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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WestJet's New Strategy Opens Up Increased Connectivity For YQT**

Improved connectivity over Winnipeg Richardson International Airport (YWG) is providing more options for travelers to and from Thunder Bay (YQT).

WestJet now flies twice daily between YQT and YWG. These flights offer well timed connections to all Western Canadian destinations with WestJet now offering up to fourteen daily departures to western Canada from Winnipeg.

Options will improve in September when WestJet offers 5 flights per week to Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL). ATL is one of the worlds busiest airports with over 1,000 daily departures to over 210 destinations worldwide.

In addition to a wide range of routes to Western Canada and connectivity through ATL, flights to Los Angeles (LAX) are available three times a week with WestJet's code share partner Delta.

"WestJet's new schedules provide Thunder Bay travelers with strong options to the west and south", says President and CEO Ed Schmidtke of the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority. "We appreciate the efforts of WestJet and the Winnipeg Airport Authority to time these flights to include great connectivity for Thunder Bay".

"We pride ourselves on being a regional hub and, with the support of our parnters at WestJet, are excited to offer more connections to more places that matter," said Winnipeg Airports Authority President and CEO Nick Hays. Whether for business or pleasure, passengers from Thunder Bay and beyond will enjoy a seamless and convenient transfer through Winnipeg Richardson International Airport en route to a world of possibilities. We look forward to welcoming more of our neighbours from Northern Ontario as they include us in their travels."

#### **About TBIAA**

TBIAA is the private, non-shareholder corporation responsible for the operation of the Thunder Bay International Airport. Economic activity related to the Airport is responsible for an estimated \$645 million dollars in GDP annually and over 5000 jobs.

Customers are encouraged to visit [www.thunderbayairport.com](http://www.thunderbayairport.com) for more information on services and facilities offered by Thunder Bay International Airport.

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