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Media Advisory

St. John's International Airport Closes its Primary Runway

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Monday, June 1, 2015 – The St. John's International Airport Authority closed its primary runway (R11/29) as of 3:30 a.m. this morning, Monday, June 1. It will be open with reduced availability in October and open with full availability in December. The closure is to facilitate the work associated with the Airfield Accessibility and Safety Initiative, and the implementation of a Category III Instrument Landing System by NAV CANADA.

The Airfield Accessibility and Safety Initiative is a \$37.3 million project that is cost shared between the Airport Authority, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada, through Canada's Gateways and Border Crossings Fund in support of the Atlantic Gateway and Trade Corridor Strategy. Further information about the project can be found at http://stjohnsairport.com/expansion-vyt/.

St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit organization with the mandate to provide the region with a safe, cost-efficient transportation facility that is a catalyst for economic growth. Under the provisions of a long-term Ground Lease with the Federal Government of Canada, the Airport Authority is responsible for the airport's operations on behalf of the community it serves.

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