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**MONCTON, N.B. – May 7, 2015 – GMCC is encouraged by Air Canada’s continued investment in the Greater Moncton business community:**

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) hosted Mr. Kevin Howlett, Senior Vice President of regional markets for Air Canada as part of their Distinguished Speakers Series, today.

Howlett brought good news of a new flight between Moncton and Montreal starting sometime this summer.

Flights from Moncton to major Canadian air hubs, where connecting flights are located, allows the airline to offer South-Eastern New Brunswickers service to much of the world with a single connection.

“It puts Moncton one stop away from the great business centres of the world,” says Howlett. “And that’s a powerful calling card for Moncton’s business community.”

Howlett affirmed Air Canada’s commitment to the Moncton market but warned the audience of the importance to support local business.

“There are many challenges facing the airline industry,” says GMCC’s CEO Carol O’Reilly. “With a direct flight to Montreal starting this summer and the hard work of the Greater Moncton International Airport, we are hopeful this announcement is just the beginning.”

Howlett urged, “Local communities need to be supporting the service.”

Many potential Air Canada passengers travel to the U.S. for cheaper flights but Howlett reminded those in attendance that the air industry is an economic enabler for a community and that not supporting local could be detrimental to the local economy.

Air Canada continues to make changes in order to keep up with the competitive market. With 25,000 employees around the world, change requires constant focus in keeping employees motivated.

***The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 825 businesses representing more than 35, 000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.***

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