



# Greater Toronto Airports Authority

## Consultative Committee

Wednesday May 17, 2006 – Minutes

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Members

Steve Shaw ( <i>Chair</i> )	GTAA, Vice President Corporate Affairs
Doug Thwaites	City of Brampton Resident
Councillor Sandra Hames	City of Brampton
Patrick Olive	Durham Region
Richard Cockfield	Halton Region
Tom AppaRao	Peel Region
Paul May	York Region
Bill Clark	Brampton Board of Trade
Mike Lauber	Toronto Board of Trade
Heather Craig Peddie	ACTA – Consumer Representative
Charles Dorrington	Brampton/Mississauga District Labour Council

#### Alternates

Dave Cavaco	City of Toronto Councillor Suzan Hall
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#### Absent

Suresh Thakrar	City of Mississauga Resident
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Martin Ross	City of Toronto Resident
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	City of Toronto
John Wouters	Mississauga Board of Trade

#### Resource Members

Susan Amring	City of Mississauga
Sam Arabo	Transport Canada
Jeff Baines	City of Brampton
Phin Chai-Stundzia & Hanaa El-Alfy	Province of Ontario
Dave Mastel	NAV Canada
Peter Viducis	City of Toronto

#### Also Present

Chris Clay	Mississauga News	Josh Colle	GTAA
Geoff Dobilas	GHK	Tom Dreidger	GTAA
Madeleine Lim	GTAA	Keith Medenblik	GTAA
Jason Ritchie	GTAA	John Sharpe	GTAA

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Other Interested Parties:	On request

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 AT 4:00 P.M.**

#### **LOCATION:**

GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convairst Drive

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### 1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

#### 1.1 Welcome and Roll Call

Steve Shaw welcomed all present, including the committee's new member from the Brampton and Mississauga District Labour Council, Charles Dorrington. Josh Colle conducted the roll.

#### 1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented

#### 1.3 Review of February 8, 2006 Minutes

The February 8, 2006 minutes were adopted

#### 1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Steve Shaw updated members on recent events at the GTAA and reviewed outstanding items from previous meetings:

##### ***GTAA Annual Public Meeting and Annual Nominators Meeting***

On Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the GTAA held their Annual Public Meeting and Annual Nominators Meeting. Both sessions provided a forum for members of the public, media, and airport community to ask questions and review the GTAA's 2005 financials and achievements. Mike Lauber asked that notice of the Annual Public Meeting be posted on the GTAA web site in the future.

##### ***Nominators' Update and Annual Report***

Copies of the Nominators' Update and Annual Report were distributed to CC members. Both documents were also forwarded to all GTA elected officials and nominating bodies to the GTAA Board of Directors. The documents can also be found on the GTAA website. Mike Lauber noted that he was pleased with the quality of the Annual Report.

##### ***February 8, 2006***

- *Mike Lauber* requested year-to-date passenger statistics. The information was forwarded to Mr. Lauber and he requested that it be presented in a similar format at future meetings.
- *Suresh Thakrar* requested statistics that reflected passengers' ultimate destinations. Steve Shaw noted that this information is very difficult, if impossible, to tabulate. The GTAA collects information on passengers and aircraft that arrive and depart from Toronto Pearson. However, the GTAA is beginning to assess and collect alternative data sources to assist with route development. As we continue to dedicate resources to establishing new routes, this data may become available for analysis.
- It was requested that Howard Bohan's non-aeronautical revenue presentation be provided to CC members. The presentation was attached to the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes.
- *Steve Shaw* suggested that the CC be briefed on the impact of Open Skies. Keith Medenblik, GTAA Manager of Federal Government Affairs, provided a presentation under Item 3.2.



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- *Councillor Hall* suggested providing rest areas for passengers. Councillor Hall's suggestion will be passed on to the GTAA Business Department for review. The GTAA is in the process of developing an RFP for some lounge space in the new International Pier and as retail spaces become available the GTAA Business group is open to any ideas or suggestions that could be considered through the RFP process. All suggestions, including those from this committee, are funneled into the RFP development process where appropriate.
- *Mike Lauber & Councillor Minnan-Wong* suggested providing a short term passenger pick up area. The GTAA is in the process of investigating the possibility of providing a short term passenger pick up area. (Not at the curb) The CC will be provided with any updates on these initiatives.
- *Heather Craig-Peddie* suggested providing the committee with an overview of how landing fees are calculated at Pearson and how they contribute to an airline's overall costs. Steve Shaw noted that airlines' greatest cost pressures are related to fuel and labour, and that airport costs make up a very small portion of an airline's total costs. Further details will be provided at an upcoming CC meeting.

### ***Previous Meetings***

*Suresh Thakrar* had requested a presentation on emission reduction and ISO targets. Steve Shaw noted that the GTAA was the first airport in North America to receive ISO 14001 certification and has continued to meet ISO targets to retain this certification. A presentation will be provided by the Environment Department at the September CC meeting that will more fully cover the issue of emission reductions, ISO targets, and the GTAA's environmental initiatives.

## **2. REGULAR ITEMS**

### **2.1 Consultative Committee Update**

Attached to the agenda are brief updates on Traffic Statistics, work of the Noise Management Committee and the Consultative Committee on Taxicab & Limousines, and other news items.

### **2.2 Traffic Statistics**

February 2006 saw overall traffic decrease slightly (-0.2%) compared to February 2005 but international traffic increased by 5.3%. Year-to-date traffic is higher than 2005 by 0.5%. Aircraft movement levels were lower than 2005 by 3.3%, primarily due to the bankruptcy of Jetsgo. Additional monthly statistics were attached.

### **2.3 Complaint Statistics**

Complaint statistics, including a Runway Utilization Summary, was included with the agenda.

## **3. GTAA UPDATE**

### **3.1 Economic Development Study**

Steve Shaw informed the committee that several firms responded to the Economic Development Study RFP and after an evaluation and interview process, GHK International (Canada) Inc. was selected to conduct the study.



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Steve Shaw also thanked the Economic Development sub-committee for their contributions in developing the study. The committee included members of neighbouring cities' economic development offices:

- Susan Amring – City of Mississauga
- Jeff Baines – City of Brampton
- Peter Viducis – City of Toronto

Steve Shaw underscored that the economic development strategies of the GTAA's neighbouring communities and the airport need to align and that this study should provide a concrete action plan to ensure that the airport is meeting its economic potential and advancing the economic development objectives of the local municipalities.

Geoff Dobilas of GHK was present and introduced his firm and gave an overview of the terms of reference for the study. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item # 1**.

Committee members asked questions about the scope of the study and anticipated timelines. Steve Shaw informed members that an interim report would be distributed to them for review and that a draft would be made available at a future meeting.

Steve Shaw reminded members that a similar study was commissioned by the GTAA recently which studied the Eastern half of the GTAA and that this study would compliment that existing work. Geoff Dobilas also noted that businesses and cluster leaders would be interviewed as part of this study.

### **3.2 Liberalizing Canada's International Air Policy**

In response to committee members' questions about how Air Policy affects Toronto Pearson, Keith Medenblik, GTAA Manager of Federal Government Affairs, provided the committee with an overview of the impacts of Liberalizing Canada's International Air Policy. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item # 2**.

Committee members agreed that liberalizing Canada's air policy would be in the best interest of businesses and passengers and that their respective organizations would support efforts to change the current system.

## **4. COMMUNITY UPDATE**

### **4.1 Voting Members Update**

Tom AppaRao made note of Peel Region's airport area lands employment study and stressed the need for improved transit, noting the importance of the airport as an area transit node. Mr. AppaRao also highlighted the launch of Mississauga Smart Commute.

Councillor Sandra Hames asked if the Airport People Mover would connect to the long-term parking. Steve Shaw indicated that it would and was set to begin operations in July.



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David Cavaco reported that Councillor Hall put forward a motion at the City of Toronto for it to pursue a rapid bus transit system up Highway 27. Mr. Cavaco also noted that Toronto's 2015 World Expo bid was approved at committee.

Paul May mentioned that York Region is in the process of updating its transportation master plan and it will likely be 18 months until a draft report is complete.

Bill Clark highlighted the issues that the Brampton Board of Trade are championing, including its support for airport rent relief for Toronto Pearson.

Heather Craig-Peddie distributed a submission from ACTA which summarized many key issues. The submission is attached to the minutes as **Item # 3**.

Mike Lauber indicated that the Toronto Board of Trade is waiting for a signal from the GTAA on when to re-engage on the airport rent reduction efforts.

Patrick Olive noted that the new Durham Region official plan should be completed by the end of the year and that the Region continues to have concerns with the Province's "Places to Grow" plan and Seaton development plans.

Richard Cockfield commented that Halton Region is waiting on the final "Places to Grow" population figures from the Province and that the Region will be finalizing its Economic Development Study shortly. Mr. Cockfield also indicated that Halton Chair Savoline sent a letter supporting the call for a fair rent deal for Toronto Pearson to Transport Minister Cannon.

### **4.2 Technical Members Update**

There were no updates.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 New Committee Members**

Correspondence recognizing new committee membership was attached to the agenda. Correspondence from Mississauga Tourism has also been attached. Mississauga Tourism has expressed interest in participating on the CC in a resource capacity similar to that of Tourism Toronto. The committee agreed that Ms. Suzan Trabert McKay, Mississauga Tourism's CEO, will join the CC at future meetings.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next GTAA CC Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 13, 2006**.