



## Regina airport taking off this summer

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It's the best numbers we have seen here at YQR since the pandemic began what feels like ages ago. With May finally seeing the last of pandemic restrictions removed from the U.S.A., we are finally clear to return to normal here at the Regina International Airport.

If you aren't aware, airlines run in two cycles here in Canada. The "winter" season (November - April) and the "summer" season (May - October). In the winter season, airlines shift capacity to meet the demand for international and transborder sun destinations like Las Vegas, Phoenix, Orlando, Cancun, and Puerto Vallarta. Sunwing made a big mess of the winter schedule last year, but we're hopeful with a finally-stabilizing-air-sector and WestJet's recent acquisition and deep airline bench strength, this will mean a strong return this winter.

During the summer season, that airline capacity moves to serving strong domestic demand across Canada, including long-time routes here at YQR like Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Toronto – and we also have service to newer direct routes of Kelowna (Thursday & Sundays with WestJet until September long weekend) and Montreal (Every day this summer with Air Canada).



It's great to see that this summer has Air Canada providing a few thousand more seats from YQR to Toronto and Vancouver than even pre-pandemic – in addition to the new Montreal service that never existed back then – and WestJet is massively up with 8,000 more seats to Calgary compared to 2019.

Being that those cities represent Air Canada and WestJet's major hubs and the four busiest airports in Canada, the Queen City has incredible air service this summer with our Canadian carriers.

The more capacity we have, the better the pricing, and, at the time of writing this in the middle of June, it's great to see one-way fares to Calgary and Toronto in the \$175-\$225 range – just remember to book a few weeks out for the best pricing.

We can see the market responding and early data has us up to well over 90% of passenger counts, which is a first in many years.

While we would love to sit back and enjoy what feels like a normal airport again, we've been working hard to try and find new opportunities to grow well beyond past levels. This spring, we spoke with nine different airlines about returning or starting new service here in Regina, with our #1 priority still set squarely on finding an airline partner to deliver non-stop service to a major U.S. hub, seven days a week.

We are also having lots of conversations with newer airlines including Lynx, Flair, and Canada Jetlines, as well as some that are open to expanding to Western Canada, including Porter.

We do remind everyone that pandemic restrictions were still in place less than a year ago here in Canada and the U.S. only dropped theirs weeks ago. That has made a full recovery of the air service sector a large challenge, but the good news is, we have clear skies ahead.

We continue to thank the community for your support over the past few years and now, as things return to normal, we remind you that the best thing you can do to help attract and retain air service is to use what we have currently. Take that flight to a conference, plan that next vacation, or go visit family and friends across the country. All of those things are the key to us being able to deliver more and more air service to our community.

- Don't miss the opportunity to hear from James Bogusz, President and CEO of the Regina Airport Authority, at the next event of the Chamber's Luncheon Series on Thursday, June 29.

## UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**  
**NETWORKING ON THE GREEN**  
**2023 Annual Golf Tournament**  
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**THURSDAY JUNE 29**  
**2023 Luncheon Series**  
**James Bogusz**  
**President and CEO,**  
**Regina Airport Authority**  
**Regina International Airport**  
Registration: 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon: 12 noon  
Presentation: 12:20 p.m.



*2023 Luncheon Series*

**JAMES BOGUSZ**

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## The Path To Net-Zero session set for June 28

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce, will present an information session and Q&A on June 28 with the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources for the Government of Canada.

During his address, Minister Wilkinson will discuss the path Canada can take to move towards net-zero by 2050. With a Saskatchewan focus, the Minister will discuss federal government initiatives aimed at building a prosperous and sustainable Canada. Following the address, there will be ample time to ask questions.

To register for the event, click [HERE](#).

The poster features the logos of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce. The main title is "THE PATH TO NET-ZERO" in large white letters on a blue background. Below it, it says "Information Session and Q & A". The date and time are "Wednesday, June 28 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM" and the location is "The Terrace at Innovation Place, Regina, SK". A photo of Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, is on the right. At the bottom, it says "FEATURING The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson Minister of Natural Resources" and includes the Canadian flag and "Canada" logo.

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