




COMOX
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YQQ

*Spring
Volunteer
Newsletter*

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms on a dark brown branch. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing vibrant pink stamens. The background is a clear, bright blue sky, with some blurred blossoms in the upper right corner. The overall mood is fresh and hopeful.

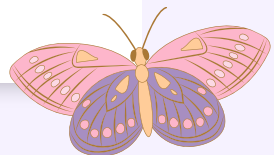
"Spring: a lovely
reminder of how
beautiful change
can truly be." –

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Farewell and Best Wishes

Sandi Nowik
on your Retirement!
Thanks for 15 years of Service
We wish you all the best!



Comox Valley Airport Closes 2025 with Busiest Year to Date

The Comox Valley Airport (YQQ) has closed 2025 with the busiest year in terminal history, welcoming 449,849 passengers over the calendar year and setting a new all-time annual record.

Passenger volumes in 2025 increased 11.7% compared to 2024, surpassing the airport's previous record of 420,811 passengers set in 2018 by more than 29,000 travellers. The milestone reflects sustained demand for air travel in the Comox Valley and across northern Vancouver Island.

The record performance was driven by strong summer travel demand, expanded seasonal service, and continued community support for direct nonstop routes. Throughout 2025, the airport experienced eight record-breaking months, reinforcing YQQ's role as a key regional transportation hub and gateway to Vancouver Island.

See entire news release at

<https://www.comoxairport.com/january-21-2026>

What's happening...



Direct Service to Toronto International Airport, every Friday at 12:45pm all summer long.

From June 19th to September 4th 2026, we are excited to announce our direct service to Toronto is returning. This route offers travelers the perfect opportunity to enjoy a full weekend getaway, with convenient arrival times that allow you to make the most of your time in Toronto.



Comfort Pet Program

Launched February 2026 - Wednesdays at 10am

Y-Q-Cuties: Comfort Pets at YQQ

Travel can be exciting — and sometimes a little overwhelming. That's where Y-Q-Cuties comes in.

Y-Q-Cuties is Comox Valley Airport's comfort pet program, bringing trained dog-and-handler teams into the terminal to offer calm, friendly companionship to travelers. Whether you're feeling anxious about flying, saying goodbye, or simply could use a smile, our four-legged ambassadors are here to help make your airport experience a little brighter.

Delivered in partnership with Freedom Paws Canada, the program features dogs and handlers who are specially trained to work in public environments and provide positive, stress-reducing interactions. You may see Y-Q-Cuties teams circulating throughout the terminal, clearly identified and happy to say hello. Participation is always optional, and visits take place periodically throughout the year. If you see a Y-Q-Cuties team during your time at YQQ, feel free to stop by — a friendly wag or gentle pat might be the perfect way to start your journey.

For more information please visit the website at:

<https://www.comoxairport.com/comfort-pet-program>

Save the Date

Volunteer Golf and Lunch

Wednesday June 24 - noon
more details to follow

Airport Workers Day

BBQ Lunch
Tuesday June 25
more details to follow

We are looking forward to a busy summer season. Thanks so much for your continued support.

We appreciate all you do!