



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority

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Media Statement

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St. John's International Airport Authority reopened its secondary runway this morning to its full length of 7000 feet following the completion of construction in the area of the intersection between the primary and secondary runways. The reopening of this runway to full length restores full capability of the Category I Instrument Landing system (Cat 1 ILS) on Runway 16 and improves aircraft landing capability during low visibility conditions.

Unprecedented weather conditions for July coupled with runway construction has had an impact on flight operations this month. Since 10:30pm last night, however, most flights were unable to arrive due to visibility conditions that were well below the minimum requirements for safe flight operations, even if all runways were open with full capability. Once the secondary runway was reopened with Cat 1 ILS capability this morning, flights began arriving. Weather conditions and visibility for the rest of the day are expected to fluctuate around the minimum operating limits for flight operations, therefore impacting flight operations. Passengers are advised to check with their airline for flight status.

When the construction project is complete and the Category III Instrument Landing System is installed and operational in 2016, the airfield will be capable of flight operations when visibility conditions are very low (no ceiling height required and 600 feet of forward visibility). Weather conditions over the past two weeks is a testament to the need for such a system, and this three year construction project will result in a long-term solution to the unfortunately common travel disruptions at St. John's International Airport due to foggy weather.

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.

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