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Passenger Increase at Regina International Airport in 2018

Regina International Airport (RAA) warmly welcomed 1,238,239 million passengers in 2018. That is an overall increase of 1.55 percent over 2017 which saw 1,219,311 million passengers use the airport.

"It's an exciting time at YQR as we will be looking at airport improvements that accommodate this increase in travellers and meet the growing needs of the region," said RAA President and CEO James Bogusz. "Our focus continues to be on the attraction of new air service to build options for passengers departing from YQR."

Bogusz credits strong local events drawing in visitors along with a more balanced economic outlook that supported 2018 growth. Overall the airport contributes well over \$800 million annually into the local economy and is a key economic driver in the region.

In addition to the passenger growth the RAA also earned the Airports Council International (ACI) Level 1 Carbon Accreditation status in recognition of its work to reduce carbon emissions and executed a full-scale emergency exercise that tested the emergency response plans and capabilities of the airport and local partners.

The emergency exercise, which included over 150 people, was a simulation of an aircraft accident near the main runway.

"Our entire team takes pride in providing travellers with a safe, secure and customer focused passenger experience," added Bogusz.

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About YQR

YQR is the 15th busiest airport in Canada and connects the local community to many major Canadian markets. YQR is proud to offer seasonal service to both the US and international sunspot destinations. The Regina Airport Authority (RAA) is a not-for-profit organization that operates YQR under a long-term lease with the Federal Government. The RAA has a mandate to operate a safe and secure airport, while looking to grow for the greater benefit of the community. YQR, It's Your Airport!

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