

Businesses and residents alike were celebrating after a resounding "yes" vote in the Comox Airport referendum.

More than 16,000 people voted - 86 per cent of them saying yes to the regional district lending the Comox Valley Airport Commission \$4.1 Million to build a new airport terminal. The airport commission expects to award the contract in mid-May, and start construction as soon as possible. The new airport is slated for completion in March 2004.

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WestJet will add daily direct Comox-Edmonton flights starting June 15. The airline will offer one non-stop flight to Edmonton each business day as well as one on Sunday, in addition to regularly-scheduled direct flights to Calgary, WestJet communications director Siobhan Vinish says.



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## Comox Valley says resounding 'Yes!' to Airport expansion plans

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Fred Jeffery of Lucid Records is expanding - to Nanaimo. Jeffery owns the urban style music and clothing store on Fifth Street in downtown Courtenay. He brought in Vancouver dj Dana D and representatives from the Nordic Trax record label to the Courtenay store on Feb. 21 to help celebrate his success.

Nanaimo can check out Lucid Records in its downtown core starting in March.

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The Collingwood Best Western Inn may have disappeared from the corner of 17th Street and Cliffe Avenue to make way for a new mega Safeway store and strip mall, but part of it will live on - this time as a home.

A certain husband and wife realty team purchased the Heritage Restaurant building, which stood apart from the Collingwood, and have moved it to Fanny Bay. The couple plans to restore the old Heritage, which started out as a house, to its original state.

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TD Waterhouse Investment Advice recently welcomed three new members to its fold; President Peter Lee announced the appointment of Bob Campbell, Tom Hedican and Denise Wills, three veterans of the financial services industry.

Prior to joining TD Waterhouse this trio was well established at another Comox Valley investment firm. TD Waterhouse is located on Fitzgerald Avenue in Courtenay.

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Pateman Novecosky has hired another chartered accountant with strong ties to the Comox Valley. Lené Wilson comes to Pateman

Novecosky from Ernst & Young LLP in Vancouver, where she articulated after attending UBC and BCIT. She received her Chartered Accountant designation in 2002.

Wilson is working with Pateman Novecosky's audit and small business section, as well as its personal and corporate tax practice. Wilson is the daughter of longtime Valley residents Joan and John Wilson.

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Uptown Yarns, on Fifth Street in Courtenay, is celebrating its third anniversary.

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Could a call centre be coming to the Comox Valley?

The soon-to-be-empty Safeway store on Eighth St. in Courtenay is rumored to be a favorite spot for a call centre. Whether or not someone moves in there depends on what Safeway decides to do once its new mega-store is open at the corner of 17th St. and Cliffe Ave.

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