



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority

News Release

St. John's International Airport Celebrates the Completion of the First Phase of its Expanded Terminal Building

First phase of expansion focuses on Departures Area, and was completed on time and on budget

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – St. John's International Airport Authority celebrated the completion of the first phase of its Terminal Building Expansion with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting event today, attended by community leaders, leaders within the Canadian airport and aviation industries, and the local airport community. The total investment in this phase of the Terminal Building expansion is \$72.7 million, and was completed on time and on budget.

“We are delighted to open this newly expanded Departures area that will significantly enhance the experience of passengers at our Airport, and will offer our airport partners and their employees greater space in which to operate efficiently and effectively,” said Keith Collins, President and CEO of St. John's International Airport Authority. “While we are very pleased with the final product, we are equally proud that we have successfully completed this project both on time and on budget.”

Construction on the Terminal Building expansion commenced in late 2014 to address the significant capacity constraints as a result of passenger volumes exceeding the design capacity of the building. The original building was designed to accommodate an annual capacity of 900,000 passengers. Since its initial opening in 2002, the annual passenger volume at the Airport has grown to exceed 1.5 million passengers, resulting in a building with many operational constraints and limited services. This first phase of its expansion has added 145,000 square feet to the Departures area of the Terminal Building, featuring the following:

- 40% more check-in space;
- four times more pre-board screening space with a designated Nexus line and special needs/family line (relocated to level 1 adjacent to check-in area);
- double the number of washrooms in the Departures Lounge
- triple the seating capacity in the Departures Lounge;

- increased charging locations in the waiting area;
- a new children’s play area and an adjacent nursing mother’s area;
- three new gate positions, all capable of handling jet aircraft; and
- a brand new Concessions Program, including a mix of strong local and national brands.

Construction on the second and final phase of the expansion will commence in 2019, adding approximately 100,000 square feet to the Arrivals Area that will address capacity constraints associated with the arrivals process. When the expansion project is complete in 2022, the Airport Terminal Building will be more than double its existing size at 420,000 square feet, and will be capable of handling approximately two million passengers per year.

“I would like to thank all of those who worked on this project, including Peter Avery, our Director of Infrastructure and Planning, who led this project from the beginning; John Hearn Architects Inc.; SNC Lavalin; Colliers Project Leaders; Marco Group; and all employees at the St. John’s International Airport Authority. Without their hard work and dedication, none of this would have been possible,” said Collins. “ I would also like to thank our stakeholders for their continued support throughout the expansion process, and the new concessionaires who came on board to provide the new services and amenities soon to be available at our Airport.”

The expanded Departures Area of the Terminal Building opens for business tomorrow, July 12, 2018. Passengers departing on the first flights of the day will access the Departures Lounge through the new pre-board screening area. This new screening area is accessible from the first floor, adjacent to the check-in counters.

Further information about the expansion plans can be found at <http://stjohnsairport.com/expansion-yyt/>.



St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit, non-share 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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