



ACAA Fall Meeting
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 -3:35pm- 4:45pm
Wednesday, November 8th, 2023- 8:30am-2:30pm
Minutes

Attendees:

1. Rex Goudie, Goose Bay Regional Airport
2. Doug Newson, Charlottetown Airport Authority
3. Joyce Carter, Halifax International Airport Authority
4. Johanne Gallant, Fredericton International Airport
5. Dennis Hogan, St. John's International Airport
6. Reg Wright, Gander International Airport
7. Lew Short, Stephenville Dymond International Airport
8. Courtney Burns, Greater Moncton Romeo LeBlanc Airport
9. Tammy Priddle, Deer Lake Regional Airport
10. Nadia MacDonald, ACAA
11. Dan Boljkovac, Transport Canada
12. Jennifer McKinley, Transport Canada
13. Bonnie Rankin, Government of Nova Scotia
14. Marianne Etter, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
15. Jim Doyle, Government of New Brunswick
16. Peter Belding, Government of New Brunswick
17. Paul Godfrey, Government of Prince Edward Island
18. Jamie O'Dea, Deputy Minister Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
19. Steve Dunne, ACAA
20. David Knight, Dunne Group
21. Jamie Degrace, Bathurst Regional Airport

Guests:

Mazin Elbushra, Director Network Planning, Air Canada

Regrets:

Monia Cyr, Charlo Regional Airport
Angela Zorzi-Gouthro, J Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport
Alexander Ross, Saint John Airport

1. President's Welcome & Adoption of the November 7th and 8th, 2024 Agenda

- Tammy welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed our guests and the new Goose Bay CEO, Rex Goudie, to his first meeting. It was moved by Johanne Gallant and seconded by Doug Newson that the November 7th and 8th agenda be approved as presented...motion carried.

2. Adoption of the June 20th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

- It was moved by Joyce Carter and seconded by Dennis Hogan that the June 20th, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented... motion carried.

3. Guest Speaker- Mazin Elbushra- Director Network Planning, Air Canada

- Mazin gave an update on Air Canada's current plans and strategy for 2024 and the impact on Atlantic Canada.
- Mazin shared that Air Canada retired 80 aircraft during Covid and that AC's biggest constraint currently is aircraft.
- He also shared some key AC facts:
 - Domestic routes in 2019 were 143 where post-Covid they are 106.
 - Percentage of non-hub routes in 2019 was 33%, and-Cost covid are 12%
 - Number of domestic stations in 2019 was 63, and today it's 51.

4. Roundtable Discussion (Airport and Gov't Members Updates)

- The group discussed the opportunities and challenges with air access in Atlantic Canada and each shared an update from their respective departments.
- The CEOs shared updates from their respective airports as well as how their summer traffic compared to 2019 and the outlook for the coming year.

5. ACAA Strategy 2024-2026 & Plan Tactics 2024

- Nadia presented the ACAA strategy for approval and implementation plan for 2024.
- The group approved the strategy and plan tactics as presented.

6. CAC Update- Johanne Gallant

- Johanne shared a CAC update with the group, including an update on APPR, 5G, C-52 and ARRF

7. Air Passenger Protection Regulations (APPR)

- Airports and government partners discussed the Air Passenger Protection Regulations and potential impact on air service and cost of travel.

8. Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP) Update- Tammy Priddle

- Tammy gave a group an update on the work of the Council of Atlantic Premiers, the Expression of Interest (EOI) and next steps.

9. Meeting Adjourned-Next Meeting – June 19th & 20th, 2024