



ST. JOHN'S
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Keith Collins Named One of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Thursday, May 17, 2017 – Keith Collins, President and CEO of the St. John's International Airport Authority, was named one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs by Atlantic Business Magazine's gala awards ceremony last night in St. John's.

Keith Collins has been President and CEO of St. John's International Airport Authority since 2005 and under his leadership, the Airport has experienced a 45 per cent growth in annual passenger volumes and has added new airlines offering air service to more destinations. Keith has been integral to the development of a long-term vision for the Airport and has effectively managed current growth while also planning for future growth, including the development and implementation of a significantly-sized capital program. The more than \$200 million Infrastructure Improvement and Expansion Program has resulted in the increase in the reliability of airfield operations to 99 per cent during low visibility conditions. After its first full year of operations, less than 50 flights were impacted by low visibility conditions as a result of the new Category III Instrument Landing System compared to an average of 1000 flights that would otherwise be delayed, diverted or cancelled. In addition, the Airport Terminal Building is presently under construction and will result in it doubling in size by 2021.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I congratulate Keith on being awarded a Top 50 CEO in Atlantic Canada. The Airport Authority and the broader community has benefitted significantly under his leadership, and we thank him for his passion and determination in creating an Airport that enhances our community's economic and social well-being," said Art Cheeseman, Chair of the Board of Directors for the St. John's International Airport Authority.

The Top 50 CEOs awards intend to give a worthy individual the recognition he/she deserves as well as to use their example to inspire other companies and business leaders to achieve similar success. Nominations are submitted by Atlantic Business Magazine readers, and nominees are judged according to their corporate, community and industry involvement; their company's growth in recent years; and, their responses to various managerial challenges.

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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