



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority

News Release

St. John's International Airport Authority Celebrates 75 Years

75 Years. Countless stories to share.

St. John's, NL, Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – St. John's International Airport Authority launched its 75th anniversary of commercial airline operations today with a campaign and contest that encourages people to share their stories about traveling through the Airport over the last 75 years, and what the Airport means to them.

Formerly known as Torbay Airport, St. John's International Airport was constructed during World War II as an airfield defense facility. It was jointly used by the RCAF, Royal Air Force (RAF) and the United States Army Air Corps until December 1946. In May 1942, Trans-Canada Airlines (now Air Canada) began commercial operations to and from mainland Canada via Sydney, NS and Gander, NL using a Lockheed Lodestar aircraft. Since that time, St. John's International Airport has grown to one of the largest airports in Canada and is the premier transportation gateway to and from the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

To celebrate and recognize this milestone, the Airport Authority has launched a website dedicated to the 75th anniversary that will allow people to upload videos, pictures and/or text, and to share their stories through social media. At the end of the 8-week campaign, a random draw will be made from all participants for a set of 2 tickets to anywhere in North America that Air Canada flies.

“Every year people meet their grandkids and grandparents for the first time, get engaged, and even get married at our Airport. Adventures begin and end here, and the Airport is a big part of those memories. This campaign is designed to allow people to share their stories and to relive some of those memorable moments,” said Marie Manning, Director of Marketing and Business Development.

For more details on the contest, visit yyt75.com

For more information about the Airport's 75-year history, visit: stjohnsairport.com/about/corporate-information/history/

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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