



# Greater Toronto Airports Authority

## Consultative Committee

Wednesday November 15, 2006 – Minutes

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Members

Steve Shaw(Chair)	GTAA, Vice President – Corporate Affairs
Councillor Sandra Hames	City of Brampton
Doug Thwaites	City of Brampton, Resident
Bill Clark	Brampton Board of Trade
Suresh Thakrar	City of Mississauga Resident
George Kairys	Mississauga Board of Trade
Martin Ross	City of Toronto, Resident
Mike Lauber	Toronto Board of Trade
Patrick Olive	Durham Region
Richard Cockfield	Halton Region
Tom AppaRao	Peel Region
Heather Craig-Peddie	ACTA-Consumer Representative

#### Alternates

David Cavaco	City of Toronto (Councillor Suzan Hall)
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#### Absent

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	City of Toronto
Charles Dorrington	Brampton/Mississauga District Labour Council
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Paul May	York Region

#### Resource Members

Jeff Baines	City of Brampton
Peter Viducis	City of Toronto
Susan Amring	City of Mississauga
Dave Mastel	NAV Canada
Baffour Badu-Apraku	Transport Canada
Pamela Laite	Tourism Toronto

#### Also Present

Phin Chai-Stundzia	Province of Ontario	Chris Clay	Mississauga News
Josh Colle	GTAA	Michael Comeau	GTAA
Geoff Dobilas	GHK	Tom Driedger	GTAA
Madeleine Lim	GTAA	Lorrie McKee	GTAA

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Mayors & Regional Chairs: Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto, Vaughan, Durham, Halton, Peel, & York  
 Other Interested Parties: On Request

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday January 9, 2007

### LOCATION

GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convaire Drive

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## **1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

### **1.1 Welcome and Roll Call**

Steve Shaw welcomed all present and Josh Colle conducted the roll.

### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

A copy of a letter from the Retail Council of Canada regarding arrivals duty free was distributed and added to the agenda as **item 3.4**. Also, letters from the Mississauga Board of Trade regarding their representative on the CC and from the GTAA to Transport Canada on bilateral negotiation priorities were added under correspondence as **items 6.1 and 6.2**. The agenda was adopted as amended.

### **1.3 Review of September 13, 2006 Minutes**

The September 13, 2006 minutes were approved as presented.

### **1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings (*action items*)**

#### ***Sep 13, 2006***

- Lorrie McKee requested that the September 13 Economic Development Study and landing fees presentations be attached to the minutes. The presentations were attached to September 13 minutes.
- Heather Craig-Peddie provided the committee with a submission from ACTA which was attached to the September 13 meeting minutes.
- Suresh Thakrar suggested that economic development strategies being implemented at Chicago O'Hare be considered for the economic development study. GHK will review Chicago O'Hare's initiatives for the economic development study.
- Lorrie McKee suggested that the economic development study interim report be reviewed by CC members. A presentation was provided to CC members at the November 15 CC meeting.

## **2. REGULAR ITEMS**

### **2.1 Consultative Committee Update**

The CC update was attached to the agenda and included brief updates on traffic statistics, the NMC and the Consultative Committee on Taxicab & Limousines, an update on the GTAA's successful reception in Ottawa, and information about the events surrounding the opening of Pier F and celebrating of the GTAA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **2.2 Traffic Statistics**

Steve Shaw reviewed traffic statistics and noted that passenger traffic increased by 6.8% in August compared to 2005. For the year to date 3.4% more passengers have been processed at the airport. The airport has handled more than 30.6 million passengers in the last 12 months.

Aircraft activity similarly has increased by 6.2% for the month and 2% for the year to date. In the last 12 months, airside activity increased to 414, 000 movements. Mike Lauber noted that the expanded statistics provided for the committee are more useful.

### **2.3 Complaint Statistics**

Complaint Statistics, including Runway Utilization Summary were included with the agenda.

## **3. GTAA UPDATE**

### **3.1 Toronto Pearson's Economic Impact**

Steve Shaw updated committee members on the soon to be released results of the GTAA's economic impact study. The study reaffirmed that Toronto Pearson has a tremendous impact on the GTA economy. The presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item # 1**.

### **3.2 2007 Meeting Schedule**

A copy of the proposed 2007 meeting schedule was attached to the agenda. The committee approved the schedule.

### **3.3 Revised Terms of Reference**

CC members reviewed the committee's terms of reference. The last time the committees' terms of reference were updated was in 2003. A copy of the previous terms of reference were distributed and the new terms of reference were included with the agenda.

Membership and quorum remain the same, but the wording around alternates was refined. The changes were largely focused on language and tone and ensuring that the terms mirrored those of the Noise Management Committee. The new terms of reference were approved and will be posted on [www.gtaa.com](http://www.gtaa.com).

### **3.4 Arrivals Duty Free**

Steve Shaw provided members with an update on the move to allow for arrivals duty free at Toronto Pearson. The CC passed a resolution supporting arrivals duty free at Toronto Pearson.

Suresh Thakrar noted that London Heathrow airport at terminal 4 had arrivals duty free. Investigations after the meeting found that the shop referenced is in fact an arrival shop selling normal DUTY PAID goods and is not an example of arrival duty free.

A copy of correspondence from the Retail Council of Canada is attached as **Item #2**. A copy of the arrivals duty free presentation is attached as **Item #3** and the CC's resolution as **Item #4**.

## **4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

Committee members were provided a copy of the economic development study update in advance of the meeting. Steve Shaw went through this presentation and solicited feedback from committee

members to be funneled back into the study. Geoff Dobilas of GHK was on hand to offer background on the study method and findings.

The presentation focused on some of the tangible “next steps” that can be taken by the GTAA and the local municipalities to encourage economic development. Jeff Baines from the City of Brampton indicated that the City’s 2007 businesses survey will include an airport related question. Susan Amring also said that City of Mississauga staff would routinely begin to ask airport related questions when meeting with local businesses. Mike Lauber suggested that Toronto Pearson’s strength is in its wealth of direct, non-stop, flight destinations, and that this feature should be marketed to businesses worldwide. CC members also stressed the importance of improved transportation networks and access to the airport as keys to economic development.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item #5**.

## **5. COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**David Cavaco** noted that the redevelopment of Woodbine should positively impact the airport area and that Councillor Hall and the City are looking at Highway 27 as a corridor for rapid transit. Mr. Cavaco also suggested that the North Etobicoke Revitalization Project is conducting an employment cluster study for Dixon Road and he would provide contact information for follow-up related to the “next steps” found in the economic development study.

**George Kairys** introduced himself to the committee as the new Mississauga Board of Trade representative and indicated that a study is underway to gauge the labour needs of Mississauga employers that he would be pleased to share with the CC once complete.

**Richard Cockfield** mentioned that the Halton Economic Development plan was passed by Halton Council, while **Doug Thwaites** noted his interest in serving on the CC again. **Pat Olive** updated the CC on the new faces on Durham council and **Martin Ross** indicated that Toronto ratepayers groups and residents appreciate the information provided by the CC and NMC. In addition, **Tom AppaRao** stated that there is a push for improvements to the road networks joining the Regions of Peel and York.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Mississauga Board of Trade**

Correspondence from the Mississauga Board of Trade noting that the Board’s President George Kairys will now sit as their representative on the GTAA consultative committee. The correspondence is attached to the minutes as **Item # 6**.

### **6.2 GTAA Bilateral Negotiation Priorities**

Correspondence from the GTAA to Transport Canada outlining the GTAA’s bilateral negotiation priorities was provided at the meeting. The correspondence is attached to the minutes as **Item # 7**.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The next CC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.**