, fans will feel the excitement throughout the region.

Join in the celebrations and remember the moments for years to come with official merchandise available at select retailers throughout Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

Whether travellers are flying to another host city, looking for a last-minute gift, or bringing a memento of the tournament home, YVR is the most convenient place to find official FIFA World Cup merchandise.

Selections of FIFA World Cup 2026™ apparel are streamlined to the most wearable pieces, and easy-to-pack souvenirs are perfect for when you're short on time. From caps and scarves to hoodies and mugs, and even exclusive-to-YVR gear, items are designed to fit in carry-on luggage.

PRE-SECURITY

- **Hudson News** (Domestic Departures) stocks shirts and hoodies.
- **Virgin Books** (Domestic Departures) stocks apparel, giftware, and soccer balls.
- **Coastal News** (International Departures) stocks adult and children's apparel and mugs.

POST-SECURITY Domestic Terminal

- **Cascadia Collection** (Gate B15) has a selection of t-shirts, sweatshirts, travel mugs, hats, and small souvenirs.
- **FIFA World Cup 2026™ Store** (Gate C29) is your official spot for all things FIFA. Find soccer balls, tote bags, hoodies, accessories, and Avolta exclusive Vancouver Adidas t-shirts.

International Terminal

- **Vancouver Duty Free** (After security checkpoint) has a selection of Vancouver-specific FIFA World Cup merchandise, including sweatshirts, t-shirts, glassware, and mini souvenirs.

- **Alpine Loft** (After security checkpoint) stocks shirts and hoodies.
- **Red Cedar Market** (Gate D72) stocks shirts (including children's t-shirts), mini soccer balls, and other souvenirs.
- **Deepwater Spirit** (Gate D61) stocks apparel (including children's apparel), giftware, and soccer balls.
- **illycaffè and Relay** (Gate D69) stocks apparel (including children's t-shirts), giftware, and soccer balls.

U.S./Transborder Terminal

- **World Duty Free** has a selection of Vancouver-specific FIFA World Cup merchandise.

Find hoodies, t-shirts, and glassware at their location just after security, and hoodies, t-shirts, glassware, mugs, and mini souvenirs at their second location near Gate E87.

- **Hudson News** (Gate E88) stocks shirts and hoodies.
- **CNN Newsstand** (Gate E82) stocks shirts and hoodies.

FIFA World Cup 2026™ merchandise selections at YVR may change over time, and new items are constantly being added, so check in-store for the most up-to-date information.

Learn more about the FIFA World Cup 2026™ at YVR by visiting yvr.ca/kickoff.

Where to watch FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches throughout YVR

Coming through Vancouver International Airport (YVR) during the FIFA World Cup 2026™?

Travellers can grab a table at one of the locations listed in this article and get ready to cheer on their favourite teams.

YVR will be celebrating across the terminal in various ways all tournament long.

PRE-SECURITY

- **White Spot** (Domestic Departures) offers comfortable seating, a full bar, and 25+ TVs to watch the game.
- **Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel** (U.S. Departures) is the site of the Champions Lounge, opening June 11. Enjoy a selection of internationally inspired

stadium food while you watch.

- **Urban Crave** (International Departures) serves a wide range of food and beer on tap in a full-service restaurant open to the food court.
- **Paper Planes Café** (Domestic Arrivals) is next to the baggage carousels for domestic flights, making it a great spot for trav-

ellers to watch after their flight touches down or while they wait to pick someone up.

POST-SECURITY Domestic Terminal

- **Hangar 49** (Gate B12) is running activations and giveaways throughout the tournament. Visit for a chance to win mer-

chandise (and to enjoy a delicious West Coast-inspired meal in a beautiful setting).

- **Vino Volo** (Gate B17) will serve a curated all-Canadian wine flight during Team Canada's matches and will feature

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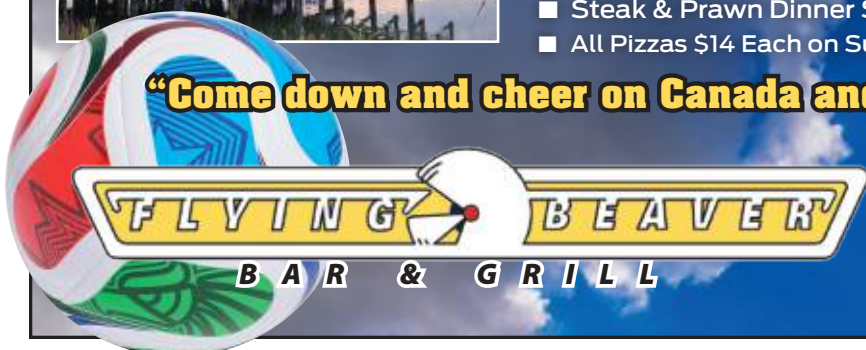
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Where to watch FIFA World Cup

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rotating wine selections inspired by participating countries. Add a serving of match day popcorn for just \$2.

- **Plaza Premium Lounge** (Gate B17) is open to all passengers, regardless of ticket class or airline.

- **Lucky Lily** (Gate C46) is where Asian street food meets contemporary dining—the newest addition to YVR’s restaurant scene, opening this summer.
 - **Whistler Taphouse & Grill** (Gate C47) offers a spacious environment with a full menu and beer on tap from one of B.C.’s original microbreweries.
- International Terminal**
- **Plaza Premium Lounge** and **Plaza Premium First** (Gate D67) are open to all passen-

- gers, regardless of ticket class or airline.
 - **Lift Bar and Grill** (Gate D71) offers elegant, West Coast sit-down dining.
 - **Salmon n’ Bannock On The Fly** (Gate D71) will have games playing on their menu screen so travellers can keep up while ordering a meal from the only Indigenous airport restaurant in Canada.
- U.S./Transborder Terminal**
- **Icons Sports Bar & Grill** (Gate

- E81) is designed with sports in mind. This food-focused sports bar serves burgers, salads, seafood, and more paired with crisp, refreshing craft beer.
- **Romer’s Fresh Kitchen & Bar** (Gate E75) is a relaxed place to sit down and enjoy a great handmade burger and a game.
- **Vino Volo** (Gate E83) will serve a curated all-Canadian wine flight during Team Canada’s matches and have rotating wine selections inspired by participat-

ing countries. Add a serving of match day popcorn for just \$2.

- **Plaza Premium Lounge** (Gate E88) is open to all passengers, regardless of ticket class or airline.

Travellers can also find FIFA World Cup matches on select screens around the airport, including in food courts and at select gates.

Learn more about the FIFA World Cup 2026™ at YVR by visiting yvr.ca/kickoff. ✈

Game plan: How to travel seamlessly through YVR during FIFA

Travelling during the FIFA World Cup 2026™? We’ve got you covered with everything you need to know to get ready for your trip.

As a global hub, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) will welcome fans from around the world, serving as a gateway to matches in Vancouver and a vital connection point to host cities across North America.

Passenger volumes are expected to rise during the tournament, and YVR is ready to deliver a smooth, welcoming, and seamless travel experience.

Here’s how to plan ahead and move through YVR with confidence as the world comes together for this unforgettable tournament.

- FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS**
- Plan transportation in advance**
- Travelling from the airport to downtown Vancouver? Travellers have several convenient options:
- Take the Canada Line SkyTrain**
- Follow signs for “Train to City” to catch the Canada Line SkyTrain and reach downtown Vancouver in approximately 25 minutes.
- Use a taxi or ride-sharing service**
- Pick-up areas are located at:
 - International Arrivals, Level 2
 - Domestic Arrivals, Level 2

- Arrange for pick-up on arrival**
- **Cellphone Waiting Area:** Avoid circling the terminal—drivers can park for free in the Cellphone Waiting Area while waiting for you to arrive.
 - **Free 30-minute parking:** Drivers can also take advantage of 30 minutes of free parking in the parkade.

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Top Chef Nicole Gomes

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Full-service dining

Guests will be able to enjoy full-service dining and grab-and-go items, with highlights including Hong Kong French toast, all-day dim sum, Asian-inspired sandwiches, and a variety of rice and noodle dishes.

YVR staff who had the chance to try one of the dishes—Beijing Bolognese, a ground pork ragu with fermented bean sauce, thin noodles, cucumber, and scallions—said it was comforting, flavourful, and overall delicious.

Why the name Lucky Lily? The lily symbolizes good fortune and passion, and it is also Gomes' grandmother's name. "She was always talking about food, cooking with us and teaching us about our culture," Gomes reflects. "I'd love for guests [at Lucky Lily] to experience comfort here... kind of like at their grandma's."

Lucky Lily Asian Brasserie will open this summer near Gate C46 in the Domestic Terminal, replacing the previous food court. This new offering adds to YVR's existing taste of place, reflecting and including the local community. ➔

Save the date: YVR's Pancake Breakfast



Join Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on Wednesday, July 22, for its annual Pancake Breakfast in support of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

Hosted by YVR Fire & Rescue, the event brings together employ-

ees, families, friends, and community members for a great cause, delicious pancakes, and a chance to connect with the YVR community.

Last year's event raised more than \$15,000 in support of the Burn Fund.



Details:

When: Wednesday, July 22

Time: 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Templeton Station South Parking Lot

YVR looks forward to welcoming attendees to enjoy the event and support a great cause. ➔



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Heading straight to the game?

Make the transition from the sky to the stadium easier by storing luggage at YVR before you go to the game.

Travellers can prebook luggage storage up to 24 hours in advance at cdsbaggage.ca or visit CDS Baggage at the Domestic Arrivals or International Arrivals locations on Level 2.

Need help or looking for information on FIFA?

FIFA volunteers and coordinators will be on site, working alongside frontline ambassadors, Guest Experience Representatives, and Green Coat volunteers to assist travellers throughout the tournament period.

FOR DEPARTING PASSENGERS

Arrive early

Travelling around the games might mean heavier-than-usual passenger volumes.

YVR recommends arriving:
• At least 2 hours before domestic flights

- At least 3 hours before U.S. and international flights

Arriving early gives travellers time to move through check-in, security, and boarding without rushing, while also leaving time to explore the terminal, do some shopping, or relax at one of YVR's dining spots streaming FIFA matches.

Move through security with confidence

YVR's security checkpoints are equipped with advanced CATSA Plus CT scanner technology, allowing passengers to keep liquids, aerosols, gels, and large electronics in their carry-on bags at select checkpoints while moving through screening more efficiently. Combined with biometric boarding on select flights, which enables identity verification in seconds, these innovations help support a smoother passenger journey. However, wait times may still vary during peak travel periods.

To make the journey easier, make sure to have boarding passes and identification ready when approaching security screening. Biometric boarding is available on select flights, allowing passengers to verify their identity in seconds at the gate, and follow on-screen instructions and clear signage throughout the checkpoint.

Need assistance?

- Look for YVR Guest Experience team members and Green Coat volunteers throughout the terminal or at our Information Counters. They're happy to help with any questions travellers have.
- If travellers require accessibility support from curbside to your check-in counter, book curbside assistance at least 48 hours in advance through YVR's 24/7 call centre:
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To learn more, visit www.yvrchapel.org/fly-without-fear-course
YVR Chapel is located on Level 2 (street level) in International Arrivals.
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Building a more inclusive journey: YVR unveils 2026–2029 Accessibility Plan

As part of National AccessAbility Week, which takes place every year, starting on the last Sunday in May, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) launched its 2026–2029 Beyond Accessibility Plan, reaffirming its commitment to creating an airport experience that works for everyone.

Accessibility is fundamental to how YVR designs, builds, and operates. YVR's 2026–2029 Accessibility Plan builds on the progress and learnings of the first plan, with a continued focus on meaningful action, accountability, and measurable impact.

Developed through ongoing engagement with people with lived experience, employees, customer feedback, and partner organizations, the plan recognizes that creating an accessible airport requires collaboration across the entire YVR ecosystem. As Canada's second busiest airport, YVR recognizes its responsibility extends beyond moving people efficiently to ensuring every traveller can nav-



YVR's quiet spaces are designated areas that offer calm, low-stimulation environments for relaxation and meditation.

igate the airport seamlessly and with dignity, independence, and confidence.

Key commitments of the 2026–2029 Accessibility Plan include enhanced quiet spaces, completing CATSA Plus equipment upgrades across security points, and enhancing inclusive communications across YVR channels,

such as updating the website.

Accessibility improvements at YVR continue to evolve through both infrastructure and service enhancements. Recent initiatives completed in the first plan include launching the Travel Rehearsal Program, expanding quiet spaces to U.S. and Domestic terminals, and adding



The Travel Rehearsal Program offers individual support to passengers with disabilities or diverse needs to preview their upcoming journey through the airport.

sign language boarding messaging on gate information display screens.

The 2026–2029 Accessibility Plan prioritizes inclusive design, strengthened accountability, and transparent progress reporting, while recognizing that accessibility is foundational to a resilient,

welcoming, and inclusive airport experience for all travellers.

By embedding accessibility into every interaction and touchpoint, YVR continues to advance its goal of creating a seamless, inclusive travel experience for all.

To view the full plan, visit yvr.ca/accessibility.

Enjoy biking across Sea Island

As the weather gets warmer, there's no nicer way to get to or around Sea Island than by bike. Enjoy fresh air, protected bike paths, and views of nature as you pedal. Cyclists of all levels will appreciate the flat, accessible terrain.

BIKE PATHS ON SEA ISLAND

A Sea Island Cycle Route map is available at yvr.ca. From the homepage, look for "Bicycles and Cycling" under the "Transportation" menu.

Popular routes on Sea Island include:

McDonald Beach Park: Located at the north end of Sea Island along the North Arm of the Fraser River, McDonald Beach Park offers 26.1 acres of beach (not safe for swimming), picnic areas, and an off-leash dog park. Local industry

is on display with views of working boats and log booms, as well as airplanes and airport activities. Cyclists will appreciate the gravel trails, drinking fountain, and washrooms.

Iona Beach Park: Visit the border between land and sea. Located northwest of Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Iona Beach is a grassy, sandy area with a four-kilometre gravel spit extending into the Strait of Georgia. Home to diverse bird species and other local wildlife. Linked to McDonald Beach Park by a separated, paved, multi-use path. Public washrooms, a drinking fountain, and bike racks are available.

South Terminal Viewing Platform: From Larry Berg Flight Path Park, follow the separated, paved, multi-use path parallel to Russ Baker Way. Shift to the



road—right on Inglis Drive and right again on Cowley Crescent—until you arrive at a parking lot. Turn left at the end of it to visit a viewing platform where you can watch planes touch down and take off from YVR's South Runway.

BIKING TO YVR

Thinking about biking to YVR? It's a great way to go green and get some exercise at the same time. Complimentary public bike

parking is available in the following locations:

- Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel (Level 3 roadway)
- Templeton Canada Line station
- Sea Island Canada Line station (Miller Road entrance)
- South Terminal Building

Bike racks provide short-term parking for cyclists visiting the terminal—to avoid the risk of removal, keep stays under

24 hours. YVR is not responsible for bikes left in these locations.

Cycling to YVR for a flight? CDS Baggage can store your bike securely while you're away. Visit cdsbaggage.ca or call 604-303-4500 for more information and rates.

For more information about cycling on Sea Island, including maps and itineraries, visit visitrichmond.bc.com/itineraries/biking.



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Fairmont Hotels: Strengthening the gateway to Indigenous cultures and tourism experiences across British Columbia

Indigenous Tourism BC (ITBC), an organization dedicated to growing a sustainable and culturally rich Indigenous tourism industry in British Columbia, has signed collaborative marketing partnerships with Fairmont Vancouver Airport and Fairmont Waterfront.

Through these partnerships, ITBC and the Fairmont properties will work together to create opportunities that advance Indigenous success in the tourism sector, fostering growth, visibility, and long-term sustainability for Indigenous businesses and communities.

Through coordinated marketing, storytelling, and shared platforms, ITBC and its Fairmont

partners will connect travellers with Indigenous-led experiences and deepen understanding of the lands and cultures that define British Columbia.

Located at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on the traditional territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) Nation, Fairmont Vancouver Airport, ranked #2 Airport Hotel in North America and #3 in the world by SkyTrax, serves as a first point of welcome for many visitors arriving in the province. Aligned with ITBC's existing partnership with YVR, this collaboration supports a coordinated approach to sharing Indigenous knowledge and elevating Indigenous-led tourism experiences across British Columbia.

"Partnering with Indigenous Tourism BC allows us to share British Columbia's story with our guests in a way that is authentic, respectful, and led by Indigenous voices," said Rudolf Heider, General Manager, Fairmont Vancouver Airport. "As an international gateway hotel, we have a unique opportunity to help connect travellers to meaningful Indigenous experiences, perspectives, and businesses. For us, this partnership is about more than tourism; it's about relationships, learning, and creating space for cultural understanding at the very start of a guest's journey in Canada."

Through the partnership, Fairmont Vancouver Airport



Paula Amos of Indigenous Tourism BC formalizes the new partnership agreement with Rudolf Heider, General Manager of Fairmont Vancouver Airport (left), and Randall Williams, General Manager of Fairmont Waterfront. Photo: courtesy Indigenous Tourism BC.

will support Indigenous tourism through a range of in-kind initiatives, including Indigenous experience promotion for guests and media, cultural programming, opportunities for Indigenous

artists and culinary storytelling within the hotel, and collaboration on media hosting that highlights Indigenous-led tourism and cultural landscapes throughout the province. ➔

De Havilland Canada breaks ground on a new aerospace hub in Alberta

De Havilland Canada has officially broken ground on De Havilland Field, a new aerospace hub in Wheatland County, Alberta. The milestone marks a major step forward in expanding Canada's aerospace manufacturing capacity while strengthening economic growth, employment, and sovereign aerospace capability as outlined in the federal government's Defence Industrial Strategy.

The ground-breaking ceremony, held in May, brought together leaders from De Havilland Canada, the Government of Canada, the Government of Alberta, and

Wheatland County. The event also featured the arrival of multiple De Havilland Canada aircraft, highlighting both the company's legacy and its future role in Canadian aviation.

De Havilland Field will become the company's primary home—a purpose-built, state-of-the-art campus supporting aircraft parts manufacturing, distribution, and customer support for De Havilland's global fleet.

The development represents one of the most significant investments in Canadian aerospace infrastructure in decades,

Built for demanding environments, De Havilland's Dash 8-400 turboprop aircraft can be configured for passenger service, cargo, aerial firefighting, and specialized mission roles. Photo: courtesy De Havilland.

with the expectation of delivering substantial economic benefits for Alberta and Canada's broader aerospace sector. These benefits include the creation of thousands of high-quality jobs across skilled trades, engineering, manufacturing, and aviation services, both



during construction and throughout ongoing operations.

As the company continues to grow, De Havilland Canada is expanding its workforce and building long-term career path-

ways for Canadians, anchoring a thriving aerospace ecosystem that attracts suppliers, partners, and innovators to the region, and generating sustained economic activity for decades to come. ➔

World Environment Day: "Do Good. Fuel Better." with SAF at YVR

World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5 each year, provides a reminder that building a more sustainable future requires action today. At Vancouver International Airport (YVR), the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is one of the key ways the airport is supporting the aviation industry's climate goals, includ-

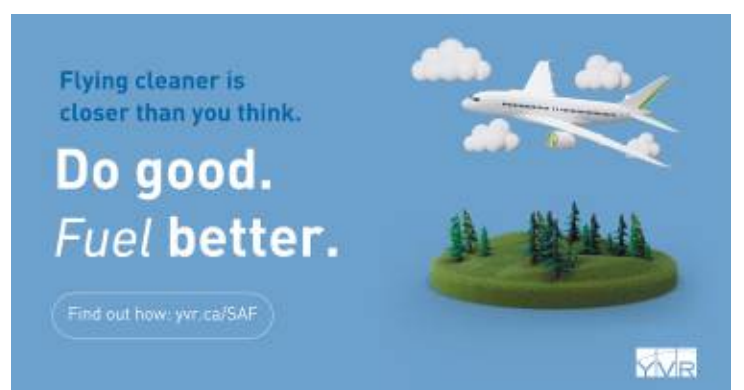
ing its commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions from flights by 2050.

As the aviation sector continues to explore and scale climate solutions, SAF is recognized as one of the most effective near-term tools used for reducing lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions.

This past Earth Day, celebrated

on April 22, YVR launched its "Do Good. Fuel Better." campaign in partnership with the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Council for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (C-SAF).

SAF is a lower-carbon alternative to traditional fossil jet fuel. It is made from renewable and waste-derived materials such



as municipal solid waste, waste fats and oils, and agricultural and forestry residue. The best part? SAF works with today's aircraft. No new planes. No changes to infrastructure. Just a cleaner fuel, ready to go.

YVR is proud to be a leader in sustainability, advancing practical solutions that support lower-carbon aviation. The airport is well underway on its own journey to Net Zero 2030 for emissions from airport operations, while also working closely with partners across the aviation ecosystem to help support broader industry climate goals.

Scaling SAF production and availability will require collaboration across governments, airports, airlines, fuel producers, and travellers alike. Through partnerships, advocacy, and public awareness initiatives such as "Do Good. Fuel Better." YVR is helping build momentum toward a lower-carbon future.

On World Environment Day, YVR is proud to continue supporting solutions that can help shape the future of flight for generations to come.

To stay up to date on YVR's SAF initiatives and campaign activities, visit yvr.ca/SAF. ➔



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Fiji Airways and WestJet launch codeshare

Fiji Airways and WestJet have announced a new codeshare partnership that significantly enhances travel options between Canada and the South Pacific. The agreement enables guests to book seamless itineraries across both airlines' networks under a single reservation, improving access to destinations across Canada, Fiji, New Zealand, and the wider Pacific.

Under the new arrangement, Fiji Airways will place its FJ code on WestJet's extensive domestic network—including Calgary, Toronto, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Halifax—providing smooth connections from major Canadian

cities to Fiji Airways flights via the airline's North American gateways.

In return, WestJet will place its WS code on Fiji Airways' Vancouver-Nadi service and onward connections to New Zealand, including Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington. This codeshare gives WestJet guests convenient access to Fiji Airways' South Pacific network.

Fiji Airways' increased operations in Vancouver further bolster the collaboration with WestJet. Beginning June 18, the airline will operate three weekly year-round flights between Nadi and Vancouver on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

From September 8, 2026, all Vancouver services will be operated by Airbus A350, offering greater capacity and an enhanced onboard experience.

Demand for Pacific travel from Canada continues to rise, with passenger traffic between Canada and Fiji up 19 per cent year over year, and a significant share of travellers connecting beyond Fiji to Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Island destinations.

The growing ties between Canada and Fiji are also reflected in the recent opening of the Canadian High Commission in Fiji's capital city, Suva, underscoring deepening economic partner-



ships and shared commitments to climate resilience.

Travellers booking a WestJet-coded itinerary will enjoy through-checked baggage, a single check-in experience, and the

ability to earn and redeem WestJet Rewards points across their entire journey.

Travel under the new codeshare is now available at fijiairways.com and westjet.com.

Airbus launches Canada Tech Hub to accelerate aerospace innovation

Airbus has launched the Airbus Tech Hub in Canada, a new platform designed to accelerate breakthroughs in aerospace technology through deep collaboration with Canada's research, academic, and industrial ecosystem.

Located in Mirabel, Québec, the Canada Tech Hub joins Airbus' global network of innovation centres in South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and the Netherlands. Together, these hubs form a worldwide community advancing next-generation aerospace technologies and preparing the future of flight.

Three Core Technology Pillars

The Canada Tech Hub will focus on high-impact research areas that support Airbus' A220 program, future aircraft development, and the company's broader strategic objectives:

- **Sustainable Materials** — advancing composite technolo-

gies, circularity initiatives such as titanium recycling, and next-generation conductive coatings.

- **Decarbonization Technologies** Exploring nextgen batteries, electric taxiing, fuel cells and hydrogen systems, aerodynamic improvements, and validating Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) for the A220.

- **Manufacturing & Operations** Integrating AI and industrial robotics to support the A220 production rampup, and deploying Digital Twin applications across operations.

The Hub will also leverage Canada's leadership in Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing, applying these capabilities across research and technology simulations, manufacturing, and flight operations.

A Nexus for Airbus in Canada

The Tech Hub will foster collaborations across Airbus' Canadian

footprint, including commercial aircraft, helicopters, Defence and Space, Airbus Atlantic, and its Skywise digital platform. By partnering with leading academic institutions such as McGill University and the University of Waterloo, and innovation accelerators like Montreal-based Centech, Airbus aims to drive high-impact Canadian research and technology development.

Supported by key ecosystem partners, the Hub will also help cultivate a high-skilled talent pipeline. Dedicated PhD and Master's programs to ensure a future-ready workforce capable of supporting Airbus' industrial and digital leadership in Canada.

Airbus is inviting Canadian aerospace stakeholders—from established industry leaders to emerging technology startups—to participate in Tech Hub projects and help pioneer sustainable



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JUNE 9-11, 2026

Canadian Business Aviation Association Convention & Exhibition 2026

Calgary, Alberta

The convention brings together attendees from diverse roles within the business aviation sector, fostering a comprehensive exchange of industry insights, trends, and innovations. It is a premier platform for networking, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing among key decision-makers and influencers in the business aviation community. More than 700 business aviation leaders are expected to attend, along with 65+ exhibitors and 15+ aircraft on display. For more information, visit cbaa-aca.ca.

AUGUST 6, 2026

AIAC Aerospace Defence and Security Expo (ADSE) 2026

Presented by the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada, ADSE is a key meeting point for industry and government leaders, as well as key decision-makers from across the aerospace sector. ADSE offers ample opportunities for B2B networking with industry and government leaders, including experts and key decision-makers from across the Canadian and international aerospace markets.

AUGUST 7-9, 2026

Abbotsford International Air Show

Abbotsford International Airport, Abbotsford, BC

Canadian Forces Snowbirds headlining the show; World-class military and civilian aerobatic performers; Friday Twilight Show with fireworks and synchronized drone displays, 350,000+ sq. ft. of static aircraft displays, Interactive S.T.E.M. Zone (flight simulators, hands-on activities), Kids Zone with inflatables and crafts, Autograph sessions with pilots and performers, Craft beverage tents and local vendors, onsite camping and premium view options. Visit abbotsfordairshow.com.

AUGUST 29-30, 2026

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Abbotsford International Airport, Abbotsford, BC

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OCTOBER 8, 2026

IATA & NACC Aviation Day Canada

Ottawa, ON

The International Air Transport Association's (IATA) flagship one-day Aviation Day events focus on the specific country's most significant opportunities and challenges and explore how the industry can work together to make aviation an engine of economic growth and social development. IATA and the National Airlines Council of Canada (NACC) are pleased to announce the return of Aviation Day Canada. The day-long event will bring together hundreds of delegates representing airlines, airports, aviation stakeholders, regulators, and political government officials to discuss a range of topics impacting the Canadian aviation system. Registration and agenda will be available soon.

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2026

ATAC Conference 2026

Westin Bayshore, 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BC

ATAC's 92nd Canadian Aviation Conference and Tradeshow is the premier national gathering, offering Canada's best networking, learning, and sales opportunities for operators, suppliers, and government stakeholders in commercial aviation and flight training. Visit atac.ca/conference-2026

Email your event information to jstewart@westerndriver.com



Snowbirds' CT-114 Tutor farewell season at this year's Abbotsford Airshow

Photo: Tariq Jamil.

The iconic Canadian Snowbirds in nine-plane formation soar over the Abbotsford Airshow.

Each year, aviation fans flock to the Abbotsford Airshow in August to experience static and aerial displays from across the aviation spectrum, with one of the perennial favourites being the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Snowbirds. Their awe-inspiring performances showcase exceptional teamwork, precision, and skill, embodying the professionalism and dedication that define CAF members and leaving a lasting impression wherever they fly.

For more than five decades, the Snowbirds have flown the Canadair CT114 Tutor, a Canadian-built jet trainer that has served as the team's signature aircraft since 1971.

After 55 years of air demonstrations with the Tutor, 2026 will mark the final season for this iconic aircraft fleet, which has served as both a trainer and an air demonstration aircraft for more than six decades.

On May 19, 2026, Defence Minister David McGuinty



Photo: courtesy SkyAlyne.

On May 11, 2026, representatives from the RCAF and the Government of Canada completed Factory Acceptance of the first of Canada's fleet of 19 CT-157 Siskin II (Pilatus PC-21) aircraft at the aircraft's production facility in Switzerland.

announced at 15 Wing Moose Jaw – the team's home base – that the RCAF will transition to the new CT157 Siskin II (Pilatus PC21) as the future Snowbirds aircraft.

The Siskin II will serve as both a training and air demonstration platform, ensuring Canada continues its strong tradition of air demonstration excellence with a modern fleet that will ultimately rebuild into the Snowbirds' distinctive nine-plane demonstration formation.

This new aircraft will be based at 15 Wing Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan,

and is expected to become operational in the early 2030s.

During the transition period, the RCAF will continue supporting air shows, events, and community engagements across Canada with aircraft and personnel. These appearances raise awareness of the RCAF's evolving capabilities, strengthen community connections, and help attract new members to Canada's rapidly modernizing Air Force.

The RCAF looks forward to joining Canadians in celebrating the Snowbirds' rich history, heritage, and excellence during their farewell season, including their final Abbotsford Airshow appearance in the CT-114 Tutor aircraft on August 9, 2026.

Once the new CT-157 aircraft take to the skies, Canadians and supporters across North America will once again continue to enjoy the Snowbirds' iconic nine-plane formation for generations to come.



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Air Canada extends the lifecycle of its uniforms through four sustainability streams

Air Canada has thousands of uniformed employees proudly wearing the company's iconic Maple Leaf Rondelle logo. But when those uniforms reach the end of their life, they aren't simply discarded. Instead, the airline's Uniforms team evaluates every item and directs it into one of four sustainability programs: Rewear, Donate, Transform, or Repurpose.

Under the Rewear program, gently used items are cleaned and made available to employees at no cost. Surplus new but outdated pieces are sent to Brands for Canada, which distributes cloth-

ing to families in need through its network of charities and schools.

Uniforms that are damaged or too worn to be reused are sent to Debrand, where materials are recycled or upcycled into new products such as furniture stuffing. In 2025 alone, Air Canada provided approximately 4,500 kilograms (10,000 pounds) of garments to Debrand and Brands for Canada combined.

"It's always worthwhile to send back an item you no longer need, since some of

our programs are very specific," said Charlene Lohezic, Marketing Advisor, Uniform Employee Experience. "For example, we launched a cotton-to-rags program last year to transform 100 per cent cotton t-shirts into cleaning supplies for Maintenance. So far, we've received about 150 t-shirts and made more than 300 rags."



Air Canada's Maple Leaf rondelle, adopted in 1965, is instantly identifiable on crew uniforms and aircraft tails worldwide.



Retired Air Canada uniforms are sorted and directed into reuse, donation, or recycling programs, keeping thousands of garments out of landfills each year.

WestJet integrates HTS "Cancel For Any Reason" option in online and app bookings

WestJet guests now have access to Hopper Technology Solutions' (HTS) Cancel For Any Reason ancillary product directly through WestJet.com and the WestJet app, offering travellers greater flexibility and confidence when planning their trips.

The new option allows guests to instantly cancel their flight up

to 24 hours before departure and receive either an 80 per cent or a 100 per cent refund of their trip cost back to their original form of payment—no questions asked. Pricing varies by fare type, origin, destination, travel dates, and number of travellers.

"Travel plans can change, and we want guests to have the

option to make those changes with total confidence," said Jorge Roza, WestJet Deputy Chief Commercial Officer and Senior Vice-President, Revenue and Distribution. "By integrating Cancel For Any Reason into our booking experience, we are equipping WestJet guests with a best-in-class product that removes friction and uncertainty

from travel planning."

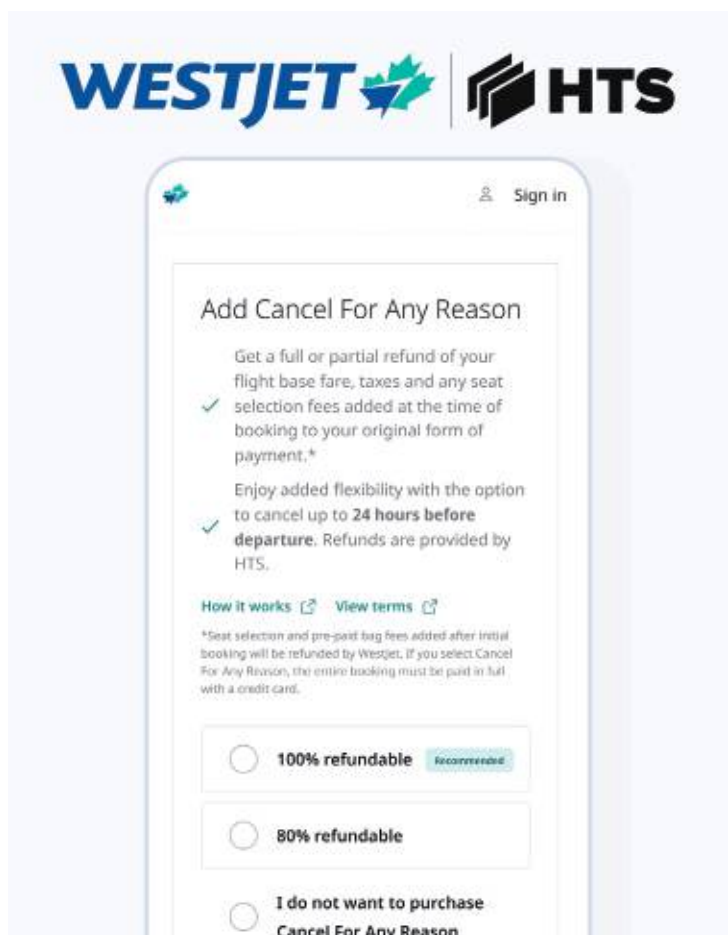
HTS, a global travel technology platform known for its AI-driven fintech products, developed Cancel For Any Reason to help airlines address travellers' biggest pain points around flexibility and disruptions.

"Cancel For Any Reason is one of our most powerful products—it increases booking conver-

sion, drives ancillary revenue, and builds lasting trust with travellers," said Ella Alkalay Schreiber, SVP & GM of Fintech at HTS. "Partnering with WestJet to bring this to more Canadian customers is a milestone we're proud of."

The product is now available for purchase during the WestJet booking process on Econo and EconoFlex fares.

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City of Richmond marks National Indigenous History Month with community events and learning opportunities

The City of Richmond, connected to Sea Island by two short bridges, is recognizing National Indigenous History Month in June and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 with a series of community events and activities celebrating the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in Canada.

National Indigenous History Month offers an opportunity to reflect on and deepen understanding of Indigenous histories and experiences, while National Indigenous Peoples Day—celebrated annually on June 21—honours the diverse cultures, voices, and achievements of Indigenous Peoples. The date aligns with the

summer solstice, a day of cultural significance for many Indigenous communities.

In partnership with Community Associations and Societies, the Richmond Public Library, and other community organizations, the City will host programs throughout the month highlighting Indigenous stories, art, music, and traditions. Residents of all ages are encouraged to take part in workshops, storytelling sessions, and hands-on activities that support learning, reflection, and the celebration of Indigenous cultures.

Featured June Events
(Most programs require pre-registration.)

Artist Talk with Lindsay McIntyre Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. Richmond Cultural Centre – Theatre Under the Stairs

In recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day, Inuit and settler filmmaker and multidisciplinary artist Lindsay McIntyre will present selections from her short documentaries, experimental films, and expanded cinema works. She will share insight into her hands-on, process-based practice, including creating 16mm film using handmade silver gelatin emulsion. Her work explores portraiture, place, and the experiences of urban Inuit communities. This free program is recommended for ages 16+. RSVP encouraged; light refreshments provided.



Photo: courtesy City of Richmond.

Three Strand Cedar Bracelet Workshop Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.–noon City Centre Community Centre – Multipurpose Room 4

Participants will learn traditional Coast Salish cedar weaving techniques using locally harvested cedar prepared by the Indigenous artist. Each participant will create a unique three-strand bracelet to take home. Supplies included. Open to all ages. Register at richmond.ca/register (Course ID: 00493161).

Natural Dyes from the Land Saturday, June 20, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Richmond Cultural Centre – Fabric Arts Studio

This hands-on workshop explores traditional textile dyeing

practices using local plants. Led by Musqueam Coast Salish artists Rita Kompst and Zoe Kompst, participants will create naturally dyed yarn and a sample dye chart to take home. Supplies included. For ages 19+. Registration required at richmond.ca/register (Course ID: 00491539). Indigenous participants (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) may register free of charge by calling 604-247-8324. Limited spaces available.

For a complete list of activities and events in Richmond, visit richmond.ca/NIHM.

For more information about National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day, visit the Government of Canada website.

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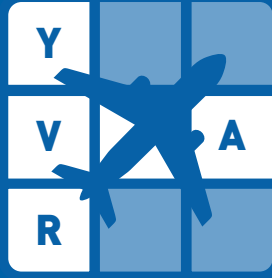
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HOW TO PLAY

Introducing Network. Similar to a crossword puzzle, use the provided clues to figure out the airport codes across and down the grid. For example, a clue might be: "The second-busiest airport in the United States." The answer would be LAX, for Los Angeles International Airport.

ACROSS

- 1 Messi's U.S. home turf and a FIFA Host City airport.
- 4 Home to the Spurs. Thurs, Fri, _____.
- 5 The airport serving a city known for cheesesteak. Also another FIFA Host City.

DOWN

- 1 The Twin Cities airport.
- 2 Intercontinental airport in Texas. Named after former U.S. President.
- 3 World's busiest airport. _____ ANTIC Ocean.

ANSWER KEY	1. Miami International Airport (MIA)	4. San Antonio International Airport (SAT)	3. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
Across	2. George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)	5. Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)	
Down	1. Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)		

Musqueam Welcomes FIFA Congress

FIFA Congress delegates arrived at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in late April, where they were welcomed by Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow, Councillor Alec Guerin, Councillor Morgan Guerin, and cultural representatives who shared a welcome song.

The FIFA Congress—the legislative body of the International Association Football Federation—meets annually, and Vancouver hosted its 76th gathering on April 30, 2026.

Among those welcomed by Musqueam were FIFA President Gianni Infantino, FIFA Senior Vice-President and Asian Football Confederation President Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Oceania Football Confederation President Lambert

Maltock, and members of the Fijian delegation, as well as His Royal Highness Prince Ali bin Al Hussein of Jordan.

Upon arrival, FIFA President Gianni Infantino was visibly moved when presented with a beautifully crafted Musqueam blanket.

Musqueam and YVR look forward to continuing to welcome FIFA teams and guests throughout upcoming events.

International Pride Month

Every June, Musqueam and YVR stand together to acknowledge International Pride Month and Indigenous History Month. As part of this recognition, YVR raises the Pride flag for the month—a visible symbol of support for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and reaffirming the airport's dedication to creating a welcoming environment for all travellers, employees, and partners. Through this annual gesture, Musqueam and YVR share a commitment to inclusion, respect, and community.



Progress Pride Flag by Musqueam Artist Mack Paul (they/ them) featuring the Coast Salish Two Spirit Pride symbol.




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