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Runway Extension Open for Business

September 27, 2010 Deer Lake, NL The Deer Lake Regional Airport reached another milestone this past weekend with the opening of the new \$9.5 million runway extension. The expanded runway, which is now fully operational, is published at 8,005 feet long and includes a new Instrument Landing System (ILS), new High Intensity Approach Lighting, new PAPI's and new runway edge lighting.

The runway extension project was made possible through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and cost-shared between the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Airport Authority. Under the agreement, both levels of government are contributing \$3 million each and the Airport Authority is covering the remaining costs of approximately \$3.5 million.

Todd Lee, Chairman of the Airport Authority, was pleased with the runway opening. "We were targeting to open at the end of September and I am delighted we were able to meet our timeline", said Lee. "This is a major improvement to our facility and it will serve to enhance our operations and provide opportunities that will facilitate economic activity for the entire region well into the future", added Lee.

Airport CEO, Jamie Schwartz, indicated the Airport Authority will mark the occasion with an official ceremony. "Our main focus was on opening the runway extension and we will now turn our attention to planning an official opening ceremony for later in October", said Schwartz. "Now that we are operational, we will need to concentrate on promoting our new runway extension within the airline industry", added Schwartz.

The airport provides regular or seasonal domestic passenger service with several different airlines including Air Canada, Provincial Airlines, Sunwing and WestJet.

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