



Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Consultative Committee Minutes

- Date:** January 9, 2007
- Location:** GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convair Drive, Pearson Room
- Chair:** Steve Shaw, VP, Corporate Affairs
- Attendance Members Present** Tom AppaRao, Peel Region; Bill Clark, Brampton Board of Trade; Rick Cockfield, Halton Region; Suzan Hall, Councillor, City of Toronto; Sandra Hames, Councillor, City of Brampton; George Kairys, Mississauga Board of Trade; Mike Lauber, Toronto Board of Trade; Paul May, York Region; Pat Olive, Durham Region; Doug Thwaites, City of Brampton
- Members Absent** Heather Craig-Peddie, ACTA – Ontario; Charles Dorrington, Brampton-Miss & District Labour Council; Denzil Minnan-Wong, Councillor, City of Toronto; Maja Prentice, Councillor, City of Mississauga; Martin Ross, City of Toronto; Suresh Thakrar, City of Mississauga
- Resource Members Present** Susan Amring, City of Mississauga; Dennis Cutajar, City of Brampton; John Golden, NAV CANADA; Yam Kip, Transport Canada
- Resource Members Absent** Deborah Bonk, Vaughan Chamber of Commerce; Pam Laite, Tourism Toronto; Randy McLean, City of Toronto; Suzan Trabert McKay, Mississauga Tourism CEO; Andy Vasarins, Air Transport Association of Canada
- Guests:** John Best, Southern Ontario Gateway Council; Phin Chai-Stundzia, Province of Ontario; Chris Clay, Mississauga News; Tom Driedger, GTAA, Carol Kavish, TCCA, Madeleine Lim, GTAA; Lorrie McKee, GTAA, Ted Meighen, TCCA; Lesia Melnyk, JPdL Toronto Inc.; Brad Robertson, GTAA
- Attachments:** Southern Ontario Gateway Council Presentation
- Next Meeting:** May 8, 2007, 4:00 p.m.: GTAA Admin Building, 3111 Convair Drive, Pearson Room

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1	Preliminary Items
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1.1 Welcome and Roll Call

- Steve Shaw welcomed all present and Madeleine Lim conducted the roll call.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved as presented.

1.3 Review and Approval of November 15, 2006 Minutes of Meeting

- The November 15, 2006 Minutes were approved as presented.

1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- **November 15, 2006**

- The Consultative Committee requested that the Arrivals Duty Free (ADF) Presentation be attached to the minutes. The presentation was attached to the November 15 minutes.
- Mike Lauber asked whether other countries limit ADF to non-residents only. A review

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- indicates that there are no countries that limit ADF to non-resident passengers, in large part due to the logistics of enforcing such limitations with both types of passengers “commingling”.
- The Consultative Committee requested that the Economic Development Study Presentation be attached to the minutes. The presentation was attached to the November 15 minutes.
 - Mike Lauber asked whether any other international airport served as many or more direct (non-stop) destinations than Toronto Pearson. Steve Shaw reported that Pearson is a leader amongst major North American airports, serving as many or more destinations than New York JFK or Miami. Mike Lauber added that as part of GTAA’s economic development initiative, this Pearson characteristic should be promoted.
 - The Consultative Committee requested that the Economic Impact Presentation be attached to the minutes. The presentation was attached to the November 15 minutes.
 - George Kairys offered to share the results of the HRDC study on Mississauga employers’ labour needs with the CC. George Kairys confirmed that the information will be available in March and he will share the details at a subsequent CC meeting.
 - The Consultative Committee requested that the GTAA forward the CC resolution on Arrivals Duty Free to Federal Officials. The resolution was sent to Finance Minister Flaherty for review and consideration and the subject is **Item 3.1** on the agenda for further discussion.
 - The Consultative Committee requested that the GTAA forward an ADF sample letter to members for use by their respective organizations. A copy of the CC resolution was forwarded to CC members on November 23, 2006.
 - The Consultative Committee requested that the Bilateral Air Transport Negotiating Priorities Correspondence be attached to the minutes. The letter was attached to the November 15 minutes.
 - Suresh Thakrar suggested that economic development strategies being implemented at Chicago O’Hare be considered for the economic development study. Chicago O’Hare was reviewed by GHK and the findings were incorporated into the Economic Development Study.

2 Regular Items

2.1 Consultative Committee Update

- Steve Shaw announced that effective February 1, 2007 Lloyd McCoomb will be GTAA President and CEO replacing John Kaldewey who is retiring.
- The CC Update was attached to the agenda and included brief updates on traffic statistics, works of the NMC and the Consultative Committee on Taxicabs & Limousines (CCTL), an update on the commemorative events marking the opening of the new International Pier and the GTAA’s 10th anniversary, and an overview of some community art initiatives at Toronto Pearson.
- On the issue of CCTL, Councillor Hames asked what the standard wait time is for a taxi or limo. She mentioned that on January 8, 2007 there was a long wait for a limo after arriving on Sunwing at T3. Steve Shaw thanked her for bringing this to GTAA’s attention, noting that the situation will be reviewed.
- Councillor Hall asked about security checks and balances in relation to the baggage handlers alleged to have stolen \$12,000 of electronic goods. Steve Shaw outlined the many security measures taken by the GTAA, airlines, baggage handling companies as

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well as Transport Canada.

2.2 Passenger / Aircraft Movement Statistics

- Steve Shaw reviewed traffic statistics noting that passenger traffic increased by 2.6% in October compared to 2005. For the year to date 3.2% more passengers were processed at the airport, which represents an increase of nearly 1 million passengers from 2005 YTD. Toronto Pearson has handled more than 30.7 million passengers in the last 12 months.
- Aircraft activity similarly has increased by 2.4% for the month and 2% for the year to date. In the last 12 months, airside activity movements totalled 416,000 (+1%).

2.3 Complaint Statistics

- Complaint statistics, including the Runway Utilization Summary were included with the agenda.
- Councillor Hall requested clarification on the number of noise complaints by runway operation in September and October 2007. Details will be provided at the next meeting.

3 **Discussion Items**

3.1 Update on Arrivals Duty Free (ADF) at Toronto Pearson

- Steve Shaw updated committee members on the status of the request for Arrivals Duty Free at Canadian airports. He noted that a resolution was passed by the CC on November 15, 2006 adding that the CC Resolution and other letters of support were sent to Finance Minister Flaherty. Other stakeholders, including the Brampton Board of Trade, support ADF at Canadian Airports.
- He noted that the Minister of Finance has yet to respond, but the GTAA will keep CC members up to date on this matter.

3.2 Southern Ontario Gateway Council Overview

- Steve Shaw reported that the Southern Ontario Gateway Council (SOGC) is a non-profit council made up of members from all modes of transportation that operate to, from, and within the Southern Ontario Gateway. Like the CC, the Gateway Council is interested in enhancing the transportation network in Southern Ontario.
- The GTAA is a founding member of this organization and some members of the CC are also members. Modeled after the successful Pacific Gateway Council in Vancouver, SOGC strives to speak with a single voice to government about key strategic transportation issues.
- John Best, the Executive Director of the SOGC provided committee members with an overview of the mandate and work of the Gateway Council.
- A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as **Item 1**, however not all slides were reviewed with the committee.
- After the presentation, Mr. Best responded to a number of questions from the committee members.

3.3 GTAA Master Plan Consultation Process Presentation

- Steve Shaw reported that the Authority is set to embark on a thorough consultation process as part of the development of an updated Master Plan for Toronto Pearson. The CC will be kept up to date as this consultation process is implemented.
- Lorrie McKee, GTAA General Manager of Government Affairs, reported that in keeping with its lease with the federal government, the Master Plan will be updated and look forward to 2030. Ms. McKee outlined the plan's underlying assumptions, its

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outreach program and information sessions and noted the anticipated completion date of December 2007.

- Paul May suggested that information on ground transportation access to the airport may be useful to the various regions. He asked if the information is available by region. Brad Robertson stated that the 2005 study has regional statistics. This was part of the Groundside Access Presentation that Marc Turpin, GTAA Manager of Planning & Development made to the Consultative Committee on Taxi and Limousines on November 28, 2006.
- Mike Lauber asked how the previous master plan unfolded over the last ten years. Lorrie McKee stated that the airport development has been consistent with the previous Master Plan, with very minor changes and only a few yet to be completed projects.

4 Members Update

Community Members

- Councillor Sandra Hames reported that the City of Brampton's Official Plan was approved by the province in December 2006.
- Councillor Suzan Hall reported that she is now a TTC Commissioner. She indicated the need for more funding for various projects, such as to service the staff and customers which will result from the Woodbine Entertainment expansion. She indicated the goal is not only transit efficiency but also speed.
- Richard Cockfield reported that he has a copy of the Final Report of Halton's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, October 2006. He added that Halton's Strategic Plan will be ready in 6 months and noted that there is a new regional chair as well as a new mayor in Burlington.
- Bill Clark reported that GTAA's Keith Medenblik and Josh Colle presented in Brampton on Arrivals Duty Free initiative which was well received by the committee. He added that Brampton Board of Trade continues to support this program. Steve Shaw thanked him for their strong support.
- Tom AppaRao reported on Peel's Official Plan Review outlining when and where the public meeting and open houses will take place. He added that on the Smart Commute Program, he suggested that the GTAA consider membership with the Mississauga Program.
- Pat Olive reported that a study on future lands in Pickering will be completed shortly.
- Paul May reported that York Region and the TTC continue to work on planning for the Spadina Subway. Environmental approval process continues and cost sharing ratio has been determined. He added that this project has a potential connection to Pearson. He added that he attended the Pier F opening noting that it was an excellent affair.
- Mike Lauber indicated that Bob Deluce seems happy with the progress of the downtown airport and noted that customer satisfaction is high. On behalf of the Committee he extended best wishes to John Kaldeway on his retirement and congratulations to Lloyd McCoomb.
- George Kairys reported that the Mississauga Board of Trade voted to support Arrivals Duty Free last November. He added that the Transportation Committee met last week and determined that their 2007 first quarter goals include Bus Rapid Transit – City Centre and eastward and the Airport's rent position.
- Lorrie McKee reported on behalf of Susan Amring that copies of Mississauga Economic Development's "New business" newsletters are available for committee members.

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5 **Correspondence**

5.1 The Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation

- A letter from the GTAA to Transportation Minister Cansfield requesting a representative from the Ministry of Transportation to sit on the GTAA's Consultative Committee.

5.2 The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Environment

- A letter from Environment Minister Laurel Broten to the GTAA indicating that the Ministry of Environment will not provide a representative to sit on the GTAA's Noise Management Committee.

5.3 Councillor Maja Prentice, City of Mississauga

- Correspondence from Mississauga City Councillor, and NMC and CC representative, Maja Prentice regarding the Toronto Pearson Economic Development Study.

6 **Public Comments**

- There were no comments from the public.

7 **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Madeleine Lim, Committee Coordinator. Please contact me at 416 776-5968 before the next meeting if there are any errors or omissions in these minutes.

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