



YVR commissions local video to showcase Nanaimo to millions of 2010 Winter Games visitors

(Nanaimo), B.C.; (June 11, 2009): Vancouver Airport Authority has provided Nanaimo's Spirit of BC Community Committee with a \$10,000 sponsorship to film and edit a three-minute promotional video to be shown at Vancouver International Airport (YVR), in which the community will help welcome the world to British Columbia in 2010.

The announcement today is part of a program in which the Airport Authority is commissioning short video productions from a total of 15 British Columbia communities, in order to highlight the unique aspects of B.C.'s various regions on select video screens throughout YVR and online at yvrconnections.com leading up to - and during - the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games period.

Filmmakers in all 15 participating communities will be selected with the help of their local Spirit of BC Community Committees.

The productions will provide exceptional exposure for each community participating in the program. YVR expects to welcome more than 17 million passengers in 2009, with an incremental 200,000 passengers travelling during February and March 2010 for the Games alone. As many as 80,000 passengers will use the airport per day at peak times during the Games.

"YVR will be the first place most visitors will see as they arrive in Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Games, so we feel the Airport Authority has a special responsibility to showcase all of the various regions of our province," said Paul Levy, Vice President, Planning 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Vancouver Airport Authority. "By working together to display images from Nanaimo and other parts of B.C., we'll help to pique their interest and convince them there's a lot more to see and do here in British Columbia beyond Vancouver and the 2010 Winter Games."

The following 15 B.C. communities have been invited to participate in the program. With direct flights to YVR, each of these communities is able to provide visitors with a gateway to the various regions of the Province:

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| ∞ Campbell River | ∞ Port Hardy |
| ∞ Castlegar | ∞ Prince George |
| ∞ Cranbrook | ∞ Prince Rupert |
| ∞ Fort St. John | ∞ Terrace |
| ∞ Kamloops | ∞ Tofino |
| ∞ Kelowna | ∞ Victoria |
| ∞ Nanaimo | ∞ Williams Lake |
| ∞ Penticton | |

YVR's facilities and services offer passengers an outstanding travel experience while its infrastructure allows for the handling of both large and small aircraft. During the 2010 Winter Games, this capacity will be used to its fullest as the Airport Authority works to care for every passenger that visits YVR for the Games or any other reason.

About Vancouver Airport Authority

Vancouver Airport Authority is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that operates Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Just 15 kilometres from downtown Vancouver and 115 kilometres from the Resort Municipality of Whistler – the two primary locations for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games - YVR resides on Sea Island in the City of Richmond. Canada's second busiest airport, YVR welcomed 17.9 million people in 2008, and facilitated more than 278,000 aircraft take-offs and landings on its runways. 70 airlines serve YVR, including scheduled carriers, charters, code share and cargo carriers which connect travellers to more than 130 destinations in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

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