

Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Consultative Committee

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 – *Record of Meeting*

ATTENDANCE:

Chair

Steve Shaw GTAA, Vice President Corporate Affairs

Members

Tom AppaRao Region of Peel
Bill Clark Brampton Board of Trade
Suresh Thakrar Mississauga Resident
Doug Thwaites Brampton Resident
Barbara Walsh ACTA – Consumer Representative

Alternate Members

Dave Cavaco (Councillor Suzan Hall), City of Toronto

Resource Members

Lucy Butts Transport Canada
Nick Dominelli City of Toronto
Dave Mastel NAV Canada

Also Present

Don Alarie GTAA Josh Colle GTAA
Brian Lackey GTAA Lorrie McKee GTAA
Eric Tolton GTAA

DISTRIBUTION:

Mayors & Regional Chairs: Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto, Durham, Halton, Peel, & York

Other Interested Parties: On request

NEXT MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 AT 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

GTAA Corporate Headquarters, 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.

1.2 Approval of May 10th Agenda

Due to the lack of quorum the agenda cannot be adopted.

1.3 Approval of December 14 Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum the minutes of December 14th will have to be deferred to the next meeting.

1.4 Approval of February 8 Record of Meeting

Due to the lack of quorum the Record of Meeting from February 8th will have to be deferred to the next meeting.

2. REGULAR ITEMS

A Consultative Committee Update (**Agenda Item 2.1**), Traffic Statistics (**2.2**), Complaint Statistics (**2.3**), and a Runway Utilization Summary (**2.4**) were included on the agenda.

3. GTAA UPDATE

3.1 Presentation on Cogeneration Power Plant

Don Alarie, the GTAA's Director of Engineering, presented to the committee on the status of the GTAA cogeneration plant. A number of committee members have asked about this project and there was some media attention when the Province announced the results of the recent RFP.

3.2 Request For Proposals for Limousine Licenses.

Mr. Shaw updated the committee on the issues, including;

On March 21st the GTAA issued a Request for Proposals for the provision of additional limousines to serve the airport. The GTAA will select up to a maximum of three companies, each of which would be awarded the right and privilege to operate a limousine concession of twenty vehicles at the airport for a period of eight years.

There have been some concerns raised by some in the industry suggesting that the limousine licenses should be issued to individual drivers. The GTAA has strongly encouraged existing drivers to organize themselves and incorporate a company or form a cooperative to submit a proposal and the RFP has been drafted to ensure that newly formed driver groups get fair consideration.

The process that has been put into place for the issuance of the new licenses is meant to be as fair as possible and will benefit the commercial vehicle industry, the GTAA, and most importantly the travelling public.

The RFP is set to close on June 30, 2005 and it is anticipated that the new vehicles will be available by this fall. The GTAA is also planning to issue additional taxi licenses through a separate RFP sometime later this year. The committee was advised that certain taxi and limousine drivers had concerns with some elements of the RFP and that some protest activity may occur.

3.3 Meeting of Nominators and Annual General Meeting

Mr. Shaw advised that the Annual Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Trade, Airport Centre on Dixon Road. The meeting will address the management, operation, and maintenance of Toronto Pearson and Annual Reports will be available to CC members following this meeting.

In addition, the GTAA hosted their Annual Nominators Meeting on Wednesday April 6th at the GTAA Administration Building, which provided nominators and nominating bodies another opportunity to discuss mutual issues of interest with GTAA Board members and executives.

3.4 Bilateral Air Agreement with China Announcement

Mr. Shaw informed the committee that the Transport Canada Press Release from April 19, 2005 and GTAA Press Release from April 20, 2005 were attached as agenda **Item 3.4**.

Mr. Shaw suggested that this might be an area where committee members can advocate for expanded bilateral agreements and the liberalizing of air travel in general.

3.5 TPIA 2005 Construction Program

Mr. Shaw provided a brief summary of the 2005 Construction Program.

The GTAA is continuing an extensive airside construction program that will run into the fall. To minimize disruption to airport operations, those airside projects requiring restricted use or closure of operational runways will be scheduled to occur mostly at night or on weekends.

The majority of the projects will result in minimal changes in normal runway use, with no significant increase in the number of restricted hour operations during the construction periods except when extended hours of strong northwest or southeast winds occur.

There could be increased use of the non-preferential runways from midnight to 6:30 a.m. due to construction logistics. The GTAA is working with NAV CANADA to minimize noise impacts on residential areas from all construction projects. Mr Mastel added that the construction program in general has been working well from NAV Canada's perspective.

A summary of the 2005 Airside Construction Program and its Aircraft Noise Impacts was included in the agenda (**Item 3.5**). All the detailed information, including maps, can be found at www.gtaa.com

It was also noted that the GTAA Noise Management Committee was briefed on the program at the April 13, 2005 meeting, all area MPs, MPPs, and councillors were provided information, and a display with information was set up for interested parties at the April 27, 2005 Public Forum.

3.6 Community Consultation – Public Forum & Workshop

Mr. Shaw provided a summary of the recent Public Forum and Workshop. Since the last CC meeting the GTAA has held two events which afforded the opportunity for continued community consultation. The March 30th Workshop was well attended and titled “Managing the Skies at Toronto Pearson: A presentation on Airspace Usage by the GTAA and NAV CANADA”. The Public Forum was held on April 27, 2005 and the Open House covered the GTAA’s Noise Mitigation Program and the 2005 Summer Construction Program.

The Public Forum and Workshop provide an opportunity for questions to be answered and information to be shared and continue to be an integral part of the GTAA’s commitment to accountability and community consultation.

3.7 Economic Development Study

Mr. Shaw advised that the sub committee consisting of staff members from the Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto Economic Development offices and GTAA staff have held meetings to develop the scope of the study. Mr. AppaRao asked if the committee would have input into the RFP. Mr. Shaw indicated that the sub committee has prepared draft terms of reference and will provide the final copy to committee members for their reference.

3.8 Airport Crown Rents

Mr. Shaw updated the committee on the status of proposed changes to the airport federal crown rent structure. Mr. Shaw stressed that Toronto Pearson was the only airport not to receive significant reductions. Lucy Butts of Transport Canada pointed out that Transport Canada’s new policy has to be viewed from a national perspective and that the GTAA does benefit in the long term. Mr. Clark indicated that he will recommend that the Brampton Board of Trade revisit this issue and Ms. Walsh stated that ACTA supports the GTAA and will be issuing a press release on the rent issue.

Copies of the Government Press Release, backgrounder, and GTAA press release were provided for committee members.

4. COMMUNITY UPDATE

4.1 Voting Members Update

Mr. Cavaco mentioned that a City of Toronto Public Health report on influenza was recently released and is worthy of review. He also updated the committee on the opposition from some members of the Weston community to the air-rail link going through their neighbourhood.

Mr. Thwaites attended the air-rail link information meeting in Weston and suggested that the community doesn’t seem to look kindly on the airport, or the air-rail link project, and are very concerned with the potential noise and reverberations. Mr. Thrakar suggested that the frequency of the trains was the biggest issue for Weston residents. Mr. AppaRao stated that Peel Region’s main concern is to ensure that the air rail link does not take away from Go Transit capacity that would be directed to existing or future lines. He stressed that commuter trains are critical for Peel. There is a concern that the air-rail link does not service communities west of the airport.

Peel is supportive of any rail line, including the air-rail link, as long as it is not at the expense of commuter transit. Peel wants to protect the interests of future commuters.

Mr. AppaRao briefed the committee on the Peel Region long range transportation plan. He invited committee members to the public meeting to be held on June 16th and indicated that the plan will result in a major official plan amendment. Mr. AppaRao also suggested that the GTAA will be included in the Region's extensive stakeholder consultations.

Mr. Clark requested that the committee review ways that CC attendance can be improved. It was agreed that committee members would be surveyed on this issue, specifically on alternate meeting times.

4.2 Technical Members Update

There were no updates from technical members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Improved Access to TPIA Letter & Responses

A letter regarding improved access to Toronto Pearson was sent to elected officials, the TTC, and GO Transit at the request of several members at the December 14th meeting. The letter and several of the subsequent responses were attached to the agenda for the information of CC members.

5.2 Brampton Board of Trade Letter and Transport Minister's Response

The Brampton Board of Trade response to IATA concerning federal Crown Rents and the subsequent reply from the Transport Minister were attached to the agenda for the information of CC members.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the GTAA CC will be on Tuesday September 13, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.