

# THE YMM CHECK-IN

Fort McMurray International Airport's Community Newsletter



## Air Canada Announces Non-stop Flights to Vancouver

In September, the Fort McMurray Airport Authority announced that Air Canada will begin year-round nonstop service between Fort McMurray and Vancouver on December 2, 2025. The route, operating three times weekly, provides direct access to one of Canada's busiest hubs and seamless global connections. "Vancouver has consistently been our region's top underserved destination, and our team has worked tirelessly to demonstrate this demand," said Denean Robinson, FMAA President & CEO. "Securing this service is a meaningful win that creates more choice and connectivity for our community."

Book today at [aircanada.com](https://aircanada.com)

Read the Full News  
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## YMM Pumpkins & Planes

Bring your little ghosts, goblins, and ghouls to the annual YMM Pumpkins & Planes event in support of United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo.

It's the perfect chance for kids to give their Halloween costumes a test run and enjoy an afternoon of spooky fun - think games, activities, prizes, and of course... plenty of treats!

Grab your Pumpkins & Planes Passport for just \$5 (plus service fee) to unlock all the fun. Be sure to arrive during the hour time slot on your ticket so you don't miss a minute.

Parents and guardians are welcome to join in the fun — no ticket needed. All funds raised go directly to support the United Way. Free parking validation will be available.

Sensory-Friendly Time Slot - 12-1 p.m. We're offering a sensory-friendly session, with activity stations in a calmer, quieter setting and limited capacity to ensure extra space and reduced noise. Spots are limited, so grab your passport early.

Purchase  
Tickets



## Call for Artists: 2026 YMM Digital Art Exhibit

The YMM Digital Art Exhibit is returning in 2026, and we're looking for four talented artists to showcase their work on our digital screens throughout Fort McMurray International Airport and on flyymm.com. This year's theme is, Viewpoints: Stories Seen and Unseen.

Selected artists will each be featured in a seasonal rotation, profiled on YMM channels, recognized at a special launch event, and receive a \$500 honorarium.

Submissions are open until November 1, 2025.

Starting October 1, view Hira Noor's Windows to the World exhibit on YMM's digital screens, the last feature in the 2025 YMM Digital Art Exhibit.

[See 2026 Call for Artists](#)



# **YMM** **PASSENGER** of the month



**YMM Passenger of the Month**

Congratulations to our October YMM Passenger of the Month, Tracy Buck!

Tracy recently flew through YMM with her husband Jeff and son Jacob to visit family in Ottawa. She shared, “Jacob is a pretty good little flyer, but the direct flight will be a game changer, allowing us to visit our eastern family more often.”

As part of her prize package, Tracy received tickets so Jacob and his dad can catch their very first Oil Barons game together - a perfect way to celebrate Jacob’s first year in minor hockey!

Winners receive a \$50 YMM Prize Package. To enter, scan the QR code airside and upload a photo of yourself or special travel companion, telling us why you love to Fly YMM.

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## Team YMM Spotlight on Nadeem Mian

Congratulations to Team YMM’s very own Nadeem Mian, Agency Operator, Enterprise and National at YMM, who was recognized with a Community Service Award at the 78th Independence Day Celebration of Pakistan.

Nadeem has called Fort McMurray home for 22 years, raising his family here and helping our community grow. Through his long-standing involvement with the Pakistan Canada Association, he has organized events, built connections across all levels of government, supported fundraising efforts, and been a dedicated advocate for our region.

We are proud to celebrate this achievement with Nadeem and thank him for his continued contributions to our community and YMM.

[Click for More Team YMM Spotlights](#)



## YMM at Oil Barons Game Friday, Oct. 3

We'll be at the Oil Barons game this Friday. Come find the YMM table at the entrance of Centerfire Place! Let's cheer on the MOB as they face off against the Drumheller Dragons.

We're excited to connect with fans, and promote what's happening at YMM. Stop by to say hello, grab a treat, and enter to win our draw for flights!



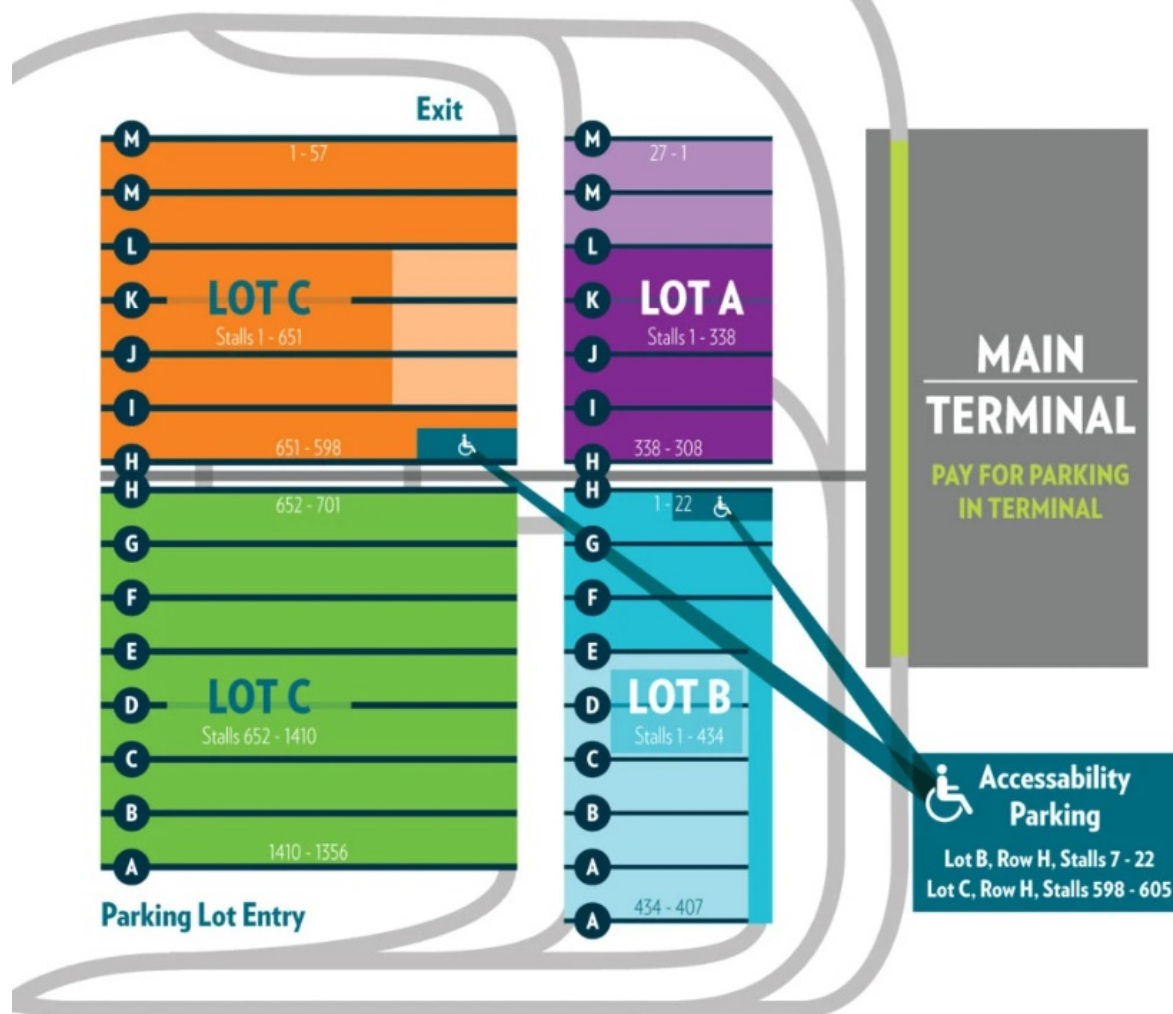


## Community In Focus

Check out our latest feature in our Community In Focus display case: [Wood Buffalo Animal Rescue Committee \(WBARC\)](#). As a dedicated nonprofit serving the Wood Buffalo Region, WBARC works tirelessly to rehome stray and unwanted animals and foster love and compassion in our community.

Interested in showcasing your non-profit at YMM? Email [info@flyymm.com](mailto:info@flyymm.com) to inquire - we're always looking for new social profits to promote!

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## Accessible Parking

YMM offers accessible parking in both short-term and long-term lots, with stalls located close to the terminal entrance. A registered disabled parking placard is required when using these spaces. Guests can also take advantage of our identified curbside drop-off and pick-up accessible parking spaces at the terminal, and our team is available to assist upon request.

Learn  
More





## Canadian Airports Safety Week

Last month, YMM proudly joined airports across Canada in recognizing Canadian Airports Safety Week (CASW).

Thank you to our speakers and facilitators for sharing their expertise, our staff for engaging with enthusiasm all week long and our community volunteers who brought our mock exercise to life!

Together, we continue to make safety a top priority at YMM.

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## Sweet Tooth? Rocky Mountain Chocolates has you covered!

Something sweet has landed at YMM!

We are thrilled to welcome Rocky Mountain Chocolates as the newest member of Team YMM. Find them on Arrivals Level 1, ready to serve up handcrafted chocolates, caramel apples, fudge,



and more.

Open Monday to Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by on your next trip through YMM - your sweet tooth will thank you.

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## YMM In the News

Porter Airlines pushes launch of Fort McMurray flights to spring 2026



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## YMM History Moment

View of the Fort McMurray airfield, circa 1940s. A twin-engine aircraft is parked on the dirt runway, with early airport buildings visible in the background. Credit: Fort McMurray Historical Society.

*This image is sourced from the Fort McMurray Historical Society database. If you have a photo to share, please email us at [info@flyymm.com](mailto:info@flyymm.com).*

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# YMM Terminal

## Hours of Operation

Open Daily  
4 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight)



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### End of the Runway - Airport Humour

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Friend: it's just a 2 day trip so pack light  
Me:



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