



Consultative Committee

Minutes

Date: March 19, 2024

Location: Virtually, Microsoft Teams

Chair: Atul Sharma, Manager, Government & Stakeholder Relations

Attendees: Vincent Crisanti, Councillor, City of Toronto
John Davidson, Regional Municipality of Halton
Brett McDermott, Mississauga Board of Trade
Trevor McPherson, Mississauga Board of Trade
Savik Ramkay, Seneca Collage
Shane Rayman, City of Toronto resident
Badar R. Shamim, Brampton Board of Trade
Steven Tufts, Brampton Mississauga & District Labour Council
Kyle Van Boxmeer, Region of Peel
Jonathan Wheatle, Region of York
Marlene Yakabuski, City of Mississauga resident

Regrets: Anna Victoria Barrera, Toronto Region Board of Trade
Chris Fonseca, Councillor, City of Mississauga
Sabrina Khan, Region of Peel
Wendy Paradis, Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) Ontario
Rod Power, Councillor, City of Brampton
Oscar Rodriguez, City of Brampton resident
Simon Gill, Region of Durham

Resource Members: Suzanne Acton-Gervais, NACC
Paul Aldunate, City of Brampton
Amanda Chum, Transport Canada
Nikola Maric, City of Mississauga
Bram Westfall, Ministry of Transportation

Resource Members Absent: Alessandra Bianchi, Ministry of Transportation
Caroline Polgrabia, Ministry of Tourism

Also in Attendance Ingrid Pringle, Management Assistant, GTAA
Fares Khouri, Coordinator, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA
Michael Mendel, Associate Director, Corporate Initiatives
Cynthia Woods, Manager, Noise Office
Todd Ernst, Director of Energy and Environment, GTAA
Michael Rotundo, Manager and Aviation Partnerships, Seneca College
Ivan Battye, Durham Region Resident
Kapil, Resident of Brampton

Item	Details
1.0	PRELIMINARY ITEMS
1.1	Welcome and roll call conducted by Ingrid Pringle.
1.2	Review and Approval of March 19, 2024 agenda – moved – J. Wheattle, seconded – J. Davidson <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Order of presentations amended.
1.3	Review and Approval of December 5, 2023 minutes – moved – S. Rayman, seconded – V. Crisanti <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivan Battye – Durham Region resident<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Remarks concerning Bill C52 that were made in March 19, 2024 minutes I believe are incorrect. I checked with Ottawa and there are two bills, C52 and C33. Regarding Bill C33, it states that the Minister of Transport has the ability to designate the chairperson of the board from the board members and in consultation with the board. This document has gone through committee, and it hasn't received final reading. Bill C52 has not gone through committee and as such your comments are misleading and you may wish to clarify them.• Atul Sharma - GTAA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bill C33 is the ports legislation which affects mostly marine ports and Bill C52 relates to the airport legislation. The composition of the marine ports board is not the same as the airport board. There is no reference in the current Bill C52 legislation which relates to the governance and the appointment of the Chair. We have had discussions in the past with the Government and Bill C52 is as it stands. There is no change to the governance structure of the Airport board. It was something that the government was considering before they introduced Bill C52 but not pursued.
1.4	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – December 5, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No outstanding matters
2.0	REGULAR ITEMS
2.1	GTAA Information Update. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GTAA Information Update was provided to members by email prior to the meeting.• Update can be found here.
3.0	DISCUSSION ITEMS
3.1	Impact on Partners in Project Green <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Ernst, Director, Energy and Environment, GTAA provided an presentation on Partners in Project Green.• The presentation can be found here.

3.2 Land Use Planning

- Atul Sharma, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA provided a presentation on Land Use Planning.
 - The presentation can be found [here](#).
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4.0 MEMBERS UPDATE

- **Brampton Board of Trade - Badar Shamim**
 - The Brampton Board of Trade is still working with the municipality in trying to pursue stakeholders to invest in an underground tunnel option for the LRT through downtown Brampton. Last month we hosted our State of the City address where Mayor Brown talked about recent investments in Brampton from global corporations as well as local businesses. Brampton continues to pick up the pace and according to a recent survey of our members, even though OCC is reporting diminishing confidence amongst business community members in Brampton, business confidence remains pretty robust. We are now preparing for our Business Excellence Awards event.
 - **Halton Region – John Davidson**
 - The GTAA will be at Regional Council tomorrow for their annual update. We have had an announcement from the federal court with respect to the Milton CN Intermodal Hub. The federal court review has said that CNN has not fully accounted for all the environmental considerations and approval has been turned back. CNN has indicated that they are very interested in having this project work. It is a \$250 million intermodal yard and they see the requirement for their ongoing business in the GTA serving the business economy and residents across the region. We don't think CNN is walking away from the project so they may have to refile certain aspects of the project. Housing is a predominant issue for the region and are doing their part to build 1.5 million homes over the next number of years.
 - **Labour Council – Steven Tufts**
 - The unions involved with the Airport Council are happy to see Bill C58 make its way through Parliament. It has just finished second reading, and this is the bill that will prohibit replacement workers during a strike in federally regulated sectors. Flight attendants are now entering a bargaining cycle. The agreement expires in a year and the big issue is how to compensate flight attendants for time they spend at work but not in the air. They are not paid for boarding, they are not paid for getting through the airport to the gate only for time they are in the air.
 - **York Region – Jonathan Wheattle**
 - In January York Region Council approved \$1.08M for [project JumpSTART](#), a collaboration between York University, Treefrog Accelerator. Located in Newmarket serving the Region's northern six municipalities. Will be providing support to women and international entrepreneurs also soft-landing opportunities for Start Up Visa. The initiative is also supported by the towns of Newmarket, East Gwillimbury and Georgina. In February York Region Council approved the [2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan](#) building on the 2020-2023 action plan focused on Business, Innovation, Talent as well as Marketing & Awareness Building. York [Region 2024- 2027 Plan for Newcomer inclusion](#) was in front of Committee (March 7) to be considered by Council on Thursday March 21. Note: The plan was adopted on March 21.
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- **Seneca Polytechnic – Savik Ramkay**
 - There are many challenges going on in our industry, but our programs continue to be very strong. After 12 years on this committee, I will be stepping down at the end of this year and handing over the membership to Michael Rotundo, Manager and Aviation Partnerships, Seneca Polytechnic. I have really enjoyed working with the committee and the members. I think it has a very important part in our community and in our city.
- **Atul Sharma – GTAA**
 - Thank you for your participation over the past 12 years and for your contribution to the committee.
- **City of Toronto – Vincent Crisanti**
 - The Finch LRT has been delayed to the end of 2024. We are making great progress and continue to work towards the extension of the Finch LRT to a new station and the airport. I will be attending another grand opening for the 5000 seat Entertainment Complex at Woodbine. There will be an official grand opening coming up in the next month or so and the first of the two hotels will be part of that grand opening.
- **City of Brampton – Paul Aldunate**
 - The City of Brampton is assembling our annual economic development report about all the work that's been done over the past year and some of the numbers that we've seen are quite large. We have approved over 4,000,000 square feet in Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) permits and also received about 4,000,000 square feet in ICI applications. Emerald Energy is currently going through the EA process. The report has been filed with the government for the expansion of the energy from waste facility. The GTAA may be interested to know that they are potentially looking at increasing the height of the smokestacks.

Community questions/comments

- **Ivan Battye – Durham Region Resident**
 - With regards to the update from Amanda Chum at the last meeting, it was stated that work on the Southern Ontario Aviation study is continuing. The study is a two-part process with the first part being the process and call for public consultation. Is there any timeline on when this is going to occur? I would ask that this be an ongoing update from you.
 - **Transport Canada – Amanda Chum**
 - The study is still being worked on and there is no update as to the status of the project right now. An ongoing update will be provided to the committee.
 - **Ivan Battye – Durham Region Resident**
 - A question to Mr. Tufts as the union representative on this committee. At last year's Annual Public Meeting, the union representative that attended asked for a seat on the airport board, and the chair responded that he would look into that. Section 1.14 of the ground lease, Tenant's Representation and Warranties, Item C, states the composition of the board and the qualifications of the directors meet the requirements of the public accountability principals for Canadian Airport Authorities which states that the Board of Directors shall include at least one representative - business community, one representative – organized
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labour and one representative – consumer interest. By the regulation, an organized labour member must be appointed.

- **Labour Council - Steven Tufts**

- Some unions may have inquired about having a labour representative on the airport board. Unions themselves are not necessarily in unison as to whether having a labour representative sit on a corporate board is a conflict of interest or something that benefits all workers. I am an appointee of the Brampton and Mississauga Labour Council on this committee and this issue has nothing to do with me sitting on a board. It would be a long and divisive process for unions to decide who would sit on the board. Board members get compensated for attending meetings during the year. That could create conflicts and patronage issues that some unions historically have wanted to avoid except for a few organizations that think it may be advantageous.

- **Ivan Battye – Durham Region Resident**

- I question why there is not a labour representative on the board and why a business community representative and community interest representative has not be designated on the board.

- **Atul Sharma – GTAA**

- We will take your views under advisement.
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5.0 ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned – moved – J. Wheattle, approved by committee.

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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