

## FACT SHEET

### Vancouver International Airport: Quick Facts 2013

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- Sixty-eight airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses non-stop to some 120 destinations in Canada, the U.S. and around the world via chartered and regularly scheduled flights.
- YVR served 17.6 million passengers in 2012, including arriving, departing and connecting travellers.
- Canada's second-busiest airport, YVR's three runways handled 261,000 takeoffs and landings in 2012.
- YVR has two main parallel runways oriented in an east-west direction and one cross-wind runway that, combined, total 8,759 metres in length. The Fraser River can also be considered a runway of sorts, as it facilitates float-plane activity as part of YVR's south-side operations.
- More than 227,000 tonnes of cargo made its way through YVR in cargo aircraft and the belly hold of commercial passenger planes in 2012.
- The total footprint of YVR's Main Terminal Building is 135,138 square metres, a space large enough to accommodate about three BC Place Stadiums.
- In 2012, the Airport Authority launched a 10-year, \$1.8-billion strategy to keep YVR an economic generator for B.C.
- With 12,000-plus Twitter followers, YVR is Canada's top-Tweeting airport.
- The three most popular destinations, based on number of passengers, to and from YVR are Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton, followed by Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Victoria.
- The shortest flight from YVR is 10 minutes, to Nanaimo Harbour, B.C., while the longest non-stop flight from YVR is to Sydney, Australia, at 15 hours and 30 minutes.
- More than 23,600 people come to work on YVR's Sea Island home every day.

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- In 2012, YVR contributed \$1.9 billion in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to the national economy.
- As a community-based organization, the Airport Authority donated \$675,000 to almost 70 not-for-profit organizations in 2012.
- Canada's first Ground Run-up Enclosure, which opened at YVR in January 2012, has approximately 1,950 sound-absorbing panels, each about six inches thick.
- More than 630,000 kilograms of paper (including paper towel from washrooms) and cardboard were recycled in 2012.
- More than 7,400 items were turned into the Lost & Found office in 2012; oddities included an old, empty steamer trunk; a new flat-screen TV; and a used toilet seat.
- YVR pays \$608 million in annual taxes to the federal and provincial governments, the City of Richmond and TransLink.
- On average, more than 46,000 bags travel through YVR's baggage system daily. Bags travel at a rate of 1.2 metres per second through the system.
- YVR's control tower is 19 storeys high, and is the second highest in Canada. It can withstand a 7.2 magnitude (Richter) earthquake.
- YVR has a comprehensive wildlife management program to keep feathered birds away from metal birds for the safety of passengers. In 2012, approximately 704,000 birds were moved away from aircraft operating areas using pyrotechnics, sirens, lights, propane cannons and specially trained border collies, falcons and hawks.
- YVR's award-winning Green Coat Volunteer program, which provides directions and information to visitors at YVR, consists of 500 members who speak 28 languages among them. Up to 50 Green Coat volunteers work at YVR each day.

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