



Media Statement – Update

National Airlines aircraft released following receipt of all owed payments

For Monday, October 31, 2016

St. John's International Airport Authority is now in receipt of full payment for all outstanding invoices owed by National Airlines, and the aircraft is now being released to the airline.

National Airlines Boeing 757 aircraft was prevented from departing St. John's International Airport on Friday, October 28, 2016 under a court order from the Supreme Court of NL due to substantial arrears in payments owing to St. John's International Airport Authority. The aircraft arrived at approximately 4:30pm on Friday and was scheduled to depart St. John's International Airport at 5:45pm that evening, but was not released for service pending payment of outstanding invoices.

St. John's International Airport Authority exhausted all avenues to collect these payments prior to obtaining this court order. While this action was necessary, the Airport Authority understands and appreciates the impact it may have had on passengers who planned to travel on this flight on Friday.

National Airlines advised the Airport Authority that all passengers who were scheduled to fly on Friday have been protected through either a rebooking on other airlines or through receipt of a full refund.

National Airlines began passenger airline operations at St. John's International Airport in January 2016 with direct airline service to Sanford Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida on a weekly basis. National Airlines had already planned to cease all operations on January 6, 2017, with blackout periods scheduled for much of November and December prior to this event occurring on Friday. It is uncertain at this time if the last planned flight for the month that is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2016 will operate.

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