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Airport Ends Year With Modest Growth

January 13, 2014 Deer Lake, NL The Deer Lake Regional Airport recorded a modest 1.5% increase in passenger traffic in 2013 and exceeded the previous yearly record established in 2012. The total number of enplaning/deplaning passengers recorded this past year reached 310,776, up by 4,705 from the previous mark. Record setting traffic in each of the last 6 months helped the airport recover from the downward trend experienced earlier in the year and surpass the previous numbers to reach a new all-time high. As a result of these current traffic levels the airport has maintained its position as the 4th busiest in Atlantic Canada, behind only Halifax, St. John's and Moncton.

Todd Lee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Airport Authority, was pleased with the airport's passenger numbers during the past year. "We were not anticipating significant growth so we are very satisfied to eclipse last years totals and to keep trending upward", said Lee. "Given the addition of recent new services and increased capacity, we are optimistic that 2014 will continue to be strong and we will again have another successful year", added Lee.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
2003	171,634
2004	200,961
2005	225,094
2006	235,286
2007	278,532
2008	293,847
2009	267,851
2010	268,919
2011	292,019
2012	306,071
2013	310,776

The Airport CEO, Jamie Schwartz, acknowledged the support of the air carriers in reaching the new milestone. "The airlines have been instrumental in matching the needs of the traveling public with new and improved routes and schedules. We are fortunate to have the number and quality of airlines and service options in a market of our size", said Schwartz.

The Deer Lake Regional Airport provides regular or seasonal domestic and charter passenger services with several airlines including Air Canada, Air Canada Express, Canadian North, Provincial Airlines, Sunwing and WestJet.

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