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## REGINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

April 19, 2012 @ 1:00pm

Salon 2, Queensbury Convention Centre, Evraz Place, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK

Regina, SK (April 17, 2012): Regina Airport Authority (RAA) will be holding its annual general public meeting on Thursday, April 19 at 1 pm in Salon 2 at Queensbury Convention Centre. Board Chair Bob Linner and RAA President and CEO Jim Hunter will provide updates on the airport's development, current operations and future plans. Larry Smart, RAA Board Member and Audit and Finance Committee Chair and Derrick Thue, RAA Vice President Administration and CFO will provide comments on the financials.

"A seventh straight record in passenger growth," says Hunter. "With passenger growth up 1.9% over 2010, our total number of passengers for 2011 was 1,141,177. We were very pleased with our 2011 numbers, coming as they did on the heels of a very strong 2010 and in the face of global economic and industry uncertainties. As this record growth continues we were very busy in 2011, planning, with the cooperation of our Board of Directors, the way ahead for the inevitable expansion of the airport's facilities that we will face in the coming years."

With passenger numbers on the rise Regina Airport Authority continues to invest in infrastructure to keep up with growing demand and the planned 2012 renovations to the airport's check-in hall and post security hold room infill are well-timed. As well, Regina International Airport welcomes new developments beyond the terminal building, with the construction of a new Redhead Equipment hangar, the introduction of STARS service and the projected completion of our new car rental servicing facility. Also, the fire hall will see major upgrades this year to accommodate the purchase of two new fire trucks this fall.

"RAA continually strives to meet or exceed the needs of its clients and both last year's activities and the upcoming year's planned projects are a testament to this fact. We will continue to listen to our customers' inputs and seek at all times to ensure that the people of Regina and southern Saskatchewan are well served by their airport," Hunter says.

Please join us at 1 pm on Thursday, April 19 as we share the accomplishments of 2011 as well as planned enhancements and improvements to Regina International Airport in 2012.

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## About the Regina International Airport

Regina Airport Authority Inc. is a federally registered, not-for-profit corporation, with a 60-year lease to operate the Regina International Airport on behalf of the community and stakeholders. Global air links are provided by our service partners Air Canada, Air Canada Express, WestJet, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Air Transat, Sunwing, Express Air and Purolator, offering over 200 direct flights per week to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Denver, Chicago, Minneapolis, Ottawa (seasonal - summer) and to seasonal sun destinations including Las Vegas, Phoenix, Mexico and the Caribbean. More details and real time flight information at www.yor.ca.

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