VICTORIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Victoria International Airport to Welcome New Non-Stop Service to Montreal

(Victoria, BC) Victoria Airport Authority (VAA) today announced that Air Canada will offer three times weekly non-stop service between Victoria (YYJ) and Montreal (YUL) utilizing a 136 seat Airbus 319 (A319). Service is scheduled to begin June 22, 2018.

Geoff Dickson, VAA President and Chief Executive Officer, commented: "We are very pleased with the new Montreal non-stop service by Air Canada. We recognize that air carriers have many choices to make with their fleets and appreciate the commitment Air Canada is making with this new service. YYJ has been one of the fastest growing airports in the country having enjoyed 47 consecutive months of record passenger volumes and we are confident that the Victoria-Montreal flights will be a success."

"We are very pleased to announce new, non-stop flights from Victoria directly to Montreal to help make summer travel to and from Vancouver Island even more convenient. With more than 1,780 seats and up to 19 daily flights next summers, Air Canada will be flying non-stop from Victoria to all four Canadian hubs – Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal, offering the most options and unparalleled choices for vacation travellers to get to and from Victoria and the surrounding area. Additionally, customers from Vancouver Island will have direct access to even more far-reaching destinations in our global network at our Montreal hub," stated Benjamin Smith, President-Passenger Airlines at Air Canada.

The new Air Canada Rouge flights will operate three times weekly (Tue, Fri, Sun) at:

AC1685	**Montreal - Victoria**	**07:45 am - 10:17 am**
AC1684	**Victoria - Montreal**	**11:05 am - 6:43 pm**

About Victoria International Airport
Victoria International Airport (Airport Code: YYJ) is the 10th busiest airport in Canada with 1.86 million passengers per year. YYJ is well served with more than 100 daily flights throughout North America. YYJ was rated among one of the top ten most-loved airports in the world by CNN Travel and is the 2012 and 2014 winner of 'Best Regional Airport in North America' by Airports Council International.

About Air Canada
Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2016 served close to 45 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 60 in the United States and 98 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,300 airports in 191 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax, which also named Air Canada the 2017 Best Airline in North America. For more information, please visit: www.aircanada.com/media, follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

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