

# News Release



## **St. John's International Airport Authority Announces Retirement of CEO Peter Avery**

**St. John's, August 1, 2022** The St. John's International Airport Authority's Board of Directors announced today that Peter Avery, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will retire following an esteemed 17 year career with the organization.

*"Peter's steady hand at the helm of this organization led us through challenges that we never could have imagined. His leadership is a balance of structure and reason, topped with a dose of humor, which has served the organization extremely well,"* said Tom Williams, Chair of the Board of Directors. *"Peter has had to drive tough decisions during the pandemic, but he is retiring with strong signs of recovery for the organization. He will retire on the heels of new and returning airlines, substantial airfield rehabilitation work and a team of employees that have been relentless in their loyalty and hard work throughout his tenure. We wish him every happiness in his retirement."*

Peter is a Professional Engineer and has been instrumental in the Airport's significant transformation through many exciting years of growth. Under his leadership the Airport was led through what was likely the most challenging period in the organization's history. Peter was formerly the Director of Infrastructure and Planning for 14 years before becoming CEO in 2019. As Director of Infrastructure and Planning, Peter led many projects but most notable was the first phase of the Airport Terminal Building expansion which almost doubled the original footprint and was completed in 2018. He also led the installation of a Category 3 Instrument Landing System which was completed in 2016. This project has profoundly positive impacts on the safety and reliability of our Airport which essentially eliminated the impact of low visibility on aircraft operations. Peter has truly touched every corner of the Airport property during his career and the airport will reap the benefits of his contribution for years to come.

*"I am extremely proud and grateful to have spent over half my professional career with such an amazing organization that provides such a pivotal function to our province and its people,"* remarked Peter Avery, CEO. *"I retire with such a profound sense of happiness for what our team has accomplished. My wife and I consider ourselves very lucky to both, simultaneously, embark upon retirement and this next chapter spent together with our family."*

The Board of Directors will now begin the search process for a new CEO.

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## About the St. John's International Airport Authority

The **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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