



Consultative Committee

Minutes

Date:	September 14, 2021
Location:	Virtually, Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Lorrie McKee, Director, Public Affairs & Stakeholder Relations
Attendees:	Brad Butt, Mississauga Board of Trade Avery Campbell, Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) Ontario John Davidson, Regional Municipality of Halton Chris Fonseca, Councillor, City of Mississauga Aylin Lusi, Toronto Region Board of Trade Shane Rayman, City of Toronto resident Oscar Rodriguez, City of Brampton resident Sabbir Saiyed, Peel Region Badar R. Shamim, Brampton Board of Trade Darrel Shipp, City of Mississauga resident Steven Tufts, Brampton Mississauga & District Labour Council Jonathan Wheatle, Region of York
Regrets:	Brad Bradford, Councillor, City of Toronto Simon Gill, Region of Durham Savik Ramkay, Seneca Collage Harkirat Singh, Councillor, City of Brampton
Resource Members:	Alessandra Bianchi, Ministry of Transportation Ludovic D'Souza, Transport Canada Matt McNama, Tourism Toronto David Parco, NAV Canada Cheryl Peters, City of Mississauga (alternate) Daryl Van Moorsel, City of Brampton
Resource Members Absent:	Harold Dremin, City of Mississauga Francesca Iacurto, NACC Caroline Polgrabia, Ministry of Tourism
Also in Attendance	Ingrid Pringle, Management Assistant, GTAA Michael Mendel, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA Atul Sharma, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA Ivan Battye, Town of Whitby Resident, Region of Durham

Item	Details
1.0	PRELIMINARY ITEMS
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and roll call conducted by Lorrie McKee.
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and approval of September 14, 2021 agenda – moved J. Wheatle, seconded S. Saiyed
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and approval of June 8, 2021 minutes – moved J. Wheatle, seconded D. Ship
1.4	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – June 8, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonathan Wheatle to provide link to the Building Supply Chain Resilience report for committee members.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Link to the Building Supply Chain Resilience report was emailed to Committee members on June 15, 2021. Supply Chain Resilience.
2.0	REGULAR ITEMS
2.1	GTAA Information Update. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GTAA Information Update was made available at the meeting. Update can be found here.
3.0	DISCUSSION ITEMS
3.1	Toronto Pearson Update – Ready to Travel Program and the Easing of Travel Restriction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Mendel, Manager, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA and Atul Sharma, Manager, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA provided an update on the Ready to Travel Program and the easing of travel restrictions.• The presentation can be found here.
3.2	UPS Canada – Delivering What Matters During a Global Pandemic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aylin Lusi, Vice President for Public Affairs at UPS Canada & TRBOT representative at Consultative Committee, provided frontline perspective on UPS’s pandemic response.• The presentation can be found here. Action item <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of presentation to be emailed to committee members
4.0	MEMBERS UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee members reported on each of their areas.• Toronto Region Board of Trade – Aylin Lusi<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TRBOT will have their annual policy priority setting session on September 15th. The TRBOT and Prosperity Institute recently released report titled “Priced Out”. The joint report explores housing affordability for manufacturing workers in Toronto and Peel region. Planning is continuing for TRBOT’s Transportation Summit expected to be held in early December 2021.

- **Brampton Board of Trade – Badar Shamim**
 - Brampton Board of Trade is consulting with small business and engaging in advocacy with all levels of government on their behalf. Focus is on securing funding for essential infrastructure. Hwy 10 and Hwy 413 continue to be a controversial topic in Brampton and Peel Region, and the Chamber would like to see the government continue with relevant studies and move on with infrastructure development. The Chamber also met with officials at the City of Brampton to provide input into the City's development plans for the next 30-years from both employment and infrastructure growth prospective.

 - **Region of Peel – Sabbir Saiyed**
 - Region of Peel continues to work on sustainable transit and goods movement. A report being taken to council on October 28th will provide an update on goods movement.

 - **Region of Halton – John Davidson**
 - On October 20, 2021, GTAA will be providing their yearly updated to Halton Region Council. Several of Halton's commercial and industrial properties along Hwy 401 corridor have been frozen over the last number of years with the provincial highway corridor planning. Some of the properties have been taken out of active study but the Region requires the Province to relinquish full control to allow for the servicing and development of the properties to begin. Halton Region staff will be presenting their Preferred Growth Concept to Regional Council in November with our population and employment growth forecasts out to the year 2051.

 - **ACTA – Avery Campbell**
 - Travel agencies and independent travel agents continue to struggle through the effects of COVID on revenues and are currently not seeing any substantial recovery at this time. Any measure that supports and enables traveler confidence would benefit our sector (increased access to COVID testing, increased passenger flow through the airport experience).

 - **Labour Council - Steven Tufts**
 - TWAC is engaging in a period of steward retraining due to the loss of some key members. Labour Council is seeing some labour shortage problems emerge as workers are recalled on basis of seniority. Underlying reason for this shortage may be a sectoral shift. Unemployed and some employed airport workers are moving to work in other sectors.

 - **Region of York – Jonathan Wheatle**
 - GTAA will be providing their yearly updated at a Region of York council meeting in September. Region of York will be hosting the Agriculture and Agri-food summit, focused on innovation and resiliency in agri-food sector in the face of COVID. Recently released an RFQ for an innovation ecosystem study to give us more insight into the innovation ecosystem developing in York Region. York Region is continuing to support the many shop local campaigns that are in place by the 9 chambers and boards in the region.
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Action Item

- Link to register for the 2021 Agri-food Forum hosted by York Region on November 3 – 4, 2021 to be provided for committee members
- **Transport Canada – Ludovic D’Souza**
 - The Government of Canada continues to work on several issues and is currently in the Writ Period so no government updates at this time. Would like to commend the GTAA for the work they have done in terms of ensuring that Toronto Pearson continues to be the premium airport across the country.
- **Ministry of Transportation – Alessandra Bianchi**
 - Announced in July, the Government of Ontario working with Federal Government to provide \$5.1m to support small air carriers serving first nations communities in Northern Ontario. This is in addition to more than \$11.1m in federal funding that was provided in 2020 - 2021 to provide access to essential goods and services during the COVID pandemic.
- **Lorrie McKee, Director, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations**
 - Members of our board who are nominated from the surrounding regions are preparing for GTAA’s annual updates to the York, Durham, Halton, Peel and Toronto councils. Management is awaiting the outcome of the federal election on Monday, September 20th and what it means for us as a business, who will be the Transport Minister and local MPs. Continue to focus on recovery, on renewing passenger confidence and revenue diversification, and working with all levels of government to support sector recovery.
- **NAV Canada – Dave Parco**
 - NAV Canada is pleased to see over 50% of traffic returning from previous year.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned – Next meeting – December 7, 2021

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