



New Release

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New Airport General Manager Announced

The City of Kelowna is pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Samaddar as the new Airport General Manager effective today, July 23, 2008.

“Sam brings respected leadership and experience to the Kelowna International Airport,” says City Manager Ron Mattiussi. “Over the last five months Sam has led the Airport, its staff and tenants as the interim General Manager and he has done an excellent job. I am pleased to make his role in this position permanent.”

“On behalf of City Council and the Airport Advisory Committee, I am pleased Sam will be leading the Kelowna International Airport through the next phases of the Airport expansion and future air service development,” says Kelowna Mayor Sharon Shepherd. “Sam has excellent judgment and negotiation skills; I look forward to working with him.”

Samaddar has been with the Kelowna International Airport since 1992 where he assumed the position of Superintendent Airport Operations and has held numerous positions, including Assistant General Manager jobs for both Airport Operations and Airport Development. Prior to Kelowna he worked with the Federal Government in External Affairs before moving to the Vancouver International Airport for four years.

Kelowna International Airport (YLW) is one of the top ten airports in Canada, serving over one million passengers annually. Visit the official website of Kelowna International at www.ylw.aero.

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