

# Greater Toronto Airports Authority

## Consultative Committee

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 – *Record of Meeting*

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Members

Steve Shaw ( <i>Chair</i> )	GTAA, Vice President Corporate Affairs
Tom AppaRao	Region of Peel
Bill Clark	Brampton Board of Trade
Heather Craig Peddie	ACTA – Consumer Representative
Mike Lauber	Toronto Board of Trade
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Suresh Thakrar	City of Mississauga Resident
Doug Thwaites	City of Brampton Resident

#### Absent

Councillor Suzan Hall	City of Toronto
Councillor Sandra Hames	City of Brampton
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	City of Toronto
Patrick Olive	Durham Region
Martin Ross	City of Toronto Resident
John Wouters	Mississauga Board of Trade
Vacant	Halton Region
Vacant	York Region
Vacant	Brampton/Mississauga District Labour Council

#### Resource Members

Gordon Deska	Transport Canada
Nick Dominelli	City of Toronto
Dave Mastel	NAV Canada
Larry Petevello	City of Mississauga

#### Also Present

Scott Armstrong	GTAA	Phin Chai-Stundzia	Province of Ontario
Josh Colle	GTAA	Madeleine Lim	GTAA
Lorrie McKee	GTAA	Pat Neville	GTAA
George Thackray	GTAA	Eric Tolton	GTAA

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

### NEXT MEETING:

**FEBRUARY 8, 2006 AT 4:00 P.M.**

### LOCATION:

GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convair Drive

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## **1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

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

Steve Shaw brought the meeting to order advising that we had yet to achieve quorum and the meeting would continue on an informal basis. Josh Colle conducted the roll. Steve Shaw welcomed the new members to the committee.

### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Due to the lack of quorum the agenda could not be adopted.

Steve Shaw surveyed members to determine if the committee should consider amending quorum. Councillor Prentice requested that current membership be reviewed and that members' appointing bodies be contacted to determine status.

### **1.3 Review of May 10, 2005 Record of Meeting**

Due to the lack of quorum the adoption of the May 10 Record of Meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

### **1.4 Review of February 8, 2005 Record of Meeting**

Due to the lack of quorum the adoption of the February 8 Record of Meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

### **1.5 Review of December 14, 2004 Minutes**

Due to the lack of quorum the adoption of the December 14 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

### **1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

#### **May 10, 2005**

At the May 10, 2005 meeting Bill Clark suggested that members be surveyed to determine what meeting times and dates would be preferred. A survey was sent out and the majority of members preferred mid week meeting dates at 4:00pm. With this information in mind a draft schedule was prepared and was included as agenda item 3.4

#### **Multiple Meetings**

In response to various requests for information copies of the GTAA Annual Report, Pickering draft plan discs, Nominators' Updates, Annual Noise Reports, and Toronto Pearson Today were made available for committee members who have yet to receive them.

## **2. REGULAR ITEMS**

### **2.1 Consultative Committee Update**

The Consultative Committee Update was attached to the agenda and included updates on traffic statistics, work of the NMC, the new Consultative Committee on Taxicab & Limousines, the opening of the cogeneration plant, the GTAA's successful hosting of the ACI Conference, highlights of the Airport Development Program, and the Province's new anti-scooper legislation.

Steve Shaw offered to provide members with a copy of Minister Cansfield's remarks from the cogeneration plant opening. A copy of the remarks is attached to the minutes as **Item 1**.

Bill Clark mentioned that the taxi demonstration over the summer was a serious inconvenience for many people and hoped that this type of action would be avoided in the future. Steve Shaw mentioned that a new committee dealing with the issues of the airport taxi and limousine industry had been established and that he hoped that this would provide the mechanism to deal with any issues in the future. Mr. Clark also inquired about the status of the RFP for limousine service at Pearson. Steve Shaw reported that 40 licenses were issued and that many of the industry's concerns were addressed.

Tom AppaRao inquired about the status of the Airport People Mover (APM). Steve Shaw noted that the APM should be up and running at Pearson in the first quarter of 2006.

## **2.2 Traffic Statistics**

Passenger traffic at Pearson grew by 4.5% in September compared to 2004, highlighted by a strong increase of 11% in international traffic. The month saw aircraft traffic increase by 3.7%.

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

## **3. GTAA UPDATE**

### **3.1 2005 Airport Development Review**

Patrick Neville, the GTAA's Director of Airport Planning provided the committee with an update of the Airport Development Program (ADP). Over the course of 2005, the GTAA continued to redevelop Toronto Pearson, which saw the completion of many significant projects.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item 2**.

Councillor Prentice informed the committee that while travelling over the summer she was bussed to the Infield Terminal (IFT) at Pearson and that some fellow travellers seemed to be upset with this system. Pat Neville suggested that the long term future of the IFT is under review.

Mike Lauber asked about the timelines for demolishing Terminal 2 and if the airport can operate without T2 and the proposed Pier G. Steve Shaw noted that based on forecasts, Pearson should be able to accommodate passengers in the near term without both, and that Pier G will only be built if and when demand warrants it.

In response to a question from Tom AppaRao about new aircraft, Steve Shaw stated that the redeveloped Pearson will be able to accommodate large jet aircraft.

Tom AppaRao also inquired about safety issues and whether or not the August 2005 Air France incident had influenced any planning initiatives. Pat Neville remarked that pending the Transportation Safety Board review, the GTAA will plan in accordance with all relevant standards. Steve Shaw added that the GTAA will implement any recommendations coming out the review.

Mike Lauber asked where the air rail link will connect with Toronto Pearson. Pat Neville noted that the train will bring passengers right into Terminal 1.

### **3.2 Airport Rent Update**

Steve Shaw updated the committee on the issue of Airport Rent and thanked the committee and many of the committee members' organizations for lending their support to the call for a fair deal for Toronto Pearson. For committee members' reference, a recent letter from GTAA President John Kaldeway to stakeholders was included in the agenda package as item 3.2.

Immediately following the election call, the Transport Minister indicated that relief would not be forthcoming – this after publicly admitting that the new policy had to be revisited and that Toronto Pearson needed some short term relief. The GTAA takes issue with many of the Minister's reasons, including the linking of debt servicing levels with airport rent

A copy of a presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item 3**.

Bill Clark mentioned that he saw the rent relief information campaign posters in the terminals and wondered if the GTAA has gauged public opinion on the issue. Steve Shaw informed the committee that public opinion research was carried out before launching the campaign and that passengers travelling through Pearson have seemed interested in the information.

Tom AppaRao suggested that the GTAA review what the Canadian taxpayers are losing due to airport rent, while Councillor Prentice likened the situation to the pooling issue between the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipalities in the GTA.

Mike Lauber indicated that the Toronto Board of Trade is supporting the call for rent relief and that the Board is in the process of determining whether this will be one of their issues for the upcoming Federal election campaign. Mr. Lauber also hoped that the GTAA could benchmark their operating costs going forward to avoid skewed assertions, such as those found in recent letters and statements from the Transport Minister.

In response to a question from Gord Deska, Steve Shaw noted that U.S. airports pay no Payments in Lieu of Taxes or Payments in Lieu of Development Charges, as the GTAA does to neighbouring municipalities.

### **3.3 Southern Ontario Gateway Council**

Steve Shaw briefed the committee on the Southern Ontario Gateway Council and noted that similar Gateway Councils have been established in the Halifax and Vancouver areas and that Gateway councils are established to work with government and affected stakeholders to promote and improve the competitiveness of a region's infrastructure and transportation network.

Recently, in Canada, the Pacific Gateway Council received a substantial amount of funding from the Federal government. The Federal government has indicated that this is the model to be used and that Federal dollars would be made available in other regions.

The GTAA is participating on this gateway council and will keep CC members abreast of any developments, but CC members' respective organizations would be wise to become directly involved with the work of the council. Voting members include CP, GO Transit, and UPS, with resource members from the Regions of Peel and Halton, and Transport Canada, amongst others

### **3.4 Draft 2006 Committee Meeting Schedule**

Steve Shaw advised that a draft schedule of meetings for 2006 has been included with the agenda. CC members reviewed the schedule and it was adopted by the committee. Steve reminded members that the schedule of meetings will continue to be posted, along with agendas & minutes at [www.gtaa.com](http://www.gtaa.com).

Councillor Prentice requested that future minutes be amended to reflect those members in attendance, and those who are absent.

### **3.5 Economic Development Study Terms of Reference**

Steve Shaw provided the CC with a summary of the Economic Development Study. In consultation with Economic Development representatives from the cities of Brampton, Mississauga, and Toronto, a draft Terms of Reference has been produced for the committee to review. Pending the input of committee members, an RFP based on these terms will be issued. Steve also thanked the Province of Ontario staff from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade for their input on this study and their presence at the committee meeting. Committee members will be updated on work on this study as it progresses.

## **4. COMMUNITY UPDATE**

### **4.1 Peel Region Transportation Plan**

Tom AppaRao, Region of Peel Director of Transportation Planning gave the committee an overview of the recently introduced Peel Region Long Term Transportation Plan. This plan will be the basis of a Peel Region Official Plan amendment.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item 4**.

Tom AppaRao also provided members with information on the smart commute program. More information can be found at [www.smartcommute.ca](http://www.smartcommute.ca)

### **4.2 Voting Members Update**

Heather Craig Peddie indicated that ACTA will continue to press on the airport rent front.

Mike Lauber made note of the strategic plan being developed by the Toronto Board of Trade and that the number one priority will be centered on government fees and charges, like airport rent.

Bill Clark advised that the Brampton Board of Trade supports the GTAA on the issue of airport rent relief and will continue to push for a fair deal for Pearson.

Doug Thwaites remarked that Brampton has seen a reduction in aircraft noise over the last 10 years, which has made it a more livable city. Mr. Thwaites noted that advances in aircraft technology have contributed to this improvement.

### **4.3 Technical Members Update**

There were no updates from technical members.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 New Committee Members**

Correspondence recognizing new committee members was included with the agenda.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 5:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the GTAA CC will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.**