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**St. John's International Airport Authority Celebrates 75 years
with YYT75: Open Doors Event**

St. John's, NL, Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – St. John's International Airport Authority is celebrating its 75th anniversary of commercial aircraft operations this year with an upcoming community event - YYT75: Open Doors.

The free event will take place on Saturday, September 9th, between 11am and 3pm and includes a static display of aircraft, food trucks, bouncy castles and other fun family-friendly activities.

"We are delighted to host this event and celebrate such an incredible milestone with our community," said Keith Collins, CEO of the St. John's International Airport Authority. "It's an exciting time for the Airport as we commemorate our history and look forward to our expansion."

In lieu of an entrance fee, the Airport Authority is encouraging attendees to donate to the Canadian Red Cross, who will be on site for the event. All excess proceeds from this event will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross.

"We're grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors, including our Platinum sponsor, SNC-Lavalin," added Collins. "Without it, this event would not be made possible."

A bus pick-up and drop-off service will be available at Confederation Building and guests **must avail** of this service in order to gain entrance to the event. No parking or walk-ins will be allowed on-site.

This event is a continuation of the YYT75 campaign that began last month when the Airport Authority launched the website, yyt75.com, and contest dedicated to the 75th anniversary. Since the launch, hundreds of people have been sharing their Airport stories for a chance to win a set of 2 tickets to anywhere in North America that Air Canada flies.

For more information, please visit the event Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/StJohnsInternationalAirport/events/ or the St. John's International Airport website at www.stjohnsairport.com.

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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