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CEO of Porter Airlines speaks to Atlantic Canada's Airports in St. John's

St. John's, NL (October 1st, 2010) – The CEO's of Atlantic Canada's Airports met in St. John's, NL this week for its fall meeting to discuss common issues related to Atlantic Canada's Airports.

On the agenda is a presentation by Porter Airlines CEO, Robert Deluce, to highlight the airline's recent expansion of service in the Atlantic region and touch on their future air service development plans.

"We are delighted to welcome Bob Deluce back to St. John's," said Keith Collins, president of the Atlantic Canada Airports Association and CEO of the St. John's International Airport Authority. "Porter has had a positive impact on the Atlantic region with service at three airports including; St. John's, Halifax and Moncton. Having an additional carrier in the market has led to more airline seat capacity and has also had a positive impact on airfares, both wins for our region," added Collins.

"Our Association is pleased to be meeting in St. John's," noted Monette Connaughton, Executive Director of the Association. "The airport CEO's benefit from working together and learning from one another, and it is fitting that we are meeting in St. John's this year as the St. John's International Airport is a great example of an airport that has flourished under community ownership. Since transfer from the federal government in 1998 air passenger traffic to and from St. John's has grown by more than 80%, more than double the national average" said Connaughton. The St. John's Airport is integral to the success of Newfoundland and Labrador's capital region and indeed the entire province, as it now handles over 1.3 million passengers a year and its spending alone contributes a quarter of a billion dollars to provincial GDP annually," added Connaughton.

During the two days of meetings the airports will also be discussing the continuing need to further improve the airport business model to ensure aviation in Canada is competitive.

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 6.2 million passenger and over 55,000 tons of cargo and account for over \$560 million in wages.

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