

**News Release**  
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**YYT Announces Continued Non-Stop Service to Hamilton, Ontario with WestJet**

ST. JOHN'S, NL – The St. John's International Airport Authority is pleased to announce the continuation of non-stop service to the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (YHM). This route, now operated by WestJet, was originally serviced by Swoop which integrated its operations into the WestJet Group in Fall 2023. Service begins May 17, 2024, and flies up to five times weekly until October 14, 2024.

“We are delighted that WestJet is continuing non-stop service to Hamilton,” said Dennis Hogan, Chief Executive Officer of the St. John's International Airport Authority. “This route offers enhanced access to Ontario, which is our largest Canadian market, and echoes the positive response from travellers. We thank WestJet for seeing the potential in this route, and look forward to continuing our partnership.”

“We recognize the importance of the return of WestJet's service between St. John's and Hamilton and are sincerely grateful for the overwhelming support and advocacy from the community,” said Andrew Gibbons, Vice President of External Affairs with WestJet. “We heard loud and clear how critical connectivity from Ontario is for the region and we look forward to strengthening the connection between these two vibrant provinces.”

“WestJet's St. John's-Hamilton route is great news and a welcome addition to Newfoundland and Labrador's growing and improving air offerings,” added The Honourable Steve Crocker, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation. “Thank you to the WestJet team for continuing to demonstrate commitment to our province and to the St. John's International Airport Authority for the dedication and advocacy.”

WestJet is also resuming its non-stop service to Tampa, Florida March 17, 2024, flying weekly until June 2, 2024, along with several, non-stop Sunwing destinations in the coming weeks. Sunwing is also part of the WestJet Group and will operate non-stop flights to five sun destinations (Cayo Coco, Cancun, Varadero, Montego Bay and Punta Cana) starting March 14, 2024.

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