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Airport has new runway monitoring

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The Red Deer Airport has implemented a new system to monitor and report on runway conditions.

The airport said Monday that it's adopted a WinterOps system that helps generate surface condition reports and transmit them wirelessly.

"The system allows our airfield personal to actually see what is happening with the surface conditions in real time so they can make critical decisions regarding surface maintenance requirements" said RJ Steenstra, the airport's CEO.

The reports include information about pavement conditions, temperature and snow accumulation.

"This system is improving our ability to communicate the status of our airport to the aviation community," said Steenstra.

With 51,000 aircraft movements last year, the Red Deer Airport is among the busiest regional airports in Canada. Its services include scheduled passenger flights through Northwestern Airlines to Kelowna, Abbotsford and Fort McMurray.