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Flight Attendants vote YES, Ratify 1st Contract

Flight Attendants at Air North have voted overwhelmingly to accept their first collective agreement. After a year of negotiations and a tumultuous job action, the agreement marks the start of a new working relationship and an opportunity to continue to build Air North together.

The Flight Attendants were certified with the Public Service Alliance of Canada/ Yukon Employees' Union in the spring of 2013. YEU President Steve Geick says "we want to congratulate the Flight Attendants, particularly the bargaining team who worked so hard to achieve this contract. They successfully negotiated a contract that brings the employees up to industry standard in most areas, satisfactorily addresses the key issues of sick leave, vacation pay, scheduling and wages while providing savings for the airline and stability for all stakeholders".

Key contract elements include the introduction of a new scheduling system that permits bidding based on seniority, improved leave provisions and an average 5% wage increase over the three year life of the contract. Implementation of the new scheduling process will be worked on by both parties over the coming months.

PSAC Regional Executive Vice-President of the North Jack Bourassa adds "This is very welcome news. A good contract provides the framework for positive organizational growth. Congratulations to the Flight Attendants and Air North."

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*Yukon Employees' Union has just commenced its Triennial Convention in Whitehorse. Steve Geick and Jack Bourassa are both in attendance at Convention and will be available for comment after 4:30 pm today, Friday October 24th. Please email or leave voice mail at either cell phone number, or delay your contact until 4:30 pm. We appreciate your consideration.