



# Consultative Committee

## Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Virtually, Microsoft Teams
<b>Chair:</b>	Karen LeMoine, Manager, Stakeholder & Government Relations
<b>Attendees:</b>	Vincent Crisanti, Councillor, City of Toronto Inderjit Hans, City of Brampton resident Carolyn Kim, UPS, Toronto Region Board of Trade, alternate Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Brampton Board of Trade Nick Mantas, Councillor, City of Toronto, alternate Brett McDermott, Mississauga Board of Trade Robert Penyk, City of Toronto resident Michael Rotondo, Seneca Collage Kyle Van Boxmeer, Region of Peel Jonathan Wheatle, Region of York Marlene Yakabuski, City of Mississauga resident
<b>Regrets:</b>	Anna Victoria Barrera, Toronto Region Board of Trade Chris Fonseca, Councillor, City of Mississauga Simon Gill, Region of Durham Sabrina Khan, Region of Peel Wendy Paradis, Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) Ontario Rod Power, Councillor, City of Brampton
<b>Resource Members:</b>	Suzanne Acton-Gervais, NACC Paul Aldunate, City of Brampton Amanda Chum, Transport Canada Jackie O'Connor, City of Mississauga Bram Westfall, Ministry of Transportation Tiffenni Wilkinson, Ministry of Tourism
<b>Resource Members Absent:</b>	Alessandra Bianchi, Ministry of Transportation
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Ingrid Pringle, Management Assistant, GTAA Steven Thomas, Director, Government Relations & Aviation Policy, Toronto Pearson Todd Ernst, Director, Energy and Environment, Toronto Pearson Blair Ostrom, Manager, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Toronto Pearson Wayne Finkle, Associate Director, Groundside Operations, Toronto Pearson Numair Bari, Manager, Groundside Operations, Toronto Pearson Amandeep Kaur, Coordinator, PASR, Toronto Pearson Kenzi Mirza, City of Toronto Ivan Battye, Durham Region Resident

Item	Details
<b>1.0</b>	<b><i>PRELIMINARY ITEMS</i></b>
<b>1.1</b>	Welcome conducted by Karen LeMoine and roll call conducted by Ingrid Pringle.
<b>1.2</b>	Review and Approval of March 18, 2025 agenda – moved- R. Penyk, seconded – J. Wheatle
<b>1.3</b>	Review and Approval of December 3, 2024 minutes – moved I. Singh, seconded – R. Penyk <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request by Suzanne Acton-Gervais to edit her update to read the following<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The International Civil Aviation Organization’s first symposium on accessibility will bring together world industry, governments and people from the disability community. This week, December 7, 2024, will be the 80th anniversary of ICAO’s Chicago convention. This is a very material convention for global aviation.</li></ul></li><li>• Minutes moved and seconded as amended.</li></ul>
	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – December 3, 2024</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Question concerning the replacement of the labour representative on the committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The District Labour Council will provide the name of the labour representative on the board. No name has been provided.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>REGULAR ITEMS</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>GTAA Information Update.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GTAA Information Update was provided to members by email prior to the meeting.</li><li>• Amandeep Kaur, Coordinator, Public Affairs, GTAA provided an update on recent activities at Toronto Pearson.</li><li>• Update can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Curbside Management and Traffic Flow Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wayne Finkle, Associate Director, Groundside Operations and Numair Bari, Manager, Groundside Systems Planning, Toronto Pearson. Presented on the current state of curbside performance at Terminals 1 &amp; 3, highlighting capacity concerns, congestion issues, and near-term and long-term improvement plans.</li><li>• The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Update on Hydrogen Feasibility Studies in Partnership with Airbus, ZeroAvia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Todd Ernst, Director, Energy and Environment, Toronto Pearson discussed the partnership with Airbus and ZeroAvia for hydrogen flight feasibility, the hydrogen ecosystem at Toronto Pearson and the possibility of hydrogen supporting decarbonization efforts at the airport.</li><li>• The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>

### 3.3 Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures

- Karen LeMoine, Manager, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Toronto Pearson proposed reviewing and updating the committee's terms of reference, which had not been revised since 2019. The committee agreed to undertake this review.
  - Motion to start work to review and update the Terms of Reference. Moved R. Penyk, seconded J. Massey-Singh.
  - Survey will be circulated to Committee members to gather input for updating the Terms of Reference.

### 3.4

#### Implications of Tariffs on Businesses and Community – Discussion

- Steven Thomas, Director, Government Relations & Aviation Policy, Toronto Pearson provided an overview of the potential impacts of recent US-Canada trade tariffs on the aviation sector and Toronto Pearson, including concerns about supply chain constraints and travel demand.
- The presentation can be found [here](#).

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### 4.0 MEMBERS UPDATE

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- **Brampton Board of Trade – Jaipaul Massey-Singh**
    - Tariffs are a big issue for us at the Brampton Board of Trade at present as it is for every board or chamber. There is a lot of membership engagement in Brampton across the various sectors that tilts toward certain groups, particularly manufacturing and logistics. Businesses are struggling right now, not just because they are concerned about the loss to the U.S. market due to the tariff costs but also the impact of their own supply chains. The Brampton Board of Trade in collaboration with the Mississauga and Caledon chambers will be hosting a luncheon on April 1, 2025 to talk about regional economic development across Peel Region.
  - **Mississauga Board of Trade – Brett McDermott**
    - Mississauga Board of Trade is doing outreach with local chambers in the U.S. and economic development leaders as well. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has spoken with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Ontario Chamber has spoken with eight Great Lakes States Chamber of Commerce and we have been engaging with local chambers in the Northeastern states, Alabama, Texas and California. They are all in agreement that Tariffs don't make sense. We have spoken with Economic Development representatives at the state level and they also agree that the tariffs don't make sense. The message we are sending to businesses is that the trading relationship between Canada and the U.S. is mutually beneficial and works most of the time on most issues except for one, dairy. This issue is a top priority for us at the Mississauga Board of Trade.
  - **Toronto Region Board of Trade – Carolyn Kim**
    - I would concur with what has been communicated about tariffs and how that impacts on both sides of the border and the business community is top of mind. I think you know as from the vantage point of UPS as one of the largest transportation service providers and custom brokers, we see how custom policy and trade policy impacts goods crossing the border. What's important is that if there are changes, there needs to be an adequate period to phase changes in or we'll see Canadian businesses impacted because they don't
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have the proper paperwork to facilitate a seamless cross-border movement. We need to communicate to policymakers how important it is to have adequate phased implementation so that US CBP and CBSA can effectively adapt to those changes.

- **Region of York – Jonathan Wheatle**

- From a York Region perspective, the uncertainty of what is coming, and the impacts are already affecting businesses. Our Business Recovery Support Partners group, struck during COVID, have come together as a working group to try and support our business community. This collaboration includes all nine municipal economic development teams, regional chambers and boards of trade, academic institutions, and workforce groups like the Workforce Planning Board and Innovation Hub Venture Lab. Our work is structured into three groups; tariff impact research and analysis (to understand local impacts and develop targeted actions); business communication (getting timely information to business leaders); and business advisory and support (collaborative action and advice). For example, we're prioritizing activities like our upcoming Hanover Messe industrial conference presentation in Germany, focusing on trade diversification. We are supporting businesses that are going into the market as well as our municipal partners that are already in the market. We have also launched a podcast series in collaboration with the Trillium Network for Advance Manufactures. Here is a link to the first podcast with the Senior Vice President of Export Development Canada.

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/yorklink\\_yorkregion-advancedmanufacturing-ontario-activity-7307748877539889153-WnYQ/](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/yorklink_yorkregion-advancedmanufacturing-ontario-activity-7307748877539889153-WnYQ/)

- **City of Toronto resident – Robert Penyk**

- Some of the questions that I received from the City of Toronto offices are that residents are concerned about the wastewater entering the local watersheds, the pollution levels and other issues. Is there a means with which the public can contact to get an update on the effluent that flows into the watershed. Etobicoke Creek was recently reported to be one of the most polluted watersheds.

- **Toronto Pearson – Steven Thomas**

- The wastewater from a sewage perspective goes to local municipalities to be treated whether that is the Region of Peel on one side of the airport or the City of Toronto on the other side of the airport. Toronto Pearson has several stormwater facilities around the airport for water quality and water capacity storage that deals with the storm water flow from the airport. We do have the central de-icing facility here that does have its own collection and treatment facility located underground to deal with the glycol that is used during the winter operations.

**Action item.**

- Contact in Environment to be provided to Robert for information on the environmental programs at Toronto Pearson.

- **Seneca Polytechnic – Michael Rotundo**

- Post secondary across Ontario and Canada have seen a decline in international student enrollment. Funding is not ideal for operating a post-secondary education, especially at the colleges level. At Seneca Polytechnic, the domestic enrollment across the aviation programs
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is increasing, so the demand is there. It is a great time for the industry to connect with us and let us know how we can get involved with the industry. Whether it be career fairs or presentations or allowing employees from various aviation organizations to come to the college or university to teach. Regardless of the international caps on permits, Seneca Polytechnic is fairing well in the aviation education sector.

- **National Airlines Council of Canada – Suzanne Acton-Gervais**
  - US tariffs and their impact on airlines are our top concerns. Travel trends are also a priority. The Canada Gazette's air passenger protection regulation deadline was March 6th. We submitted comments advocating a balanced approach. This regulation could significantly affect travel costs and regional connectivity without improving air travel. We appreciate the support from industry partners and regional governments. Given the geopolitical climate, now is not the time for increased costs. Land use near airports is a top priority. A year ago, this committee received a presentation on this topic. We appreciate today's hydrogen presentation. We're seeking government incentives for sustainable aviation fuel production. We also want regulatory reforms to maintain Canada's airline competitiveness globally. This is a global, 24/7 operation. We are always looking at operational efficiency and safety as a top priority and appreciate the terminal curbside briefing.
- **Ministry of Transportation – Tiffenni Wilkinson**
  - A new cabinet takes office tomorrow, so our caretaker mode should conclude by week's end. I'm with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming's regional services, focusing on tourism in Toronto and Peel. I echo the concerns raised about tariffs; they're a significant worry for the tourism industry. The Tourism Ministry Association of Ontario is highly engaged with our tourism industry regions and partners and is actively gathering information and sentiment. Our destination and marketing organizations highly value the U.S. market and will maintain outreach to American visitors. We're also diversifying, targeting overseas and domestic tourism. Destination Toronto, though possibly not on this call, will increase efforts in Germany, Mexico, and the UK while continuing the work they are doing in the U.S. markets. Airline route reductions in and out from Canada are concerning, Canadians are cancelling their trips to the U.S., we need those flights to bring people back.

#### **Public comments/questions**

- **Durham Region Resident - Ivan Battye**
    - I would like the minutes to note that my microphone was muted for the entire meeting. What rules of order are you operating to? All meetings run to the rules of order first, then the terms of reference, then to your ground lease.
  - **Toronto Pearson – Karen LeMoine**
    - We are working within our terms of reference and the procedures documented in our terms of reference
  - **Durham Region Resident – Ivan Battye**
    - Inderjit made comments on the rules of order and if he knows what rules? You are not operating to the rules of order. I would like the minutes to show that you are operating outside of the rules of order. One of the functions of turning of a mic is punitive and you are
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not allowed to do that. It specifically states that the chair is not allowed to take punitive action without the consent of the meeting.

- **City of Brampton resident – Inderjit Hans**

- The whole purpose of creating the procedures is that we do need the rules of order. Right now we are working off the terms of reference. The purpose of me requesting from this committee for a procedural by-law is to have some rules of order. If you look at the rules of order, I am supposed to talk through the chair.

- **Durham Region Resident – Ivan Battye**

- That is rules of privilege that you are speaking about and all meetings in Canada are conducted under the rules of order. GTAA is a rules-based challenge company and that is one of the reasons why you are in the difficulty that you are in. On January 27, 2025, the Minister of Transport announced in Pickering that there would be no Pickering airport. The Pickering Airport was always based on your planning. With the announcement of no Pickering Airport, that means all your planning is done. This is a serious problem, and I've been warning you about it at every meeting and suggest to you, as a corporation, that action is required. This committee reports to the board and can make impactful decisions. There are two issues that I would like to raise with you from the last minutes. Miss Yakabuski, expressed some difficulty understanding the meanings of aviation acronyms. Did she receive assistance? Susan Acton Gervais asked a question about runway plowing. Was she provided with an answer?

- **Toronto Pearson – Karen LeMoine**

- We will get back to you with an answer on that.

**Action Items;**

- Review previous minutes to determine if assistance was requested by Marlene Yakabuski on aviation acronyms.
- Check on question by Susan Acton Gervais on runway plowing.

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**5.0 ADJOURNMENT:** meeting adjourned – approved by committee.

**Next meeting – Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

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