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## Northwestern Air Lease to add flights to Grande Prairie

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Northwestern Air Lease is introducing scheduled passenger service from the Red Deer Airport to Grande Prairie, beginning Dec. 1.

The Fort Smith, N.W.T. company, which currently flies between Red Deer and Fort McMurray four days a week, and between Red Deer and Kelowna five days a week, plans to provide non-stop service to Grande Prairie and back on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

“Adding another link within the province is great business news for both the Grande Prairie and Red Deer regions,” said RJ Steenstra, CEO of the Red Deer Airport Authority. “With the strong business connections that exist, this is an important route expansion for our region and it gives Central Albertans a more convenient travel option.”

Northwestern Air’s new flights to Grande Prairie will leave the Red Deer Airport at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Grande Prairie at 8:45 a.m. The return trip will depart from Grande Prairie 9:30 a.m. and land back at Red Deer at 10:45 a.m.

The introductory price for the service, which will be in effect until Dec. 31, is \$195 one way, plus taxes and fees.

Northwestern Air offered scheduled passenger air service at the Red Deer Airport from December 2006 until July 2010. It resumed scheduled service in April 2012.

“We have a long and very successful partnership with the Red Deer Airport Authority and the surrounding communities and we are excited to see our offering from the airport continue to grow” said Ty Roberts, Northwestern Air’s general manager.