



Ontario: Toronto Island Airport Expansion

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Porter Airlines announced on April 27, 2009, that it will invest over C\$45 million in its new 150,000 square foot passenger terminal facility at the Toronto City Centre Airport. The first phase of the terminal – which includes passenger facilities, aircraft gates, and office space – is scheduled to be completed by November 2009. The remainder of the expansion is projected to be completed by spring 2010. The entire project will include 10 bridged aircraft gates, U.S. and Canadian customs stations, two modern passenger lounges, car-rental kiosks, retail outlets, and food purveyors. All new passenger facilities will include Porter's standard amenities, including: business centers, lounge-style seating, beverage services, and Wi-Fi equipped infrastructure.

The airline's C\$45 million investment will provide 300 immediate infrastructure jobs and add an additional 400 employees to Porter's current staff. In conjunction with its current facility expansion, Porter Airlines plans to double their current fleet of 8 Bombardier Q400 aircraft. Porter currently offers non-stop service to Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Halifax, Thunder Bay (effective June 09), New York (Newark), and Chicago (Midway). Porter is also seeking to expand its routes to include Washington, Boston, and Philadelphia.

Over one million passengers are projected to use the airline by 2010. Porter Airlines, Toronto Island's only passenger aircraft carrier transports incoming visitors within minutes of Toronto's downtown core. Specifically, Porter provides passengers with quick access to the city's business center with its quick ferry service bringing travelers within four kilometers of the city's entertainment and financial districts, the CN Tower, Eaton Centre, Queen's Park, City Hall, etc.

Architect Scott Associates Inc. has been awarded the design, while the Maple Reinders Group has been contracted to construct the terminal expansion. Interested U.S. companies may avail themselves of further information by visiting the websites of Porter Airlines and the contracting firms below.

Porter Airlines: www.flyporter.com
Scott Associates Architects Inc.: www.saai.ca
The Maple Reinders Group: www.maple.ca

Sources

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