

= Kamloops Airport =

Kamloops Airport ( IATA : YKA , ICAO : CYKA ) , also known as Fulton Field or Davie Fulton Airport , is a regional airport located 5 nautical miles ( 9 km ; 6 mi ) west northwest of Kamloops , British Columbia , a city in the Thompson region of Canada . It is owned by the Kamloops Airport Authority Society , while operated by Kamloops Airport Limited , serving the North Okanagan , Nicola and Shuswap areas . Initial examination for the airport 's construction began in June 1931 , when the city leased 46 acres ( 19 ha ) from fruit @-@ growing company BC Fruitlands .

Along with an air show presentation , the airport publicly opened on August 5 , 1939 . It has 2 @,@ 780 by 49 ft ( 847 by 15 m ) and 8 @,@ 000 by 148 ft ( 2 @,@ 438 by 45 m ) runways aligned 04 / 22 and 08 / 26 , and served approximately 263 @,@ 290 passengers in 2011 . The airfield maintains a restaurant , The Bread Garden , as well as a medical facility , accommodation areas and administrative buildings ; food and snacks are also offered . Its terminal , runway and navigation aids were expanded and upgraded by 2009 . It has seen one accident throughout its history .

The airport has daily scheduled flights to 9 destinations in Canada provided by Air Canada Express , Central Mountain Air and WestJet . The terminal handled 312 @,@ 895 passengers in 2014 , an increase of 7 @.@ 2 % over the 290 @,@ 394 passengers in 2013 .

= = History = =

Initial examination for constructing an airport in Kamloops began in June 1931 , when the city leased 46 acres ( 19 ha ) from fruit @-@ growing company BC Fruitlands . The airport 's development started in 1936 and the gravel runway completed in 1938 . That same year , Kamloops acquired another 30 acres ( 12 ha ) , as well as land for airport use . The Department of Transport , now known as Transport Canada , granted money for airport development in 1939 , with the airfield 's runway finishing in that year . On April 13 , 1939 , an Aeronca aircraft made the first official landing on the runway . The airport was publicly opened on August 5 , 1939 , along with an air show presented at the structure itself with over 30 aircraft . Later that month , it was classified as a port of entry by the Canadian government . During World War II , additional activity occurred at the airport . In April 1942 , Vancouver @-@ based Gilbert Flight School transferred its service to Kamloops , as civil flights provided in British Columbia 's Lower Mainland were canceled .

In addition , the airport was used by the Royal Canadian Air Force ( RCAF ) as an alternate route for the no longer existent Air Transport Command ( ATC ) for flights to the Soviet Union . During the war Kamloops gained access to 861 acres ( 348 ha ) for further airport expansion , as well as the addition of taxi and apron services . However , after World War II , part of the airport 's land were sold to Canada 's Department of Agriculture , with the size reducing to 570 acres ( 230 ha ) . In May 1944 , the Governor General of Canada at that time , Earl of Athlone , entitled the structure Fulton Field , in honor of John Fulton , a Wing Commander server born in Kamloops . This was confirmed by George H. Greer , the secretary of the Kamloops Board of Trade at the time . Throughout its history , a number of airlines have served it . Canadian Pacific Air Lines provided daily flights in 1950 connecting to the communities of Quesnel , Prince George , Williams Lake and Vancouver .

By 1951 , the airport founded and became headquarters of Central British Columbia Airways , which was later known as Pacific Western Airlines , but is no longer existent . However , the following year , its headquarters was transferred to Richmond 's Vancouver International Airport . The federal Department of Transport regained rights to the airport in 1961 , beginning an expansion program . The airfield saw its runways expand in 1963 and 1964 , and the first air traffic controllers started working at Kamloops Airport in 1967 . That year the airport served approximately 29 @,@ 200 passengers .

There had previously been proposals for relocating the airport due to low public visibility during the fall and winter seasons of a specific year . The move was never carried out because another location could not be found . Instead the airport was expanded by 1969 . This saw its administrative buildings , offices , baggage area and coffee shop being improved , costing \$ 85 @,@ 000 . There was a flood threat aimed close to the airport in 1972 , while in the following year , the airfield 's

runways were extended . Obtaining 149 @, @ 027 passengers by 1974 , more considered the airport reliable , as it was improved with the addition of more general services .

Kamloops Airport 's telecommunication equipment was provided at a separate building in 1977 , with 235 @, @ 600 passengers garnered from it that same year . The airport saw the start of its runways and terminals expansion in 1982 and 1984 , while the following year this was completed . During 1986 and 1987 , the former terminal building was changed to serve as an operation structure . Air BC , Pacific Western Airlines and Time Air served as the airport 's airlines in the 1980s ; all three airlines no longer exist . In 1988 , the amount of passengers dropped to 137 @, @ 579 . The runway has been used by Aeroncas , Airbus 320s , Boeing 727 @-@ 200s , Boeing 737 @-@ 400s , Boeing 737 @-@ 700s , Cessna 150s and Grumman TBF Avenger since historical dates .

However , by 2009 , its terminal , runway and navigation aids were upgraded with about \$ 25 million , which was funded by the British Columbia government , who gave \$ 4 million , the Canadian government , who gave \$ 6 @. @ 6 million and the airport itself for the remaining money and announced in 2007 ; \$ 13 million was used to upgrade the runway , \$ 3 million was used to expand the navigation aid , while \$ 4 million was used for terminal improvements . The city 's intention was to expand and upgrade the airport in order for the economy and tourism to expand . City mayor Peter Milobar and members of the Kamloops Indian Band praised its expansion . Its catchment area has a population of approximately 138 @, @ 000 residents .

Kelowna International Airport , an international airport operated in nearby city of Kelowna , has had a small impact on this airport , since they both share the same catchment area . About 13 percent of the local residents in 2007 choose the Kelowna International Airport over the Kamloops Airport to fly to regional destinations , specifically due to its significant growth . Despite this , some Kelowna residents choose the Kamloops Airport over their local airport .

= = Facilities = =

The airport is located on 3035 Airport Road in the Brocklehurst neighbourhood of north Kamloops , 5 nautical miles ( 9 km ; 6 mi ) west northwest of city centre and Selkirk Mountains , situated off Tranquille Road on the Fraser Plateau . It is located 307 kilometres ( 191 mi ) north of the Canada ? United States border and opposite the Kamloops Golf & Country Club and Kamloops Lake attractions , which is a lake and country club situated in the city . Paid parking , taxis , car rentals and bus service are available . Car rentals are provided by Budget Rent a Car , Enterprise Rent @-@ A @-@ Car and National Car Rental , which have offices located at the airport , while its bus service is offered by the Kamloops Transit System , which is operated by BC Transit . There are 389 parking stalls , but 150 more spaces are expected . Due to its location , the airport is commonly used to gain access to Sun Peaks , British Columbia , and Sun Peaks Resort .

Food and snacks are available at this airport 's terminal , as well as a medical facility , accommodation areas and administrative buildings . There is a restaurant provided at the airport 's terminal , The Bread Garden , as well as Canada Revenue Agency and Nav Canada offices . Its terminal , which is 1 @, @ 500 square metres ( 16 @, @ 000 sq ft ) , has been considered for further expansion , with the North Shore Business Improvement Association helping this expansion . The city 's intention was to expand and upgrade the airport in order for the economy and tourism to expand . City mayor Peter Milobar and members of the Kamloops Indian Band praised its expansion . The airport 's aircraft obtain their fuel from Shell Canada , which is located on site and serves as an aviation dealer for the Kamloops Airport . The airfield has 2 @, @ 780 by 49 feet ( 847 by 15 m ) and 8 @, @ 000 by 148 feet ( 2 @, @ 438 by 45 m ) asphalt runways aligned 04 ? 22 and 08 ? 26 , which are appraised every five years .

Formerly known as the Kamloops Aero Club , the Kamloops Flying Club operates at the airport , which is a club where children receive a flight in an airplane with the pilot and learn about the airplanes themselves . In addition , the flight school Canadian Flight Centre is based on site ; the branch based in Boundary Bay , Delta opened a location in Kamloops in May 2012 and uses Cessna aircraft for its lessons . Canadian Helicopters operates a training facility for the Kamloops Airport Other related facilities include Astaris Canada , CC Helicopters , Highland Helicopters and

WestAir Aviation . Formerly , Flight Discovery operated as a flight school at the airport , but the owner was deemed a fraud artist .

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police ( RCMP ) operates an A @-@ Star helicopter at the airport , while the BC Forest Service occasionally uses the airfield with their helicopters . It maintains an aircraft maintenance centre , while aircraft parts are sold by Inland Communications , Mountaineer Services , Progressive Air Services , Pro Aero Engines , Spring Aviation and Westcan Aircraft Sales & Salvage . Meanwhile , packages can be delivered through FedEx at the Kamloops Airport , while custom and security services are provided by Canada Border Services Agency and Garda Security Screening . There is a radio navigation aid provided at the Kamloops Airport which is used by pilots on aircraft coming from other nearby airports to determine their location . The navigation system is owned by Nav Canada , which operate an air traffic control system at it . The Airside Business Park and Fulton Industrial Park are the airport 's development areas .

The local and upcoming weather of Kamloops is observed at this airport 's weather station , referred to as the Kamloops Airport Weather Station . Nav Canada has noted that most of the aircraft winds near the Kamloops Airport blow east and west . It has been classified as an airport of entry by Nav Canada and is staffed by the Canada Border Services Agency . An aircraft at this airport may handle no more than 30 passengers . Skydiving can be performed at the airport through Skydive Kamloops . Passengers may also board a courtesy shuttle to other nearby municipalities , such as Blue River , British Columbia .

It has a number of employees available , with Fred Legace serving as airport manager and a number of maintenance workers serving the airport ; Ed Ratuski also manages it . The Kamloops Airport has been owned by a number of companies since its opening . It was initially owned by the RCAF , but later there was a proposal led the RCAF to transfer airport ownership to Kamloops itself , hence why the name was changed to the Kamloops Airport , although it is commonly referred to as Fulton Field or Fulton Airport . During the 1990s , Transport Canada , the owner at that time , began a program to transfer ownership of selected regional airports and the ownership of the Kamloops Airport was transferred to the then @-@ new Kamloops Airport Authority Society by August 1997 which is a department of the Kamloops City Council and was composed of its members ; it was deemed a commercial operation . Kamloops Airport Authority Society have a contract with the Vancouver Airport Authority , which allow them to manage and operate the airport . It is operated by Kamloops Airport Limited .

= = Airlines and destinations = =

As of 2012 , the Kamloops Airport offers scheduled flights to the Calgary International Airport and Vancouver International Airport , which are provided by Air Canada Express and operated by Jazz Air . In addition , Central Mountain Air flights are offered to the Prince George Airport , along with WestJet flights , which were added in November 2009 , to the Calgary International Airport and Edmonton International Airport ; the latter has been serviced since January 2010 . All of these flights are provided daily .

Kamloops Airport has provided flights to several destinations by charter airlines as well , including the Denver International Airport , San Diego International Airport , San Jose International Airport and Seattle ? Tacoma International Airport . In 2010 , the airport garnered 36 @,@ 094 aircraft movements , while in 2012 , it served approximately 275 @,@ 424 passengers , representing a 4 @.@ 4 percent increase from the 2011 amount of about 263 @,@ 290 passengers . The majority of this increase occurred in December 2012 , which the Canadian Flight Centre contributed to .

= = Cargo = =

= = Accidents and incidents = =

On July 31 , 2010 , a Convair CV @-@ 580 airtanker operated by Conair Aviation as Flight 448 , on

route to the Kamloops Airport , crashed and was destroyed due to a local forest fire on the British Columbia Ministry of Forests land near Siwash Road , some 15 kilometres ( 9 mi ) south of Lytton , British Columbia , a town in the Thompson region , along with Kamloops . Both crew members were killed in the accident .