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Air Canada is Back! Flights Between Bradley International Airport and Toronto Resume

Windsor Locks, CONN. – June 1, 2022 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce the return of Air Canada, Canada's largest airline, at Bradley International Airport. The airline restored its nonstop service between Bradley International Airport (BDL) and Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) today.

"We are thrilled to welcome back Air Canada to Bradley International Airport," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. "Air Canada's long-standing partnership with our airport has been and continues to be key to our route network. The airline not only facilitates seamless connectivity between our regions, but it also offers a convenient gateway to the rest of the world via its Toronto-Pearson hub. As we celebrate Air Canada's return, we look forward to once again offering our passengers an easy way to access Canada and beyond."

The airline has returned to Bradley International Airport after a two-year absence due to the international travel disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The last Air Canada flights operated at the airport in the spring of 2020.

"Connecticut is an extremely popular destination, appealing to Canadians and global customers alike who enjoy the leisure activities, recreation, arts and culture, tourism and hospitality the state is renowned for," said Lisa Pierce, Vice President, Canada & USA Sales for Air Canada. "With customer interest in travel resuming post pandemic, we are thrilled to launch our services connecting Bradley International Airport to our Toronto hub. In addition to enabling Canadians and global visitors to come visit Connecticut, our flights also make it especially convenient for area residents to visit and enjoy everything Canada has to offer, or to connect internationally beyond."

The newly launched service will utilize a 50-seat CRJ200 aircraft. It will operate daily and year-round as follows:

| Origin | Departure | Destination | Arrival |
|--------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| BDL | 12:45 PM | YYZ | 2:07 PM |
| YYZ | 11:00 AM | BDL | 12:14 PM |

The resumption of the service was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a festive send-off at the gate today.

Passengers interested in booking a flight should visit <u>www.AirCanada.com</u>. Information about travel requirements to Canada can be viewed <u>here.</u>

About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest airline, the country's flag carrier and a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network celebrating its 25thanniversary in 2022. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 51 airports in Canada, 51 in the United States and 86 internationally. It is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking from Skytrax, which in 2021 gave Air Canada awards for the Best Airline Staff in North America, Best Airline Staff in Canada, Best Business Class Lounge in North America, and an excellence award for managing COVID-19. Through its leading travel loyalty Aeroplan program, Air Canada offers the ability to earn or redeem points on the world's largest airline partner network of 45 airlines, plus through an extensive range of merchandise, hotel and car rental rewards. Its freight division, Air Canada Cargo, provides air freight lift and connectivity to hundreds of destinations across six continents using Air Canada's passenger flights and cargo-only flights with its fleet of Boeing 767-300 freighters. Air Canada has committed to a net zero emissions goal from all global operations by 2050.

About Bradley International Airport

<u>Bradley International Airport (BDL)</u> invites you to "Journey On" and once again experience the convenience of traveling at New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops, expanded services and accredited COVID-19 safety measures. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.flyBDL.org.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The <u>Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)</u> was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

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