



## For Immediate Release News Release

## St. John's International Airport Welcomes North Atlantic Retail Services

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017, St. John's, NL** – St. John's International Airport Authority and North Atlantic announced today that North Atlantic is constructing a gas bar, Orangestore, Tim Horton's drive thru, and a quick service restaurant near the entrance to St. John's International Airport. This new facility will offer a convenient and efficient option to purchase gasoline and grab-and-go convenience items to passengers, employees, airport service providers, and neighbouring residents. The facility is scheduled to open in early 2018.

"We are delighted to welcome North Atlantic to our airport community, and to enhance the service offerings available at our Airport. North Atlantic represents a strong, award-winning local brand with a track record for growth. We look forward to a positive, long-term working relationship with this newest airport partner," said Keith Collins, President and CEO of St. John's International Airport Authority.

North Atlantic was selected as the developer of this facility following a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that was issued by the Airport Authority in July 2016. Under a long-term land lease agreement with the Airport Authority, North Atlantic will build and operate the facility on approximately 0.3 hectares of land adjacent to the Cell Phone Waiting Lot and opposite the Holiday Inn Express hotel near World Parkway. This new facility will add services that are currently unavailable at or near the Airport.

"North Atlantic is very excited to be partnering with the St. John's International Airport Authority on this development. We have been impressed with the investments in technology and infrastructure, as well as the overall improvements made by the Airport Authority in recent years," said David Button, CEO of North Atlantic. "Together with the Airport Authority, we look forward to creating an exceptional airport experience at Newfoundland and Labrador's premier gateway by providing travelers, rental car customers, employees, neighboring residents, and greeters with a first-class retail development," said Button.

The development of the North Atlantic retail outlet comes as one of many new land developments in the area over the last few years that support the growth in aviation activity and provide new services to the airport community. These include a new passenger terminal facility constructed by Cougar Helicopters; a Holiday Inn Express Hotel, the first on-site Airport hotel at St. John's International Airport; and a service centre for Avis/Budget Rental Cars.

In addition to the construction currently being undertaken by North Atlantic, CargoJet is constructing a new cross-dock cargo facility; a second hotel, a Best Western Plus hotel, is under construction and is expected to be open by the end of 2017; and a new and larger capacity jet fuel tank farm is being constructed by a consortium of airlines.



**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. For more information about the St. John's International Airport Authority, visit <a href="https://www.stjohnsairport.com">www.stjohnsairport.com</a>.

**North Atlantic** is a fuel marketing and distribution company based in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. It supplies over one billion liters of gasoline, diesel, propane, heating oil, jet fuel, lubricants, and other petroleum products annually to motorists, homeowners, businesses, schools, hospitals, offshore oil rigs, commercial shipping and fishing vessels, airlines, and wholesale customers throughout the province. Its products are refined right here on the island, and together with the refinery, it employs approximately 1,000 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians across its network. For more information about North Atlantic, visit <a href="https://www.northatlantic.ca">www.northatlantic.ca</a>.

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