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Negotiations between Airport Authority and its Employees Continue

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Friday, September 7, 2012 – St. John's International Airport Authority has been informed that the Public Service of Canada (PSAC) Local 90916, the union representing Airport Authority maintenance employees, firefighters, snow plow operators and administrative personnel, has received a strike mandate from its members. The Airport Authority has not, however, received a 72 hour strike notice and until that notice is received, the union is not in a legal position to strike.

St. John's International Airport Authority and PSAC have been negotiating a new collective agreement over the last year and negotiations have previously been scheduled for this weekend.

“The Airport Authority is committed to negotiating a new collective agreement that achieves the best balance between the rights and interests of its employees and the Authority's responsibility to affordably manage the organization's future,” said Keith Collins, President and CEO of St. John's International Airport Authority. “With negotiations continuing throughout the weekend, we remain hopeful that a tentative agreement can be reached.”

Airports are considered essential services. In the event of a strike, the Airport Authority's management team will be focused on maintaining Airport operations as close to normal as possible, with the assistance of the unionized employees who are required to provide essential services. Personnel will be in place to meet all Transport Canada regulations for safety and security. Airline operations will not be impacted by this strike and it is anticipated that there will be minimal disruption to passenger travel.

The Airport Authority is committed to keeping the public informed as developments warrant.

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.