

Wasaya Spreads Wings West

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Thunder Bay, ON - Wasaya announces new and enhanced additions to its route network. The airline will increase frequency to Winnipeg from Sioux Lookout and initiate new twice daily service to Sandy Lake and Pikangikum First Nations from Winnipeg.

"We've brought another aircraft online to connect Winnipeg to our ownership communities providing new non-stop flights to Sandy Lake and Pikangikum First Nations," said Michael Rodyniuk, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wasaya Group Inc. "The people of Sandy Lake and Pikangikum First Nations are owners of Wasaya needing reliable, comfortable and affordable transportation to Winnipeg. We start flying August 14th with our spacious, modern, twin turbine Beechcraft 1900D airliner."

Wasaya, is the only airline offering nonstop service between Sioux Lookout and Winnipeg. "The response to our initial non-stop flight from Sioux Lookout to Winnipeg has been positive," said Rodyniuk. "We hear the market loud and clear, nonstop flights are a hit, adding another frequency connecting to our network will enhance our product for day trippers providing our guests more options between our hub cities of Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout and now established and expanding in Winnipeg".

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 communities throughout Ontario & Manitoba.

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Wasaya Group Inc., the parent company of 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 350+ employees, of which over one third are First Nation.