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Atlantic Canada's airports donate \$35,000 to Fort McMurray relief effort

Halifax (May 6, 2016) – Atlantic Canada's airports announced today a \$35,000 donation through the Canadian Red Cross in support of the Fort McMurray relief effort.

The donation was organized by the Atlantic Canada Airports Association, an industry association that represents 12 of the region's airports in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

"There's a strong bond between Atlantic Canadians, Atlantic Canada's airports and Fort McMurray," says Jamie Schwartz, president of the association and CEO of Deer Lake Regional Airport. "Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this tragedy and we're very happy that we can make this gesture in support of the fire relief effort."

"Whether it's workers rotating home for shifts or families and loved ones travelling from east to west to visit, the connection here in Atlantic Canada with Fort McMurray is huge," says Monette Pasher, executive director of the association. "This tragedy hits very close to home for many Atlantic Canadians. Hopefully our donation will help in a small way to get people's lives back together."

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About the Atlantic Canada Airports Association

The ACAA represents 12 airports in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The region's airports move 7.8 million passengers and approximately 60,000 metric tons of cargo annually and account for over 28,000 jobs in the region. Atlantic Canada's airports are significant economic generators with passenger and cargo traffic generating over \$3 billion annually into the Atlantic Canada economy.

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