

1960

1960 - The terminal building at Halifax International Airport officially opens on September 10 and Trans-Canada Airways operates the first official flight.

1961 - In February, the world's oldest operating airline (Royal Dutch Airlines) announces it will open an office in Halifax.

1961 - In October, construction begins on a hangar and an office building for Granair Limited.

1963 - Air Canada Maintenance officially opens its hangar facilities on May 25.

1969 - In July, the Airport's first Duty Free shop opens.

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1976 - In November, the airport's first major construction project – a second level passenger facility expansion – is complete, adding 54,000 square feet of floor space, increasing its total size to 290,000 square feet (it's over 721,000 square feet today). This was also around the time the observation deck was removed for security reasons.

1977 - Eastern Provincial Airways completes construction of their Flight Operations, Training and Cargo Facility.

1977 - In April, IMP Aviation Services opens its service centre.

1977 - The Information Desk is established at the airport.

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1984 - The NSLC airport store opens on December 3.

1985 - With the deregulation of the aviation industry, airline activities shift to a hub and spoke system. Halifax International Airport is no longer just Nova Scotia's airport; it is now the aviation hub for Atlantic Canada.

1985 - The airport chapel opens on May 22.

1985 - Air Canada Cargo hangar opens in July.

1986 - In July, Air Nova was established with two DHC Dash 8-100 aircraft flying to five destinations in Atlantic Canada. Air Canada Jazz today have 16 aircraft operating to 80 destinations across North America.

1987 - In August, Janet Shrieves takes over as airport manager, making her the first female manager of an International airport in Canada.

1989 - Installation of a new elevator for the disabled took place in June. The elevator met Transport Canada standards for the visually impaired.

1989 - In July, "Boz" the airport's first police service dog joins the team.

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1990 - Air Nova opens their \$5 million Maintenance and Repair facility in October.

1990 - In October, an airport recycling program is put into place.

1991 - The \$2.5 million North-End hold room opens on November 25.

1991 - In January, thousands of people crowd into the airport when DND utilizes the airport for the movement of troops in and out of the Gulf.

1994 - The south end of the terminal building expands in December to add an additional 4,300 square feet.

1994 - In July, the federal government announces its National Airports Policy, which calls for the commercialization of all major federal Canadian airports.

1995 - On December 18, negotiations begin to transfer the Halifax International Airport operations from the federal government to a local airport authority.

1998 - Air Terminal Building goes smoke free on January 1.

1998 - NAVCANADA's new control tower opens on June 10.

1998 - On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 goes down off the shore of Peggy's Cove resulting in 229 fatalities.

1998 - In the fall, the passenger check-in area is significantly expanded.

1998 - Tim Hortons opens on Bell Boulevard on December 21.

1999 - Transport Minister David Collenette officially opens the South Ticket Counter expansion on January 12.

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2000 - On February 1, Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) takes over the operational and managerial control of the Halifax International Airport from the federal government.

2000 - In October, HIAA announces a \$110 million multi-year airport improvement program that includes a new international arrivals area, a renovated domestic arrivals area, an expanded main lobby retail area, and a new airside subdivision.

2000 - The Volunteer Host Program is launched in October with 23 tartan-vested to provide assistance and extend a warm and friendly welcome to airport visitors. The program now boasts over 100 volunteers.

2000 - In October, HIAA wins ACI-NA Environmental Award for its falconry program.

2001 - On September 11, 40 airplanes carrying roughly 8,000 passengers are diverted to Halifax International Airport as North American airspace closes for the first time in its history.

2001 - The new international arrivals area opens in December.

2002

2002 - In March, Air Canada's four regional airlines re-brand to become Air Canada Jazz.

2002 - In July, CHC Helicopters International leases the first lot in the airport authority's airside subdivision and constructs a \$3.5 million, 32,500 square foot helicopter facility to serve Nova Scotia's offshore industry.

2002- In December, the new domestic arrivals area opens.

2002 - Halifax International Airport rates number one in the world in the Service Delivery category of airports servicing 15 million passengers or less, according to the International Air Transport Association Global Airport Monitor.

2003

2003 - In June, history repeats itself as a public observation deck opens to the public for the first time in over 25 years.

2003 - On September 29, Hurricane Juan descends on Halifax. The winds are so strong they hoist a Boeing 727 cargo plane into the air, twirl it around and plunk it back down in the opposite direction.

2003 - In November, the main lobby retail expansion officially opens.

2003 - Halifax International Airport ranks first in overall passenger satisfaction for airports worldwide with under five million passengers, according to the AETRA Customer Satisfaction Survey.

2004

2004 - In February, a winter blizzard "White Juan" severely impacts airport operations for two days.

2004 - On October 14, MK Airlines accident results in the loss of the seven crew members on board the cargo flight.

2004 - In December, President George W. Bush visits Halifax to thank Atlantic Canadians for the kindness and assistance provide to American travellers in September 2001.

2005

2005 - Park'N Fly opens in February.

2005 - In December, the air terminal building is named for Robert L. Stanfield.

2005 - Halifax International Airport lands three top-place finishes in the AETRA global airport customer satisfaction survey for the second year in a row.

2006 - In January, the new south end commuter facility opens.

2006 - U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visit Halifax and the airport to mark the fifth anniversary of September 11th.

2006 - The U.S. preclearance facility opens in October.

2006 - Halifax International Airport earns two first-place finishes in the 2006 global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.

2007

2007 - In February, the federal government renames Halifax International Airport in honour of Robert L. Stanfield.

2007 - Canada Border Services Agency introduces 24/7 coverage in April.

2007 - In September, HIAA announces details of its \$82 Groundside Redevelopment Program.

2007 - Free wireless internet service becomes available in September.

2007 - Halifax Stanfield International Airport earns three first-place finishes in the 2007 global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.

2008

2008 - Longstanding Airport Authority board member and former Chair of the Board Bernard F. Miller is honoured with the dedication of the terminal building south rotunda.

2008 - Natural gas begins flowing at the airport in September.

2008 - The airport sets a new record of 3.5 million passengers processed.

2008 - HSIA earns three first-place and one second-place finishes in the 2008 global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.

2009

2009 - The 2,300-space airport parkade opens in March.

2009 - In September, Nova Scotia's first moving sidewalks are installed in the over-road pedway between the parkade and the terminal building.

2009 - The new airport website FlyHalifax.com is launched in December.

2009 - HSIA is ranked the world's best airport for overall passenger satisfaction in its class (under five million passengers) for the seventh straight year in the 2009 global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.

2010

2010 - In June, the combined services complex opens. Gateway Facilities Inc., also officially opens its multi-tenant cargo facility.

2010 - On September 10th Halifax Stanfield International Airport celebrates its 50th anniversary.