

## CANADA'S NATIONAL AIRPORTS

## A PRIMER ON CANADA'S NATIONAL AIRPORTS SYSTEM

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Did you know that most of Canada's major airports haven't been operated by any form of government since the 1990s? Were you aware that virtually all of the \$19 billion that has been invested into airport infrastructure in Canada since then has come from the private corporations that operate Canada's airports on a not-for-profit basis using funds generated by airport authority operations.

Twenty-six of the airports formerly operated by government — those located in a Canadian capital city or handling more than 200,000 passengers a year — have been designated National Airports System (NAS) airports. 22 of these airports are leased to local, non-governmental airport authorities to operate. These airports, which pour all profits back into the airport, pay rent to the federal government and are responsible for some 90% of the passenger volumes in Canada.



The federal government begins transfer of airports to local authorities, starting with Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal and Vancouver.



# NUMBERS TO KNOW: CANADA'S AIRPORTS

## \$19 Billion

in Capital Investment Since 1992 Without Taxpayer Support **\$305 Million** in Rent in 2014

**\$4.6 Billion**in Rent Since 1992

### CANADA'S AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY: CURRENT ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$34.9 Billion**Contributed to Canada's GDP



**\$7 Billion**Accrued Taxes



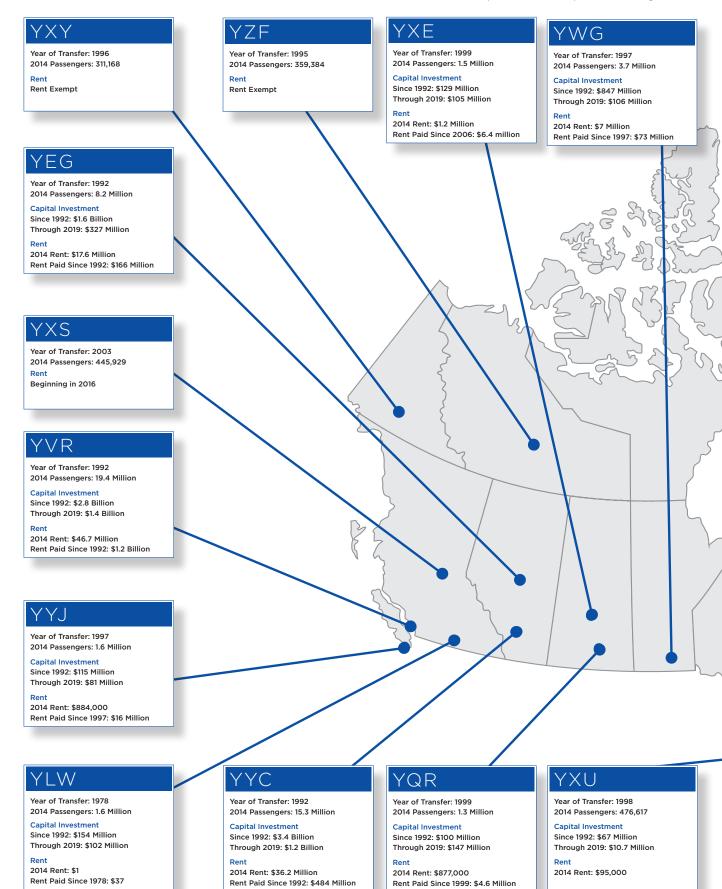
**126 Million**Passengers in 2014



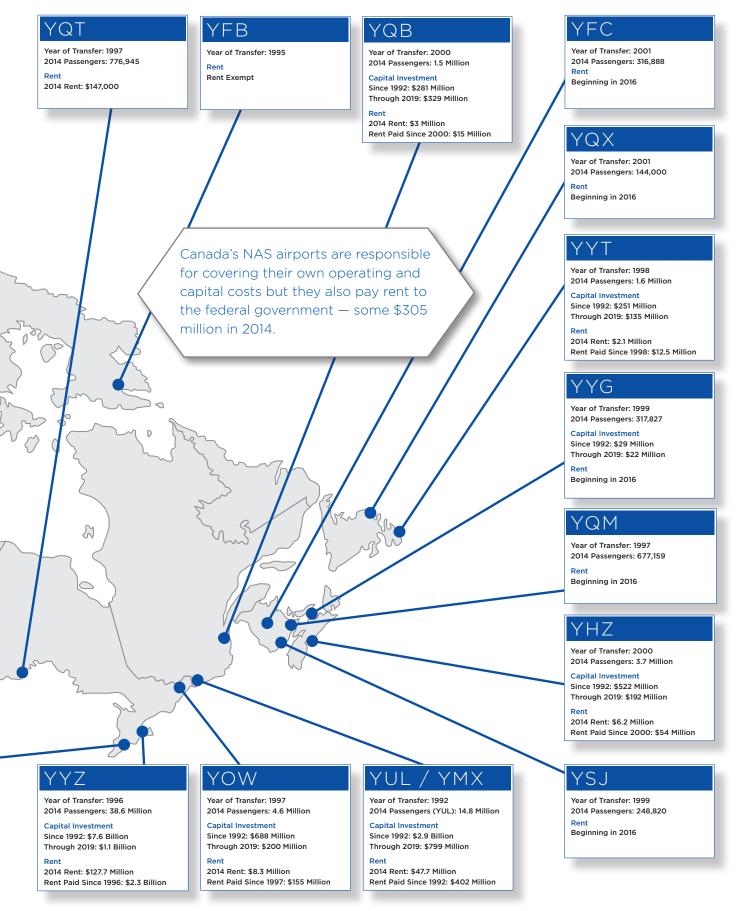
**141,000**Direct Jobs Supported

## **National Airports System (NAS)**

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## UNDERSTANDING CANADA'S NATIONAL AIRPORTS SYSTEM

## AIRPORT GOVERNANCE

There are 22 NAS airports operated by local airport authorities independent from any form of government.

Canada's NAS airport authorities are managed by independent and fully accountable boards of directors selected on the basis of the skills each director brings to the board table. Appointment and nomination procedures aim to strike balances on the need for community involvement, preserving the independence and impartiality of directors, and reflecting directors' fiduciary responsibilities.

### LOCAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ARE:

- · Non-share capital corporations; any profits are invested back into the airport
- Independent from any branch of government
- Responsible for covering their own operating and infrastructure costs
- Governed by independent boards of directors
- Required to pay rent to the federal government

#### AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD COMPOSITION

Each airport authority has directors nominated or appointed by the federal government, provincial and/or municipal governments, local business communities and other stakeholder groups. Except for those airport authorities that have their CEO as a director, all directors are independent from management as they are either appointed directly by the appointing authority or chosen from a pool of candidates put forward by the nominating entities.

#### OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY



#### WHO DOES WHAT AT AN AIRPORT?

	Airline	Check-in, boarding, baggage handling
Non-Government	Airport Authority	Overall strategic direction and operation of the airport, including building and airfield operations and maintenance, and commercial development
	Private Vendors	Retail shops, restaurants, car rental agents, hotels and other airport services when not operated directly by the airport
	Nav Canada	Air traffic control
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)t	Canadian Air Transport Security Authority	Security screening of passengers and their bags, screening of airport workers
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#### About the Canadian Airports Council (CAC)

The Canadian Airports Council, a division of Airports Council International-North America, is the voice for Canada's airports community. The CAC's 48 members represent more than 100 airports, including all of the privately operated National Airports System (NAS) airports and many municipal airports across Canada. CAC members handle virtually all of the nation's air cargo and international passenger traffic, and 95% of domestic passenger traffic.

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