

PRESS RELEASE

Mont-Tremblant International Airport announces a 4.5 million dollar expansion plan!

Mont-Tremblant, July 7th, 2009 - Thanks to current overwhelming demand the Mont-Tremblant International Airport (M.T.I.A) has just announced plans to develop additional infrastructure to accommodate the increased volume of air traffic. Airport developer, Serge Larivière, is astonished at current traffic demands. "Last year, we were forced to refuse landing permissions due to lack of parking space for jets" he declares. And, thanks to interest from numerous international airlines from Mexico and Europe, it has been deemed necessary to expand in order to handle aircrafts such as Boeing 737s and Airbus 320s.

Expansion will commence this summer and will extend into 2010. Improvements include widening and repairing the main runway (originally a military runway), expanding the tarmac from 5,000 to 25,000 square meters, and enlarging the airport terminal in order to accommodate more passengers. Navigation equipment will be added to facilitate landings in bad weather. And, as an added attraction, the airport is considering the addition of a water runway. This will enable MTIA to offer floatplane service to destinations accessible only by floatplanes. According to Mr. Larivière, "this will give us the ability to open up the North for those looking for a truly unique holiday experience".

This project wouldn't be possible without the financial help of the provincial and federal governments, which totals nearly 3.7 million dollars. Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions has recently confirmed a 2.7 million dollars contribution, Quebec's Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade department is contributing \$661 000 as well as \$300 000 from Transport Quebec.

"Our expansion project represents a very important step in the development of our airport. When completed, it will play a very important role in the development of the tourist industry in the entire Mont-Tremblant region" concludes Mr. Larivière, general manager and owner of MTIA.

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