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Carter appointed president of the Atlantic Canada Airports Association

Halifax, NS, [June 9th, 2016] – Joyce Carter, president and chief executive officer of Halifax International Airport Authority, has been appointed president of the Atlantic Canada Airports Association (ACAA). The ACAA is an industry association that speaks on behalf of twelve airports in the Atlantic region.

Joyce replaces Jamie Schwartz, president and CEO of the Deer Lake Regional Airport, who served for two years as the Association president. “We would like to thank Jamie for his contribution to our association,” noted executive director, Monette Pasher. “Under Jamie’s leadership we have found new ways to collaborate and work together to grow air access to the region.”

Carter oversees the operations of Halifax Stanfield International Airport. A chartered professional accountant, Carter has been actively involved in airport management since 1999.

"As the representative for Halifax Stanfield International Airport, Joyce has been active with the Atlantic Canada Airports Association for several years," says Pasher. "We're very pleased that she has taken on the role of president and we're all looking forward to her leadership and guidance."

Carter says that airports in Atlantic Canada are critical to the economic growth of communities and the provinces: "The twelve Atlantic airports in our association work together and have served almost eight million passenger in 2015. Airport operations and related services among our member airports generate some three billion dollars annually in economic activity."

As the new president of the association, a priority for Carter 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.

Carter noted, "The good news is that air passenger and cargo traffic in Atlantic Canada is growing. Our airports facilitate tourism, trade and economic development and our challenge is continuing to maintain, improve and invest in infrastructure at our airports across the region. Our airports are prepared to invest their fair share, but we need the federal government to invest more in aviation and not continue to take money out of the system. Our airports need to remain safe, secure and competitive, and in order to do that we need support and funding partnerships with federal and provincial governments."

About the Atlantic Canada Airports Association

The ACAA represents twelve 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 28,000 jobs and \$3-billion annually in economic activity.

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