



## BACKGROUND

# THE MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND - YVR AIRPORT SUSTAINABILITY & FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

On June 21, 2017, Musqueam Indian Band and Vancouver International Airport (YVR) signed *The Musqueam Indian Band - YVR Airport Sustainability & Friendship Agreement*, a 30-year agreement based on friendship and respect to achieve a sustainable and mutually beneficial future for our community. Based on the four pillars of Sustainability—Social, Economic, Environment and Governance — the Agreement recognizes the evolving nature of the relationship between YVR and Musqueam through education, employment, revenue sharing, an engagement protocol for long-term development and support of operations.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGREEMENT:

**Social:** The agreement creates an education-to-employment path between YVR and Musqueam and a clear process for consultation on future developments.

- The agreement includes a comprehensive engagement protocol that lays out the process of dialogue between Musqueam and YVR for support of future developments and operations at the airport.
- YVR will fund up to ten scholarships per year in the amount of \$10,000 each for Musqueam members to attend recognized educational institutions or training programs, including trade preparation programs.
- YVR will provide apprenticeships and new employment positions with Vancouver Airport Authority.
- YVR and Musqueam will collaborate to identify contracting opportunities for Musqueam businesses.
- Musqueam will submit for consideration proposals for increased Musqueam cultural and artistic contributions at the airport.

**Economic:** The Agreement creates a revenue sharing arrangement between YVR and Musqueam.

- YVR will commit 1 per cent of annual revenue to Musqueam Indian Band over a 30-year term. In 2017, this figure is approximately \$5 million based on YVR's 2016 revenues. This will be funded through YVR's non-aeronautical revenue and will not come from the Airport Improvement Fee.



**Environment:** The agreement addresses how Musqueam and YVR will work together to protect the land and waters in and around Sea Island.

- YVR will support Musqueam in hosting an annual community workshop on the Noise Management Plan.
- YVR will work with Musqueam to identify areas in and around Sea Island for restoration and enhancement in accordance with a recent study.
- YVR will consider Musqueam input and collaborate on any resulting amendments to mitigation strategies for any potential environmental emergencies that may occur on Sea Island.
- Musqueam and YVR will work together to ensure identification and protection of archeological resources on Sea Island.

**Governance:** YVR and Musqueam are committed to ensuring this agreement meets the expectations of both parties and results in the continuous building of a positive and mutually beneficial friendship.

- YVR will hire a Relationship Manager from Musqueam to further develop the relationship between the two parties, facilitating the elements of this Agreement and exploring new joint business opportunities.
- Musqueam and YVR will each appoint members to sit on a Musqueam – YVR Committee to facilitate ongoing communication, monitor the implementation of the Agreement and evaluate new joint business opportunities.
- The Agreement ensures that YVR will continue to be an economic generator for B.C. and a leader in social responsibility through Musqueam support for the airport's ongoing operations and future developments.

Vancouver International Airport and Musqueam Indian Band are located in the same community on land that is Musqueam traditional territory. This momentous Agreement is a meaningful way to honour aboriginal relationships and welcome mutually beneficial opportunities. The Agreement is subject to completion of Musqueam's member consultation process before the end of July.

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**ABOUT THE MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND**



The Musqueam people have lived in our present location for thousands of years. Our traditional territory occupies what is now Vancouver and surrounding areas. Our people moved throughout our traditional territory using the resources the land provided for fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering, to maintain their livelihood. Today, the Musqueam people still use these resources for economical and traditional purposes. Although a metropolitan city has developed in the heart of Musqueam territory, our community maintains strong cultural and traditional beliefs. Our community historians and educators teach and pass on our history to our people, which has always been the way of our people, to keep our culture and traditions strong. Today our population flourishes and we are a strong community of over thousand members. We live on a very small portion of our traditional territory, known as the Musqueam Indian Reserve, located south of Marine Drive near the mouth of the Fraser River.

#### **ABOUT VANCOUVER AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Vancouver Airport Authority is the not-for-profit organization that manages Vancouver International Airport (YVR). We manage YVR like a private organization – receiving no government funding – and we are accountable to the region through a Board of Directors appointed from the community. Canada's second busiest airport, YVR welcomed 22.3 million passengers in 2016. Fifty-five airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses to more than 125 non-stop destinations worldwide. In 2016, YVR received CAPA Centre for Aviation's prestigious Airport of the Year Award and was voted Best Airport in North America for the eighth consecutive year in the Skytrax World Airport Awards in 2017. Vancouver Airport Authority is a dedicated community partner and in 2016 donated more than \$1,000,000 to local organizations. We are committed to creating an airport that British Columbia can be proud of: a premier global gateway, local economic generator and community contributor.

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