

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

**MONTRÉAL–TRUDEAU TURNS 70:
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT IN *LA PRESSE* AND *THE GAZETTE***

Montréal August 31st, 2011 – Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport will celebrate its 70th anniversary tomorrow. On September 1, 1941, “Dorval airport” officially opened on the site of a former racetrack acquired by the Government of Canada.

“The 70th anniversary of Montréal–Trudeau is an excellent opportunity to recall the important role played by the airport over the years and its contribution to the community,” said James Cherry, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aéroports de Montréal (ADM).

To commemorate the creation of the airport 70 years ago, ADM will publish a special supplement in *La Presse* and *The Gazette* next Saturday and will soon display a retrospective exhibition in the transborder (United States) departures hall. More information can be found on the website admtl.com.

Built primarily for military purposes, the airport was used to train pilots from Commonwealth countries and to dispatch military aircraft in support of the war effort. In fact, nearly 10,000 military aircraft were delivered to Great Britain via Dorval.

After the war, Dorval airport was fully dedicated to civil aviation, which was then experiencing rapid growth. In 1945, the airport was already served by four airlines carrying approximately 500 passengers per day. By 1955, Dorval had become the largest Canadian airport with one million passengers a year.

Today, the airport is an indispensable infrastructure for business, trade and tourism, welcoming 13 million passengers annually and serving some 130 destinations non-stop.

Aéroports de Montréal 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 600 people at the two airports.

For more information about Aéroports de Montréal and its activities, visit our website at www.admtl.com.

-30-

Source: Christiane Beaulieu
Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communications