

YXS Welcomes Boeing 747

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Southern Air cargo jet heads to the refuelling apron
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Prince George, B.C. – The Prince George Airport has entered a new era.

This morning, just after 8:00, a Boeing 747 landed for a tech stop. The flight is on its way to Caracas Venezuela carrying textiles and computers from China and Japan.

This is the first cargo flight to land at YXS for refueling, and Airport Management is hopeful it will lead the way for other flights to follow suit.

The \$36 million dollars spent on lengthening of the runway and the development of the refueling pad, were all done to lead to this day, when the big cargo jets could land, change crews fuel up and carry on their way.

As the Jet landed, Northern Development Initiatives Trust Board Chair Bruce Sutherland screamed out an enthusiastic YES! while the crowd broke out a cheer and applause.

The Captain of the Southern Air flight, Eric Snyder says the runway is beautiful and everyone around very professional. He said he hoped this would be the first of many stops for his airline.

The flight didn't come straight to Prince George from Asia. Seems the folks in Anchorage, where they would normally refuel, had an issue about the planned stop in Prince George and then there was the agreement between Venezuela and the carrier which requires the carrier to make a stop in the U.S. before arriving in Venezuela. The plan was to land in P.G., then fly to Miami, then to Venezuela, but that was switched to Anchorage where the crew picked up enough fuel to get to Prince George, the next leg of the flight is a nine hour trip straight to Venezuela.

The arrival of the big jet was enjoyed by many in the City who watched the oversized jet fly over the bowl area of the city, and there were more than 50 vehicles lining the roadsides around the airport to witness the arrival.

The crew of the flight accepted gifts from the City, the airport and the province, and invited people to go on board the 747 to take a look at the jet.

The fresh crew, which took off just after ten this morning, had been waiting in Prince George three days for their plane to arrive.