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It's Official – Record Summer at Airport

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The numbers are in and it is official – the Deer Lake Regional Airport experienced its best summer ever with record passenger traffic in June, July and August.

The Airport previously released its record figures for June and July, however, the statistics for August surpass any other single month in the history of the airport. Traffic in August was recorded at 35,649 and this represents a 22% increase or nearly 6,500 more passengers than August 2006. The previous all-time monthly record was established this past July at 35,133 passengers.

The Deer Lake Regional Airport has experienced record traffic numbers in each of the past four years with the growth rate recorded at an impressive 77% increase since the year 2000. The year to date passenger volume is up 17% over the same period in 2005. These numbers have also distinguished the Airport as the fourth busiest airport in Atlantic Canada behind Halifax, St. John's and Moncton.

Jamie Schwartz, Airport Manager, recognized the value of this level of activity for the entire region. "This volume of traffic helps stimulate and support economic growth and development throughout the entire region," said Schwartz. "We will continue our efforts to respond to the marketplace with improved facilities and services so that we can foster further economic activity throughout Western Newfoundland," added Schwartz.

The Deer Lake Regional Airport serves Western Newfoundland with twenty-four regularly scheduled flights each day to destinations including Toronto, Halifax, Montreal, St. John's and Goose Bay with connections worldwide. Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz, Air Labrador, Provincial Airlines, WestJet and Sunwing now offer a regular or seasonal service to and from Deer Lake. The Airport also provides a winter and summer seasonal international charter service to and from Gatwick, England.

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