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**Doug Newson appointed President of Atlantic Canada Airports Association**

Charlottetown (June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012) – Doug Newson, CEO of Charlottetown Airport Authority was elected as President of Atlantic Canada Airports Association at the Association’s Annual General Meeting held yesterday in Fredericton.

Doug Newson joined the Charlottetown Airport Authority in 2007. Under his leadership, passenger traffic at the Airport has grown by 12% to over 285,000 passengers annually. Doug has strengthened relationships with air carriers, led the development and execution of the Authority’s Strategic Business Plan, and modernized the Airport’s infrastructure capacity to meet existing demand and facilitate future growth.

Doug replaces Keith Collins, CEO of the St. John’s International Airport who served for two years as the Association’s President. “We would like to thank Keith for his contribution to our Association” noted Mr. Newson. “During his time as President there have been a number of advancements; most notable was the inclusion of \$100 million in airport infrastructure projects in the Atlantic Gateway Strategy, which seven airports in the region were able to partner with provincial and federal governments to improve our essential air transportation infrastructure and grow international passenger and cargo business.” Newson continued, “Moving forward we will continue to work together to grow passenger traffic to the region and to raise the profile of the economic importance Atlantic Canada’s airports are to our communities.”

Doug Newson is joined on the Executive by Vice-President, Gary Vey, Gander International Airport Authority, and Treasurer, David Innes, Greater Fredericton International Airport Authority, other Directors of the Board include; Tom Ruth, Halifax Stanfield International Airport, Jennifer Henry, Northern New Brunswick Airport Authority Inc., Bernard LeBlanc, Saint John Airport Authority Inc. and Goronwy Price, Goose Bay Airport Corporation.

**About the Atlantic Canada Airports Association**

The ACAA represents 14 airports in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. ACAA provides a collective voice for its member airports to undertake collaborative action on policy issues affecting our airports and communities. Member airports are significant economic generators with passenger and cargo traffic generating over \$2.6 billion into the economy annually. The regions airports move 6.9 million passenger and over 55,000 tons of cargo and account for over \$560 million in wages.

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