

## DELTA AIR LINES SUSPENDS SERVICE AT YQR™

Delta Air Lines has made a decision to suspend the twice daily transborder service to Minneapolis (MSP) at Regina International Airport (YQR) effective July 31, 2016.

“While the low Canadian dollar and economic downturn may have been contributing factors to the recent decline in current and forecasted passenger loads it is extremely disappointing in light of the recent upgauge this past November that offered our guests the opportunity for first class seating and larger capacity, a service that business customers had been requesting for many years and one that passengers strongly supported,” said Dick Graham, President and CEO, Regina Airport Authority.

Delta Air Lines experienced an increase of 43% in traffic year over year (March 2015 - March 2016) and saw a strong 26% increase in passengers from November 2015 when a larger plane (50% capacity increase) entered the YQR market. April unfortunately reported a decrease along with a softening of advanced bookings for subsequent months into the summer.

“Our passengers, who successfully supported this route for many years including outstanding traffic growth the past 12 months, are first and foremost in our minds right now and we will focus our efforts on our existing carriers and actively pursue new opportunities that ensure their needs and expectations of Regina International Airport continue to be met,” said Graham.

Regina Airport Authority understands that passengers who have booked beyond July 31, 2016 will be accommodated by Delta Air Lines through their partner WestJet.

Regina Airport Authority invites media for further discussion at 10:00 am, Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in the Regina Airport Authority Boardroom, Main Floor, Regina International Airport.

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