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New lookout for plane spotters
ADM opens Jacques-de-Lesseps Park

Dorval, May 25, 2012 – This morning, Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) officially opened its brand-new Jacques-de-Lesseps Park, a green space designed especially to provide aviation enthusiasts with one of the best possible vantage points of the runways of Montréal–Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport. ADM employees, along with representatives of the Airport Watch association, the City of Dorval and Bell, proud partner of the park, joined Christiane Beaulieu, ADM’s Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications, to mark the occasion.

“Aéroports de Montréal is pleased to offer plane-spotters a quality observation park to commemorate the airport’s 70th anniversary,” Ms. Beaulieu said.

The park is named in honour of Jacques de Lesseps, a French aviation pioneer who in 1910 became the first pilot to fly over the city of Montréal aboard his Blériot XI.

Rick Seifeddine, Bell’s Senior Vice-President, Brand Strategy, said: “Bell is an important ADM partner and we are proud of our contribution to the creation of Jacques-de-Lesseps Park. Plane-spotters now have a superb location for observing operations on the runways of Montréal–Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport and we salute ADM’s initiative in creating the first park of its kind in Canada.”

Located on ADM-owned land at the intersection of Halpern and Jenkins streets facing runways 24-L and 06-R, the park was developed in co-operation with the Airport Watch association and thanks to a contribution from Bell.

Dorval airport, as it was then known, officially opened its runways in 1941 on the site of a former horse racing track acquired by the Government of Canada. Today, Montréal–Trudeau airport welcomes more than 13 million passengers a year and serves some 130 destinations non-stop. The facilities have been managed by ADM since 1992.

ADM is the local airport authority responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs 625 people at both airports and at head office. ADM has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000 and BOMA BEST certified since 2008.

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