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Airport Sets All Time Passenger Traffic Record

2011 was the busiest year ever for Thunder Bay International Airport.

The airport hosted 719,500 passengers, eclipsing the 2010 volume of 691,826 which represents a 4% increase year over year.

Scott McFadden, President & CEO of the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority (TBIAA) attributes the growth to the strong economic activity in the region, and availability of high quality, low cost air service. In 2011 both Bearskin Airlines and Wasaya Airways introduced larger aircraft on some core regional routes. Air Canada and Porter Airlines also added new aircraft and more seats between Thunder Bay and Toronto, our busiest corridor.

“And 2012 starts with customers having the greatest choice ever for direct, non-stop flights to sun destinations,” said McFadden noting that WestJet, in addition to its regularly scheduled service to Toronto and Winnipeg, is offering non-stop service to Montego Bay, Jamaica, with Air Transat, and Sun Wing Vacations also offering weekly non-stops to Montego Bay, Varadero Cuba and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. In addition, Porter is offering ski and golf packages to Mount Tremblant Quebec and Myrtle Beach Florida respectively, with Air Canada continuing to offer its full range of Air Canada Vacations products.

Customers are encouraged to visit the Airport website at www.thunderbayairport.com for more information including this winter’s sun flights.

TBIAA is the private not-for-profit, non-shareholder corporation responsible for the operation of the Thunder Bay International Airport. TBIAA receives no government funding for the operation of the Airport. Economic activity related to the Airport is responsible for an estimated \$.5 billion dollars in GDP annually and over 4500 direct or indirect jobs.

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