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Atlantic Canada Airports Association appoints new Board of Directors

Halifax, NS, [July 10, 2019] – Atlantic Canada Airports Association (ACAA) recently held its Annual General Meeting in St. John’s, Newfoundland and appointed a new board of Directors.

Reg Wright, president and chief executive officer of Gander International Airport Authority, has been re-appointed president of the Atlantic Canada Airports Association.

The ACAA is an industry association that speaks on behalf of thirteen airports in the Atlantic region. Atlantic Canada Airports have been working together over the past decade to find ways to collaborate promote the region and work together to grow air access.

Joining Mr. Wright on the Executive is Vice- President Derrick Stanford, president and ceo of Saint John Airport and Treasurer, Doug Newson president and ceo of Charlottetown Airport. Rounding out the Board of Directors is; Joyce Carter, president and ceo Halifax Stanfield International Airport; Bernard LeBlanc, president and ceo Greater Moncton International Airport; Mike MacKinnon, president and ceo J.A. Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport; and Jamie Schwartz, president and ceo, Deer Lake Regional Airport.

As the president of the association, a priority for Wright will be continuing to develop stronger relationships with federal and provincial governments to support airport infrastructure improvements, especially for the smaller airports in the region. “Our airports facilitate tourism, trade and economic development and we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders to service our region.”

Wright noted, "Air travel in our region is not a luxury - it's a necessity. The good news is that air passenger and cargo traffic in Atlantic Canada has been growing. But our industry is not without challenges including; the increasing cost of federal regulations, pilot shortages and the high cost of maintaining infrastructure.”

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About the Atlantic Canada Airports Association

The ACAA represents thirteen airports in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The region’s airports handle 8-million passengers

and approximately 60,000 tonnes of cargo annually, while airport operations and related services account for 46,000 jobs and \$4.4 billion annually in economic activity.

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