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## **Canada Jetlines announces new deal with Stanfield International**

Canada Jetlines announced Tuesday morning that it plans to fly out of Halifax when it starts operations in 2018.

CEO Stan Gadek was at Halifax Stanfield international airport to announce the company — which plans to operate an ultra-low-cost airline — will use Halifax as its eastern operations base.

“Halifax is the leading airport of the Atlantic provinces, and we look forward to lowering the cost of air travel to and from Atlantic Canada with our ultra-low fares,” Gadek said in a release.

Halifax is the third airport with which Jetlines has reached a deal. The others are Hamilton, Ont. and Abbotsford, B.C.

“We’re delighted that Canada Jetlines has selected Halifax Stanfield as one of their first airports in the country,” Halifax International Airport Authority chief commercial officer Bert van der Stege said in the release.

“Experience has shown that the model of low-cost and low-fare travel stimulates demand and we look forward to offering passengers more travel options between Atlantic Canada, Hamilton and Abbotsford.”

Canada Jetlines plans to operate flights across Canada and provide non-stop service from Canada to the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean. The company said in the release it was granted an unprecedented exemption from the federal government that will permit it to conduct domestic air services while having up to 49 per cent foreign voting interests.

The company said it plans to operate Boeing 737-800NG aircraft with 189 coach seats. Additional services for baggage, seat selection and on-board beverages will be available for an additional charge.

Jetlines plans to start selling tickets in the spring, with flights starting in the summer, once it gets government approval.