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Court certifies class action over Air Canada Flight AC2259 crash

ST. JOHN'S, NL – The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador has certified a class action on behalf of passengers aboard Air Canada Flight AC2259, which experienced a landing gear collapse upon landing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on December 28, 2024.

The order, dated September 16, 2026, allows the action to proceed against Air Canada, Provincial Aerospace Ltd., St. John's International Airport Authority and Halifax International Airport Authority. All four defendants consented to certification.

"We want to understand what went wrong that night and make sure the passengers have an opportunity to be fairly compensated for what they went through," said Stephen Barnes of Bob Buckingham Law.

The case will examine whether the defendants met their responsibilities for aircraft safety, runway safety and the emergency response, and whether any failures caused injury or loss to passengers. Certification allows the claims to proceed as a class action. The Court has not yet determined liability or compensation.

Emma Bridgeman and Liam O'Leary were appointed representative plaintiffs, and Bob Buckingham Law was appointed class counsel.

Passengers ordinarily residing in Newfoundland and Labrador on September 16, 2026 are included unless they opt out. Passengers ordinarily residing elsewhere on that date must opt in. The class excludes the defendants and their officers, directors, employees and agents. The deadline to submit the applicable signed form is **January 14, 2027**.

Passengers should contact Bob Buckingham Law for the Notice of Certification and participation forms. Registering for website updates does not replace the signed opt-in form required for non-residents. Further information is available at www.buckinghamlaw.ca.

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