

ANOTHER WESTJET LEADER JOINS WASAYA

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Thunder Bay, ON – Wasaya is pleased to announce the appointment of Dale Tinevez as Vice-President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer. Tinevez, a seasoned aviation leader, who, while previously at WestJet, was a key player in developing and implementing a world-class guest experience philosophy over 15 years. He joined WestJet shortly after it was founded in 1996 and served as the airline’s Vice President of Guest Services.

“Dale is a fantastic addition to our executive team and will bring the focus needed to enhance operational performance, lift our guest experience and enhance cargo customer service. He is a strategic thinker and leader, his track record includes contributing to the foundation of one of Canada's most respected aviation brands and iconic corporate cultures,” said Michael Rodyniuk, President and Chief Executive of Wasaya. “Attracting a strong, world class executive like Dale is testament to our successful turn around and strong corporate vision,” continued Rodyniuk. The former WestJet Executive will lead day to day operations of the airline, committed to safe, reliable, cost effective air transportation services with a focus on First Nations opportunity, and now, clearly, guest experience.

“Wasaya has all the fundamentals to be incredibly successful. Michael and I have worked together both at WestJet and at Island Air building strong corporate culture. Through the delivery of consistent, positive service to our guests, Wasaya will be the natural choice for travelers. I am excited and delighted to join the team at Wasaya,” said Tinevez.

Tinevez joins WestJet alum Michael Rodyniuk former WestJet Director of Revenue now President & CEO of Wasaya and Stephen Smith, former WestJet President & CEO now Vice Chairman of the Wasaya Board of Directors.

Wasaya Airways is proud to be a 100% First Nations owned Airline and the leading provider of quality air transportation services to more than 25 destinations across Northwestern Ontario.

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With 26 years’ experience, Wasaya Airways LP is 100% First Nations owned by 12 First Nations: Bearskin Lake; Fort Severn; Kasabonika Lake; Keewaywin; Kingfisher Lake; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Muskrat Dam; Nibinamik; Pikangikum; Sandy Lake; Wapekeka; and Wunnumin Lake. Wasaya serves 25 destinations in Northwestern Ontario with 60 daily flights and employs 315 employees, of which over 35% of which are First Nation.