



**ST. JOHN'S**  
*International Airport Authority*

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## **Media Statement**

**For Thursday, July 16, 2015**

St. John's International Airport experienced a number of flight disruptions over the past 24 hours due to a combination of weather and reduced capability on the runway as a result of ongoing construction. From 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 15 to the morning of Thursday, July 16, a total of 35 arriving flights and their subsequent departures were cancelled.

Throughout the 24 hours the visibility had fluctuated around operating minima. Despite the weather forecast indicating low visibility throughout last evening, conditions did improve. Unfortunately airlines had already made the decision to cancel flights based on the predicated forecast. Airlines are concentrating on recovery operations today and weather forecast shows conditions favourable for flight operations for the rest of the day today leading into tomorrow.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, runway construction work focused on the area that intersects both the primary and secondary runways, resulting in a reduced runway length of 6,000 feet for the secondary runway. This work is on schedule for completion next week. The runway requires a ceiling height of 500 feet and a forward visibility of over one mile is required for flight operations during this construction phase.

Further information about the runway construction can be found on the Airport Authority's website (<http://stjohnsairport.com/expansion-yyt/>) including a link to a video (<http://bit.ly/1JzTucm>) that outlines the work associated with the Accessibility and Safety Initiative.

Check with your airlines for flight status updates.

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